



Wollangarra Outdoor Education Centre
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Position Description

Title: Outdoor Leader

Advertiser: Wollangarra Outdoor Education Centre

Location: Licola, Northern Gippsland, Victoria

Position Length: Jan/Feb 2021 – 30 January 2022

What is Wollangarra?

Wollangarra is an independent, not for profit organisation situated beside the Macalister River south of Licola, Victoria. A simple, yet powerful outdoor education experience provides the platform for Wollangarra to provide a realistic look at sustainability, self-sufficiency and environmental issues in a positive, friendly community. We believe that our way of life and the empowerment given to the young people on our programs results in a truly new outlook on life, with many of them returning for further programs.

Read more: <http://www.wollangarra.org.au/>

The Role

As an Outdoor Leader on the staff team at Wollangarra, you're an essential part of a small community based at a truly unique outdoor and environmental education centre.

Each week a new group of young people will come across our flying fox and get to experience a way of life that has largely been forgotten. They leave behind their mobile phones, watches and timetables. They bake bread, split wood, tend the veggie garden, collect the eggs and feed the sheep. Young people are given opportunity to make decisions, and are encouraged to positively contribute and feel like a valued member of the community.

They hike, camp out, cook over open fires (where allowed), and partake in endless discussion about life, environment and the impacts society has on these things.

The position requires that you reside on the Wollangarra property and work a six day week. You are provided food and board, and paid a small stipend. You will live and work with three other staff members, two Directors and their one year old son. Wollangarra becomes your workplace, home and family for the year. This brings lots of laughter, fun, adventure and, inevitably, a tear or two. The role is highly physical. Your time at Wollangarra will offer a challenging, but immensely rewarding experience. For the right leader, this is an experience of a lifetime.

Duties

- Lead Wollangarra's programs for young people aged 14-17
- Carrying out property tasks including gardening, wood chopping, animal care, maintenance, catering and cleaning
- Foster an awareness of self, community and sustainability in young people
- Encourage participation in conservation through outdoor education
- Ensure high standards of safety for young people and visitors



Mandatory Requirements

- Qualification in Outdoor Education or Outdoor Recreation
- Strong outdoor skills, including leading groups in the outdoors
- Current manual driver's license
- Current Victorian Working with Children Check (or ability to obtain upon employment)

Desirable Qualifications

- Wilderness or Remote Area First Aid certificate
- Pool Bronze Medallion or equivalent
- Four Wheel Drive certificate or experience
- Chainsaw certificate or experience
- Safe Food Handling certificate
- Property management experience

Key Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated outdoor leadership experience, including managing of groups and delivering of programs
- Demonstrated experience in leading, teaching and working with young people
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated evidence of strong work ethic, personal organisation and initiative.
- Demonstrated understanding of Wollangarra's programs and philosophy – recommended reading – “Secondhand and Solid” by Ian Stapleton.
- Ability and desire to live and work in a small, remote community, without electricity, internet or mobile service.
- Interest in developing skills in property management (e.g. maintaining fences, vehicles, general fixing of things, livestock management etc.).
- Australian manual drivers license and experience driving in varying conditions and in larger vehicles.

For More Information

- This wonderful four minute video highlights some of what a year at Wollangarra is like for our staff: <https://vimeo.com/122289637>
- Interviews of suitable candidates will be conducted at Wollangarra, in Melbourne, or via Zoom, at a mutually suitable time.
- We are unable to accept applicants living internationally due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Applications should include a cover letter outlining why you want to work at Wollangarra, a resume with three referees, and a statement addressing the above Key Selection Criteria.
- Applications to be addressed to Toby Bucek and Kay Weltz via directors@wollangarra.org.au
- We are very happy to answer questions, however over the Christmas and New Year period we are only initially contactable via email, where we can arrange a phone conversation if needed.

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- 8 Jan 2021