

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania



Volunteer Expressions of Interest are being called for the Fishcare Tasmania program state-wide.



*Are you a keen fisher or have a good knowledge of marine fish?
Do you want to promote sustainable fishing to ensure fish for the future?
Do you want to develop your knowledge of Tasmanian Fisheries?*

The NRE Tasmania (NRE Tas) Recreational Fishing Team is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Fishcare Tasmania Volunteers to assist with the roll out of community engagement programs for recreational fishers and the wider community.

About Fishcare

Fishcare Tasmania plays a vital role in educating the community on sustainable recreational fishing and as our marine resources face increasing pressure, this volunteer program has never been more important.

Fishcare volunteers are spread throughout Tasmania and actively work to keep our fisheries sustainable, ensuring Fish for the Future. Since its inception in 1998, Fishcare has been a core reference point for the Tasmanian Recreational Fishing community. Over the past 24 years it is estimated that Fishcare volunteers have attended approximately 2000 formal events contributing towards over 40,000 hours of service.

General information

Fishcare volunteers actively engage with community members from all demographics to promote sustainable fishing. Activities for Fishcare volunteers include:

- Conduct fishing clinics with novice fishers
- Visit boat ramps and jetties to engage with the Tasmanian recreational fishing community
- Teach sustainable fishing practices and promote the use of sustainable fishing equipment
- Maintain local fishing infrastructure
- Develop your knowledge of Tasmanian fisheries
- Participate in community events such as boat shows, fishing competitions and AgFest
- Be part of the Fishcare schools-based program
- Have fun being outside and talking fishing.

How much time will it take?

Approximately 4 hours per month, however this is flexible based on your personal circumstances.

Requirements

- Volunteers are required to possess a current working with vulnerable people card (WWVP).
- A current first aid qualification is required to volunteer with Fishcare.

Please contact us if you require assistance with organising and covering costs

Training and Supervision

Staff from the Recreational Fishing Team conduct regular inductions and training sessions for Fishcare volunteers. This training enables volunteers to act on behalf of the Fishcare program. Training topics cover fisheries rules and management practices, fish identification skills and communication skills.

We have upcoming training sessions scheduled for March 27th and 29th so to secure your place, register your interest in becoming a Fishcare volunteer today.

Advice for Applicants regarding COVID-19

The Fishcare Tasmania 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 Assessments, and relevant site plans.

In accordance with current COVID-19 Public Health Advice, individuals most at-risk are *encouraged* to consider their personal circumstances and complete a COVID-19 Action Plan in consultation with their medical practitioner. 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 any quarantine and border control restrictions, prior to submitting an expression of interest.

Volunteers are also encouraged to review the COVID-19 volunteer information, available

on the [NRE Tas Website](#) prior to submitting an EOI.

Following successful appointment to the program, volunteers will be required to complete a NRE Tas volunteer registration and undertake mandatory COVID-19 training. If you are required to Quarantine to enter Tasmania to take up a placement, this will be at your own expense.

Medical disclosures

The majority of NRE Tas volunteer roles, require a reasonable level of physical fitness. Volunteers are encouraged to consider the location of activities, noting in some locations immediate access to health services may not be readily available.

Volunteers should ensure all personal medications are available wherever needed, with relevant health information disclosed to the Department to ensure we can support your safe participation.

Information will only be requested from successful applicants and handled in accordance with relevant privacy legislation.

How to Apply

Before applying, all applicants are asked to read and become familiar with the [NRE Tas Volunteer Induction and Participation Manual](#) .

Please go to [NRE Tas Volunteer Registrations](#) page and register as a Fishcare volunteer under [Marine Resources \(Fishcare Tasmania\)](#).



More information can be found about [NRE Tas volunteer programs](#) and [NRE Tas Volunteer Information](#). Regional Fishcare Coordinators are in both the north and south of the state so please contact them using the contact details below to discuss your volunteering options and interests in more detail.

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