



Volunteering Opportunities Perth 2019

Wetland and Catchment Restoration

Bibra Lake

Bibra Lake is part of Beeliar Regional Park and is found 23 km south of Perth in the City of Cockburn. This large wetland site has high importance as a conservation area. It provides important biological and ecological functions, including the provision of habitat for native and migratory water birds. Bibra Lake is a significant cultural site for the Nyoongar peoples, historically used as a semi-permanent campsite, a source of food, water and materials and a site for ceremonial activities. However, the water quality in Bibra lake has been impacted by increased nutrient loads from development surrounding the lake, stormwater inputs and clearing of native buffer vegetation. The lake's surrounding vegetation is known habitat for species including the endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, the Southern Brown Bandicoot and several species of microbats. While there has been consistent rehabilitation of vegetation at the site, there are still significant areas in poor condition. Volunteers will assist with weed removal and revegetation (season dependent) to improve the buffer vegetation around the lake and increase the habitat for the native wildlife.

Partner: City of Cockburn, Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre

Location: Bibra Lake, 184 Hope Road



Coastal Guardians

Leighton Beach

Conservation Volunteers Australia have partnered with Woodside for over ten years to deliver priority conservation activities at key coastal sites across Western Australia. The Coastal Guardian program addresses threats to priority hotspots of the Western Australian coastline, by delivering both direct action and building community capacity. In addition to providing financial support, Woodside employees have volunteered over ten thousand hours to coastal conservation projects! In 2019 Leighton beach, a popular local spot in Fremantle, will be the focus site of CVA's coastal restoration. Leighton beach is one of the few remaining coastal reserves in the industrial zone and is currently under threat from weed invasion and vegetation degradation from erosion caused by uncontrolled public access and storm surges. Conservation Volunteers Australia will be working with Perth Natural Resource Management, Friends of Fremantle Beaches and the City of Fremantle to revegetate the dunes by planting native coastal seedlings. This will help to stabilise the dune systems, reducing erosion and improving biodiversity for our local wildlife.

Partner: Friends of Freo Beaches, South Coast Care (Perth NRM), City of Fremantle

Location: Leighton Beach

Projects can be run at other coastal locations upon request



Rottnest Island

Rottnest Island is a unique environment, providing habitat to thousands of terrestrial, coastal and marine flora and fauna species including migratory birds. Rottnest Island (Wadjemup) is also a cultural site for the Noongar people where deceased spirits would go to lay to rest. With increased tourism and urban development, the island's ecosystems are under threat from invasion of weed species, decline of native plants and severe dune erosion due to uncontrolled public access. Alongside the Rottnest Island Authority, Conservation Volunteers Australia are addressing threats of erosion and degradation by revegetating damaged dune systems and 4x4 tracks, the maintaining, removal and erecting of fences, reducing the impacts of marine debris via collection and removal and assisting with the propagation of native plants in the nursery.

Partner: Rottnest Island Authority, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Location: Rottnest Island

Teams are limited to a max of 20 people



Upper Lesmurdie Falls Restoration

Lesmurdie Falls

Lesmurdie Falls National Park, on Perth's Darling Scarp, is a popular picnic and bushwalking destination, boasting a spectacular 50-metre waterfall, wildflower rich hillside heaths and sweeping views of the city below. The park provides important habitat for the threatened Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. Since the 1970s, the Carnaby's Black Cockatoos population has declined by more than half due to habitat fragmentation through land clearing. Conservation Volunteers Australia's threatened species conservation program *Wild Futures* supports the recovery of threatened species such as the Carnaby's Cockatoo by providing practical on-ground action to conserve Australia's unique plants and animals in line with approved Commonwealth and State Government management plans. In Lesmurdie Falls National Park, Conservation Volunteers Australia have partnered with the Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls to revegetate areas of cleared land and remove invasive species which threaten the persistence of native vegetation. These activities will help conserve and restore important habitat for the Carnaby's Cockatoo's and other wildlife in the area.

Partner: Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Location: Lesmurdie Falls National Park



Conservation in Perth CBD

Heirisson Island

The area in which Heirisson Island is currently located is an important area for Noongar people. Once comprising of a small chain of islands and surrounding mud flats, this area is known as Matagarup, which refers to the place where the river is only leg deep. Where the island currently stands was a much smaller island known as Kakaroomup. This area was a main crossing point from one side of the river to the other, where Noongars could wade through the water. In the recent past, Heirisson Island was used as a rubbish dump. Today the island is a popular tourist location and acts as a pocket of natural habitat and refuge for bird species living in and around the CBD. It is also home to several Western Grey Kangaroos which were translocated onto the island in 1998. Conservation Volunteers Australia have partnered with the City of Perth to help revegetate areas of the island that have become degraded through human intervention.

Partner: City of Perth, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

Location: Heirisson Island



Note that dates are indicative only and other dates can be made available on request.

If you would like to take up one of these team days please complete the [Volunteering Request Form](#) and send to communities@woodside.com.au.

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