



MAREEBA TROPICAL SAVANNA AND WETLAND RESERVE Information for Caretaker Position

BACKGROUND

The Wildlife Conservancy of Tropical Queensland operates the Mareeba Tropical Savanna and Wetland Reserve. The Reserve was established in 1996 and lies at 450 metres above sea level on the northern edge of the Atherton Tablelands, approximately an hour's drive from Cairns and Port Douglas. It is accessible via an unsealed road from the Mulligan Highway at Biboohra, seven kilometres north of the town of Mareeba. The Reserve is a site of regional biodiversity significance for wetland and open woodland birds and mammals and is managed using a sustainable cattle grazing regime.

The Reserve provides accommodation for visiting researchers, volunteers and overnight guests, as well as other activities. It closes each year from December to early April, and the Conservancy is seeking a caretaker for this period and potentially beyond.

The summer months in the tropics of Australia can be hot and very wet. The caretaker must therefore be prepared to live in a relatively isolated place with a challenging climate.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities include:

- Ensure that the facilities, living quarters, grounds and equipment are well maintained.
- Provide daily care of captive Gouldian Finches.
- Prompt reporting of any issues.

Specific Reserve maintenance tasks may be undertaken by separate agreement (paid on a casual basis).

In return, the Conservancy will provide:

- Furnished, air conditioned accommodation at Clancy's Lagoon Visitor Centre with good mobile network access.
- References as appropriate.
- A fantastic opportunity to live in a nature reserve!

TIMING

Mid-December 2017 to Easter 2018.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Interest in Australian wildlife and rural pursuits.
2. Good communication skills.
3. Current driver's licence valid for use in Australia.
4. Reasonable level of fitness and good health.

Helpful but not essential:

1. Practical mechanical skills, including the ability to use and maintain tools and equipment.
2. Current First Aid certificate.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit a CV and covering letter addressing each of the selection criteria above to:

Co-ordinator, Wildlife Conservancy of Tropical Queensland: info@wildlifequeensland.com.au

If you wish to discuss any of the above prior to making an application, please contact the above email address or phone 0408 932303 after 5pm or at weekends.

APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER.