

## Call for Volunteers

The Lord Howe Island Board (LHIB) Weed Eradication Program (WEP) is moving into its 19th year. We are currently seeking formal applications from interested persons with relevant bush regeneration experience and a high level of bush fitness to volunteer on the program.

Volunteers will be required to make a 4-week commitment between **10th June 2023 to 9th July 2023**, working 7:00AM – 3:30PM 5 days per week, with occasional remote days in the southern mountains requiring a later finish.

In return the LHIB will offer accommodation, a basic food allowance (\$30/day) and return airfares (Sydney, Newcastle, Port Macquarie or Gold Coast). Volunteers will need to provide their own work clothing and gear (boots, long sleeve shirt & work trousers, hat, wet weather gear, backpack, hydration pack). Weeding tools will be provided by the LHIB.

If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume and a one-page cover letter addressing the following criteria:

1. Explain your motivation for applying
2. Experience or formal training in bush regeneration or equivalent
3. Prior experience working on volunteer programs
4. Sound plant recognition skills with ability to identify target weeds at all life stages, such as Bitou Bush, Bridal Creeper, Cherry Guava, Climbing Asparagus, Ground Asparagus and Ochrea
5. Ability to apply a range of weed control methods including hand-based techniques and herbicide application
6. The work undertaken by the WEP team is arduous and physically demanding – applicants must demonstrate a high level of bush fitness, experience in working in exposed situations, on steep uneven ground, at high elevation, in dense shrubland and in wet weather
7. Ability to work as part of a team and with minimal supervision
8. Prepared to live in shared, bunk-style accommodation and make a short commute to work on foot or bike
9. Able to provide 2 referees

**Applications for this volunteer intake close 5pm Wednesday 10th May 2023.**

*Please only submit an application if you are available for the required dates listed above.*

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted and interviewed online. A readiness for physical work form will also need to be completed at this point.

If you have any questions, or are interested in being considered for future intakes, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

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