



Student Placement Program

Grassy Plains Network Role Description

Supervisor: Adrian Marshall, Grassy Plains Network Facilitator, adrian@vnpa.org.au

Location: Victorian National Parks Association
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VNPA

The Victorian National Parks Association is an effective and influential nature conservation organisation. We've led the creation, protection and defence of Victoria's natural estate for over 70 years.

VNPA advocates for evidence-based policy to safeguard wildlife, habitat and protected areas. We inspire connections with nature through citizen science, activities, community action and education.

We're an independent, non-profit, non-government, and membership-based charity. We're an incorporated association with membership open to all like-minded people.

Our Vision: Victoria is a place with a natural web of life that is protected, respected and enjoyed by all.

The Grassy Plains Network

The Grassy Plains Network represents land management professionals, academics, ecologists and community concerned about the ongoing decline of grassy ecosystems across Victoria. We advocate for improved grassland protection and management, and work for greater community engagement with these special places. We are hosted by the VNPA.

What will you be doing?

Work under the guidance of the GPN Facilitator on a range of tasks, which may include:

- Developing a grassland map, using qgis if you have the skills, researching text descriptions and photos
- Community engagement activities
- Managing social media
- Organising meetings and talks
- Writing submissions
- Assisting with grassland tours
- Developing educational resources and promotional materials
- Research and data analysis
- Administration, archiving

The program will require successful applicants to work **one day per week for a 12-week semester**. Two half days can be accommodated. Work will be conducted in the VNPA office in Carlton or online.

We are currently running a specific Grasslands Community Engagement Project that is focused on raising awareness around a set of grasslands in Wollert and Epping in Melbourne's north. We would love it if you were to be involved in that. Duties there might include assisting with workshops, walks and other events, letterboxing residents and talking to people about their attitudes to grasslands. Exact dates and times are yet to be determined, but may require more flexible hours, possibly including weekend work.

Who are we looking for?

- Some knowledge of the dire situation our critically endangered native grasslands face would be helpful.
- You are currently undertaking a course in the field of ecology, biology, environmental science, or other environmental studies, or communications.
- You can demonstrate a strong passion for conservation and the sustainable management of Victoria's natural heritage and national parks, and grasslands in particular, in line with the VNPA and GPN visions.
- You can 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.
- Knowledge of Victoria's plants and animals is highly regarded
- Previous involvement in an environmental citizen-science or volunteer program is an asset.

How to apply

You can find more information about our student placements and a form to apply at:

<https://vnpa.org.au/give-your-time/student-placement-program/>