

Tree Roo Rescue and Conservation Centre Ltd.



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We are a non-profit organisation that rescues and rehabilitates, orphaned, injured or displaced tree kangaroos for release back into the wild or, if not possible, for life in captivity as breeding animals for education and conservation in Zoos.

We are the ONLY tree kangaroo rescue centre in Australia.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for choosing to be a part of Tree Roo Rescue and Conservation Centre's Volunteer Program.

This program is a unique experience and great way to see how a Tree kangaroo Rescue centre works, as well as learning the skills that are required for zoo keeping and wildlife rescue. This is a once in a lifetime experience with experts with over 25 years hands on and research in Lumholtz tree kangaroos and over 35 years with wildlife rescue with many species of marsupials and mammals. It would also be a valuable addition to your resume to increase job opportunities.

No experience needed as training will be provided on site.

Most of the animals in our care are adults so cuddling joeys will not be part of your volunteer time.
So sorry please do not apply if you think you will be cuddling joeys.

PLEASE ALSO ONLY apply if you **can commit to 1 month minimum** and **NO TIME WASTERS PLEASE.**

We are extremely busy and training takes time. Sorry but we have been let down far too many times. If you do not show up or leave after a few days, not only have you wasted our time training you, but you have taken up someone else spot that will miss out on this opportunity.

Many sanctuaries and rescue centres charge volunteers for the privilege and keep a cancelation fee.

We are here for the tree kangaroos not to show you around and for you to see tree kangaroos up close without giving back. So please be considerate when applying.

- We are not open to the public.
- You must be over 18 years of age (insurance).
- Strictly no pets (wildlife).

- This position is NOT eligible for 88 days Visa (2nd WHV) sign off sorry.
- Tetanus vaccination essential, Covid preferred.
- You must be strong, fit and healthy as most of the work is physical.
- Most of all you must have a deep love of wildlife and not be scared to get your hands dirty and cleaning up after them.

Most of the work required by volunteers requires cleaning enclosures (raking sand floors cleaning off benches), cleaning floors and windows in hospital, feeding, washing up feed dishes, cutting browse and general husbandry. You may be asked to assist in rescues and treatment of injured animals where necessary.

Work is from 8am till 12.30pm and 5-6pm. So you can spend a few hours each day sightseeing if you have a car. The Atherton Tablelands is a beautiful place full of waterfalls, crater lakes and rainforest, platypus and cassowaries (visit our property from time to time).

We are located 1.5 hours from Cairns on the Atherton Tablelands, near Malanda 800m above sea level (so not as hot as Cairns, its actually cold in winter).

It would be beneficial for the applicant to have a vehicle as we are on a rural rainforest property 5kms from nearest town Malanda and there is no public transport available. There is a bus service from Cairns to Atherton and we would pick you up at Atherton 30 minutes from here. Once you are here you would be isolated most of the time (some of our volunteers actually love the quiet of 65ha of rainforest) and unable to look/drive around on your time off but sometimes other volunteers have a vehicle and are happy to show you around.. We are happy to pick you up from bus and do this for a lot of our volunteers and we can take you into town each week for supplies (we go out each day to cut browse).

We do have **free Accommodation available in caravan** (one person per van or couple) and separate bathroom and kitchen facilities. **Only available to volunteers that can stay here for 1 month minimum and food allowance is supplied if you can commit to 3 months. Not available to locals.**

Sorry but free accommodation is **not** available to those that also wish to work elsewhere at the same time as volunteering here. The caravans are kept for those that are not getting an income.

This is **our Home** we are sharing with you as we need the help to care for the tree kangaroos BUT we do like some privacy so we prefer volunteers do not come and go after dark (also our driveway is full of wildlife). We don't mind you going out during the day for sightseeing after all the work is done.

Please complete the following form and return it to Tree Roo Rescue and Conservation Centre Ltd. via email info@treeroorecue.org.au

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of application: _____

Name: _____ Surname: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____ Male Female

Address: _____

Local, interstate or international? _____ Nationality _____

Are you currently in Australia and where? _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mobile No. _____

Email address _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Do you have a current driver's license? (please circle) YES NO

Do you have a vehicle? YES NO

There is no public transport near TRRACC and we are 5 kms from the nearest town.

EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTRARY WORK HISTORY

Employed by:	Date	Position:	Reason for Leaving

Are you currently working If yes where?

Are you currently volunteering anywhere else If yes where?

What is your reason for choosing our volunteer program?

How do you feel about animals living in captivity in a zoo setting?

Some of the tree kangaroos rescued cannot be released and are sent to zoos.

MEDICAL

Do you suffer from any allergies or medical conditions or take any medication that may affect your ability to perform your volunteer duties which can often be labour intensive or make you unsuitable for certain tasks (can you lift, shovel sand and use a wheel barrow for example, cut browse, use herbicides)?

Please tell us of any medical issues as we need to know, such as bad back, hearing or sight issues, allergies, asthma, migraines, any ongoing pain?

Do you have any phobias (eg fear of snakes, heights etc) which may affect your ability to perform your duties?

Are you vaccinated for tetanus (essential working with animals, every 10 years) _____

And Covid (preferred as private property and I am high risk) _____

Is there anything else that would make you unsuitable for certain types of volunteer activities?

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? What was the nature and detail of the offence?

INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

Do you have any experience or qualifications (including courses in progress) in the zoo keeping field, wildlife care or vet nursing?

What animals do you have experience working with?

Have you any previous experience working with tree kangaroos?

What are your hobbies/interests?

Why would you like to be a volunteer?

What qualities do you believe make a good keeper, carer or vet nurse?

What duties do you think you will be completing as part of the volunteer program?

What are your goals for the future and how will TRRACC assist you in achieving them?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

AVAILABILITY

Most of our work is between 8.00 – 12.30 and 5 – 6pm in the afternoon

Full time for live in volunteers (travellers)

You can do other things in the middle of the day if you wish, or between 1-5.

We do offer 1 day off if enough volunteers (you are only working 5 hours max a day). May not be weekend but we will be considerate of your needs.

Locals will only work mornings (8-12.30) and can work 1 day a week.

- Mon
- Tue
- Wed
- Thurs
- Fri
- Sat
- Sun

What date are you available from: _____ **and till:** _____

How long are you available for: _____ **weeks or months?**

Do you wish to volunteer fulltime or part time on a weekly basis? Locals only : _____

Please note: Training to volunteer at TRRACC can take a few days to a week, once you are trained it would be preferable if you can commit to at **least one month full time** volunteer unless you are volunteering on a weekly basis or are a zookeeper on holidays and can only commit to 2-3 weeks. PLEASE don't apply unless you can commit.

I certify that all of the information within this form is up to date and correct

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you for your time and your interest in volunteering here to help us with our work

The next step:

Fill out the application form

Email the application form back in to Tree Roo rescue and Conservation Centre Ltd.

to info@treeroorecue.org.au

Thank you for your interest and time

We will be in touch very soon 😊