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## **Who is Wild Mob? BACKGROUNDER**

### **About Wild Mob**

Wild Mob coordinates groups of volunteers to undertake conservation work around Australia.

It is a not-for-profit and non-political organisation.

Graeme Wood (who conceptualised and co-founded leading accommodation website Wotif.com) launched Wild Mob in 2008.

Wild Mob works with private and public natural resource managers to identify projects and provides managed and self-sufficient volunteer groups to carry out this work.

### **Wild Mob Volunteers**

Wild Mob volunteer groups can be made up of individuals, families and groups. Camps can be tailored to suit schools, universities, volunteer holidays and corporate groups.

Wild Mob currently works with a number of schools and the University of Queensland. Youth groups from the Beacon Foundation have also participated in conservation projects on Brampton Island and Fraser Island.

All volunteers pay a fee which supports the sustainability of the projects and covers their food, accommodation and project activities.

There are two ways businesses can be involved:

- 1) sponsor a project to help schools/disadvantaged groups to afford the chance to participate
- 2) volunteer a corporate group as a socially responsible team-building exercise

Each group is led by a Wild Mob team leader with appropriate experience and qualifications in conservation, occupational health and safety and first aid.

### **Wild Mob Projects**

Projects focus on a holistic experience combining the much-needed manual labour with education about the land and the conservation message.

Wild Mob also acknowledges the traditional owners of the land and seeks to work in partnership with Indigenous Elders within each area.

Work can include anything from identifying and monitoring flora and fauna, vegetation management, coral monitoring, re-vegetation and much more.

### Wild Mob projects at a glance

Camp	Where	When	Work
Hidden Valley Station	Townsville, QLD	May to July	Platypus population studies Identifying and removing Lantana
Brampton Island Conservation	Mackay region, QLD	April to November	Collect and analyse marine debris Remove invasive vegetation Coral and marine animal monitoring
Homevale National Park	Homevale, QLD	May to November	Vegetation management to remove Yellow Oleander Weed and Lantana Quoll research
Wollemi National Park	NSW	April to October	Analysing the impact of wild dogs and cats on native wildlife Conducting scat and track research Use motion sensitive cameras to identify and track native animals Remove invasive vegetation
Mt Kosciuszko Conservation Project	Kosciuszko National Park, NSW	December to February	Identify and locate Orange Hawkweed, mark coordinates to effectively eradicate it.
Kings Run	Tarkine, TAS	September to April	Erosion control Planting native fauna Monitoring native animals and migratory birds
Camp Chivaree – Cape York Turtle Rescue	Cape York, QLD	June to October	Monitoring and protecting turtle nests