

NRE Tas Volunteer Newsletter

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Welcome to the third edition of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) volunteering newsletter for 2022. This will be our final edition for the year. On behalf of NRE Tas we thank you for the support and assistance you provide to us, helping us to deliver a “Sustainable Tasmania”.

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Volunteers in action

Fishcare - activities

In the last few months Fishcare volunteers have been busy across the state. Volunteers in the North-West have been hard at work conducting infrastructure patrols that have been vital for maintaining signage regarding the current squid spawning closure occurring in the North of the state. Fishcare catchup training nights have occurred both in Launceston and Hobart where volunteers have had the opportunity to meet, share their volunteering news and hear about current Fishcare projects. Both sessions had good turn outs with new and old faces alike enjoying themselves.

In the North, volunteers have conducted several fishing clinics along the Tamar River and at the Longford Fishing Club's Cressy dam. These events have enabled our volunteers to engage with the public and promote sustainable fishing.

The Fishcare Tasmania program is moving full steam ahead with a busy summer period looming. For us, summer means Fishing Clinics, Community Events, Infrastructure Patrols, and volunteer BBQ catchups.

It's a great time of year for us to engage with Tasmania's recreational fishing community, given that many fishers start to emerge following a hiatus over the cold, dark winter months. Stay tuned for updates on the Fishcare Volunteer's exploits over the summer months!



Figure 1 - Mike Dent and Longford's Fishing Clubs Tom Edson enjoy the Cressy sunshine during Longford Fishing Club's Gone Fishing Day.



Figure 2 - Gary Mondon demonstrating how to safely handle a fish during a fishing clinic at Clarence Point.

Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens – Annual Tomato Plant Sale

The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens recently held their 15th annual Tomato Plant Sale on October 13-15. This is an important fund-raising activity for the Gardens and a popular local event that entices eager gardeners to try new and unusual varieties of tomatoes. The event is not possible without the help of a team of nursery growing group volunteers who assist in raising several thousand tomato plants from seed. Each year they get to work two months ahead of the sale to ensure there is a bounty of tomatoes for sale. This year all tomato plants were completely sold out by the Saturday, which was a great result. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped support this important event in the Gardens' calendar.



Figure 3 – Clare Handbury, Fran Banks, Margaret Yarnall and Phil Beck.



Figure 4 – Tomato plants ready for the Annual Tomato Plant Sale.

Environment, Heritage and Land - Orange-Bellied Parrot program

Farewell to Lorraine Cotter

It was Lorraine Cotter's final day volunteering at the Orange-Bellied Parrot captive facility on October 25.

The captive Orange-Bellied Parrot team would like to thank Lorraine for her outstanding contribution volunteering for the Program. Lorraine has put endless hours into the facility at 5 Mile Beach since she began volunteering in March 2021. Completing tasks such as weeding, aviary renovations, food preparation, and collecting green pick for the parrots. Lorraine has been a valued team member and we wish her all the best with her many volunteering ventures and future travel plans.



Figure 5 – Lorraine scribing during bird health checks and movements.



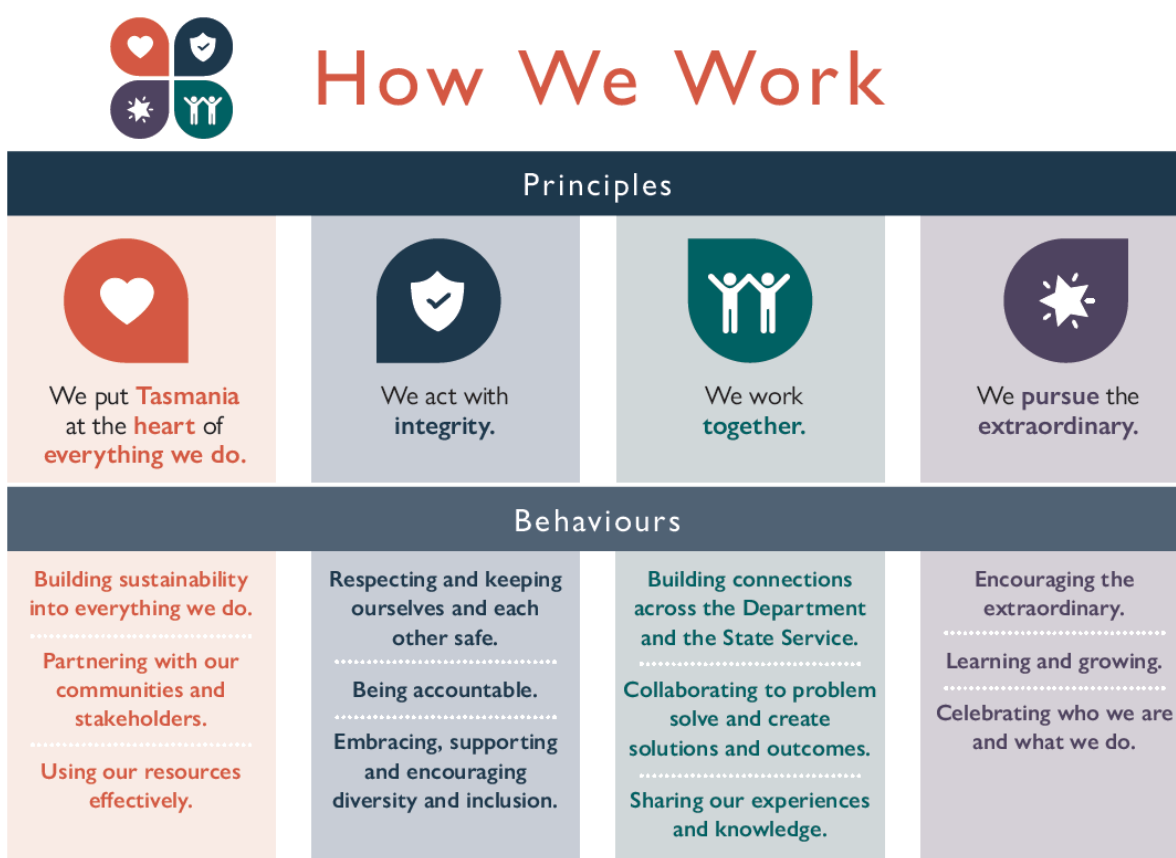
Figure 6 – Lorraine removing substrate during annual aviary renovations.

Updates

‘How We Work’ at NRE Tas

The NRE Tas Strategic Plan (2022 – 2027) was developed throughout 2021. It sets out the Department’s priorities in achieving Our Purpose of delivering a sustainable Tasmania, Our Vision, Strategic Priorities and the ‘How We Work’ Framework. It describes who the Department is and what we do; and specifically, the Principles and Behaviours define ‘How We Work’.

The ‘How We Work’ Framework outlines how we behave at work, how we make decisions and how we interact with each other, our stakeholders and the community whilst working and volunteering for NRE Tas. The ‘How We Work’ table below displays the four Principles and three Behaviours that sit under each Principle. As a volunteer it is expected that you uphold these Principles and Behaviours whilst volunteering for NRE Tas.



Volunteering opportunities

Volunteer Campground Host Program at Friendly Beaches, Freycinet National Park, Tasmania.

Expressions of interest (EOI) for Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) Volunteer Campground Hosts to be stationed at Friendly Beaches, for 4-week placements, between February 2023 and February 2024 (2-week or 3-week deployments may be considered where 4-week placements are not filled).

Closing date: Friday 27 January 2023. Visit the [NRE Tas website](#) to find out more.

Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, Tasmania

Volunteers who would like to join a small team of people trapping Tasmanian devils to assess the health and status of devil populations across Tasmania. There are multiple trips being planned to a variety of locations across the State. **Multiple closing dates.** Visit the [NRE Tas website](#) to find out more.

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If you have any questions, queries or comments about volunteering for NRE Tas or you would like to contribute to our next NRE Tas Volunteer News please email us at volunteering@nre.tas.gov.au.

Thank you to each and every volunteer for your extraordinary contributions.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a great 2023!



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