

Expression of interest

Malleefowl Project Officer



The National Malleefowl Recovery Team in partnership with Melbourne University and the National Environmental Science Programme (NESP) is seeking the services of a special person.

We are developing a large experiment on the impacts of threats to Malleefowl: the Malleefowl Adaptive Management Project (AM Project). The experiment is likely to be the largest of its type in Australia (the diagram over page demonstrates the scope) and we require a person to oversee it and monitor its growth. This will include working with partners who collectively gather and contribute data from about 3 million hectares of predator controlled land. It also includes recruiting, training and overseeing monitoring of several hundred mounds each year by volunteers/ citizen scientists and ensuring compliance with the already well established national Malleefowl monitoring program.

You will need to: assist our partners (about 30 land managers) in finding funds they may need for involvement; help establish sites; organise and facilitate trained volunteer groups to monitor mounds and to sort through camera-trap photos. All of this is in some very remote spots in WA, SA, Vic and NSW. There will also be a number of administrative tasks to support the project including assisting the organisation of a National conference in 2018, publication of the bi annual newsletter and maintain communications with all stakeholders.

Whilst much of the work can be conducted from a home office, there is likely to be several interstate trips required each year. You will be required to work very flexible hours where some months will be busy (particularly Mar-May when meetings are held in Perth and Mildura) and some months will be quiet. The position is best suited to a person with an ABN who can contract services to the Recovery Team.

We have funding to employ a person for 1.5 day/ week for two years (based on \$50/hr), but are actively pursuing funding opportunities to increase this modest starting point.

Key tasks are outlined below, however, we don't necessarily expect you to undertake all of these:

- maintain regular contact with all partners (e.g. 2 calls/year)
- assist all AM partners achieve 5 star status (refer Project Sites diagram)
- gather data from all partners and update the Project Sites diagram regularly
- help organise annual AM 2-day meeting in Perth and Mildura - April/May
- facilitate sorting of camera trap photos by citizen science groups
- prepare minutes and agendas
- central contact for all emails
- maintain a mailing database
- assist in 2018 Forum preparation
- update website as needed (we can train you in this)
- liaise and develop relationships with NRM agencies
- assist/ coordinate gatherings as needed (e.g. Mar 2017 Perth meeting to form new group)
- a new story to the web each month
- prepare stories for other agency magazines and press releases
- travel with the National Training Manager to compliment the training program

- organise partners, venues, speakers, etc. for training events
- advertise training sessions (media and talks to groups like Rotary)

To fulfil the position you will need excellent skills as a liaison between agencies, scientists and citizen scientists, and be fairly outgoing and comfortable talking to groups and partners. Your experience in communicating complex messages will need to be matched by high organisation skills and self-motivation.

We are circulating this expression of interest within just a few networks initially. You can see more about our activities at <http://www.nationalmalleefowl.com.au/> but you are welcome to discuss the position with:

Tim Burnard (National Coordinator) (03) 5581 2205,

Joe Benshemesh (National Recovery Team) 0407 191401 or

Darren Southwell (Melbourne University) 0422 031301.

To express your interest in this position, please send a cover letter (max 2 pages) and CV to tim@nationalmalleefowl.com.au by COB 31 January 2017

