The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment

 **July 2020**

**Volunteer Expressions of Interest are currently being called for the   
Orange-bellied Parrot Monitoring Program,  
Melaleuca, Tasmania**

The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) is calling for Expressions of Interest for volunteer positions to monitor the wild population of the critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrot (OBP) at Melaleuca, Tasmania, between September 2020 and April 2021.

Volunteer Activities include:

* Observing and recording OBPs and other birds
* Providing supplementary feed
* Cleaning feed tables
* Managing remote cameras

**Selection Criteria**

Volunteers are asked to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and experience in relation to the following Selection Criteria:

* Ability to live and work in a remote and isolated locations
* Confident travelling on light aircraft
* Ability to accurately identify bird species and ID bands with a spotting scope
* Ability to accurately record data on datasheets and electronic apps
* Ability to walk up to 6km per day on uneven ground and carry weights of up to 7kg
* Current first aid qualifications, or obtain them prior to volunteering
* Well-developed interpersonal and oral communication skills

**Requirements**

Volunteers will spend two or four weeks at Melaleuca between September 2020 and April 2021.

Four week shifts are preferred, two week shifts may be considered if four week shifts are not all filled. Volunteers work in pairs; pairs that are already known to each other are encouraged to apply.

DPIPWE provide volunteers with light aircraft flights from Hobart to Melaleuca, accommodation in a basic hut within a shared living space, PPE relevant for the volunteer activities, pre-departure induction and ongoing support from DPIPWE. Volunteers must provide their own food, sleeping bag and clothing suitable to the often adverse weather conditions at Melaleuca, Tasmania.

Bureau of Meteorology climate statistics for Melaleuca can be viewed [here](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/cw_097007.shtml).

**Advice for Applicants regarding COVID-19**

The OBP volunteer program will be conducted in accordance with the Tasmanian Government’s COVID-19 Safe Workplaces Framework. This includes the Department’s COVID-19 Safe Plan, Volunteer Activity Risk Assessment, and a Site Plan for Melaleuca.

In accordance with current COVID-19 Public Health Advice, individuals most at-risk may be required to provide medical advice in order to safely participate in the program. Changes to COVID-19 Public Health Advice may result in suspension of the volunteer program at short notice

Volunteers should also ensure they are familiar with the current quarantine and border control restrictions, prior to submitting and expression of interest. Given the current border control restrictions, Tasmanian residents are STRONGLY encouraged to apply.

Volunteers are also encouraged to review the COVID-19 volunteer information, available on the [DPIPWE website](https://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/about-the-department/volunteering-at-dpipwe/volunteer-information-and-training-covid-19) prior to submitting an EOI.

Following successful appointment to the program, volunteers will be required to complete the mandatory COVID-19 training and information.

**How to Apply**

Please provide a 1-2 page covering letter outlining your experience, skills and knowledge as they relate to each Selection Criteria listed above; a copy of your CV; and period of availability (2 or 4 weeks) for each start date listed in the schedule below.

Scheduled start dates: 22/9/20, 6/10/20, 20/10/20, 3/11/20, 17/11/20, 1/12/20, 15/12/20, 29/12/20, 12/1/21, 26/1/21, 9/2/21, 23/2/21, 9/3/21, 23/3/21

**Submit your EOI Application**

For further information and to submit your application: email: [OBP.Program@dpipwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:OBP.Program@dpipwe.tas.gov.au)

Closing date:Please submit your EOI prior to 13 August 2020.