



## 2020 VNPA Student Placement Program

### Role Description: Community Learning and Engagement Student Placement

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#### **VNPA**

The Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA) is Victoria's leading nature conservation organisation and has been at the forefront of conservation campaigning for more than 60 years. VNPA is an independent, not-for-profit organisation, which exists to protect Victoria's unique natural environment and biodiversity through the establishment and effective management of national parks, conservation reserves and other measures. We achieve this by facilitating strategic campaigns and education programs, developing policies and by running hands-on conservation work, bushwalking and outdoor activity programs which promote the care and enjoyment of Victoria's natural heritage.

#### **Community Learning and Engagement with VNPA**

The VNPA runs numerous community learning and engagement programs and activities to engage people with nature and in programs that contribute to nature conservation. Our community learning and engagement area includes:

- NatureWatch – terrestrial citizen science
- ReefWatch – marine citizen science
- Wild Families – engaging families with nature
- A range of other activities and resource development to engage the community with nature and provide nature based learning opportunities

#### **What will you be doing?**

- Work under the supervision of the Manager of Community Learning and Engagement
- Develop learning resources such as fact sheets, short videos and posters to encourage and support engagement with nature for a range of audiences
- Work with partners to develop resources or activities that encourage engagement with nature

The program will require successful applicants to work in the VNPA office for **one day per week for a 13 week semester**. Days available are Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays. Within these days, placement can be flexible as required to accommodate major assignments, exams etc.

Please note this is an office based placement. There may be some field work involved, depending on the nature of the project.

### **Who are we looking for?**

- You are currently undertaking a course in the field of ecology, biology, environmental science or other environmental studies, community education, outdoor and environmental studies.
- You are able to demonstrate a strong passion for conservation and the sustainable management of Victoria's natural heritage and national parks, in line with the VNPA vision.
- You are able to commit to one day a week for the semester duration.
- You are reliable, communicative and able to work both independently and as part of a team.
- You possess excellent organisational, administrative and computer skills.
- You have experience managing and interpreting ecological data and scientific writing.
- Knowledge of Victoria's flora and fauna is highly regarded (e.g. mammals, birds, bird calls).
- Previous involvement in a community learning and engagement, environmental science or volunteer program is preferable but not essential.

### **Program guidelines & to apply**

Please refer to the **[VNPA Student Placement Program Guidelines](https://vnpa.org.au/student-placement-program-guidelines/)** (<https://vnpa.org.au/student-placement-program-guidelines/>).