

## 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

