

FACT SHEET and APPLICATION FORM



Expression of Interest

Members – Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area Management Committee

On behalf of the Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage, Brian Wightman, the Parks and Wildlife Service is seeking Expressions of Interest from interested and suitable individuals to occupy various positions as members of the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area (APCA) Management Committee from 1 July 2012.

The committee is a non-statutory committee established under the *APCA Management Plan 2002*. It plays an important role in engaging with the users of the reserve and providing advice, direction and support to the operations of the Arthur River Field Centre.

As detailed in the management plan, the Director, National Parks and Wildlife is the managing authority for the APCA. The managing authority is responsible for:

- Overall management of the reserve and its suite of natural and cultural values;
- Overseeing implementation of the management plan;
- Coordinating, liaising with and supporting the committee and sub-committees set up under the management plan; and
- Establishing a non-statutory committee to undertake the management of functions under the management plan as agreed between the Director and the committee, and as approved by the Minister.

As detailed in the management plan, the committee will be responsible for:

- Engaging the users of the reserve in supporting the overall management strategy;
- Advising the management authority on the management of recreation and commercial use;
- Contributing to development and implementation of works programs; and
- Overseeing the operation of an enterprise unit.

BACKGROUND

The APCA is a 103,147 hectare reserve in north-west Tasmania. The reserve contains spectacular coastal landscapes, an extraordinary richness of Aboriginal cultural heritage, and highly significant and diverse ecosystems. It is managed to protect these values and to enable a range of recreational activities.

The APCA has been described by the Australian Heritage Commission as 'one of the world's greatest archaeological regions' for its rich Aboriginal heritage. It forms the western coastal section of the Tarkine and contains thousands of Aboriginal sites. Many of these sites are being extensively damaged through 4WD vehicle use. These sites are of invaluable significance for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community. The



reserve also has significant cultural heritage associated with cattle grazing and mining.

Recreational vehicle use is a popular activity in the reserve; and is also one of the most significant threats to the reserve's cultural and natural values. Impacts on significant cultural, geoconservation, flora and fauna values are extensive throughout the area. There are concerns about the extent of the track network, as well as the scale of land degradation at some sites. The coastal parts of the reserve are most heavily impacted by recreational vehicle use. It is a fragile area and requires active management and protection. The reserve needs to be managed to protect its important values, while also continuing to provide for a range of recreational activities.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee members will be appointed by the Minister. In selecting members, the Minister will consult with the range of interest groups; however the members of the committee will be appointed to serve the best overall interests of the reserve, rather than specific interests.

The committee will be made up of six full members and one ex-officio member selected to provide a balanced range of expertise. The members will be selected to cover the following skills and knowledge:

- A chairperson; skilled in facilitation and mediation, and having an appreciation of the significance of the reserve for its users;
- A person with skills in and knowledge of nature conservation issues;
- A person with skills in and knowledge of local government;
- A person with skills in and knowledge of the recreational uses of the reserve;
- A person with business skills and an appreciation of the economic uses of the reserve; and
- A person with skills in cultural heritage and an appreciation of the cultural heritage of the APCA.

In addition, an ex-officio member will be nominated by the managing authority to assist the committee in discharging its functions (the ex-officio member is not a member of the Committee. They represent the management authority, and is usually the ranger-in-charge, Arthur River Field Centre).

CONDITIONS

The appointment of new committee members, including the chairperson, will be for a period of three (3) years. Appointments will be confirmed in writing by the Minister.

There is no provision for sitting fees for members of the committee. The Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) will consider reasonable requests for out-of-pocket expenses and travel claims for members required to travel outside the northwest region.



SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process is being conducted by the PWS, a division of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) on behalf of Brian Wightman MP, Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage.

The receipt of applications will be acknowledged by DPIPWE. A selection panel will consider each application on its merit, and make a recommendation to the Minister. The appointment proposed will be ratified by the Minister. All applicants will be informed of the outcome once a final decision is confirmed.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants for the Chairperson must provide a brief statement that addresses the following:

1. Demonstrate experience, skills and knowledge in mediation and facilitation and be able to detail their understanding and appreciation of the significance of the reserve to its users.

Applicants must provide a brief statement that addresses each of the following:

2. Demonstrated knowledge, skills and/or experience in the specific membership field (excluding the chairperson); and
3. Personal qualities of benefit to the management committee, including an ability to engage with the users to assist in supporting the overall management strategy; and an ability to contribute to the development of works programs and an enterprise unit.

Please ensure that your Application Form clearly identifies the position for which you are expressing interest.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the management committee, please contact:

Mr Geoff Coles, Manager Northwest Region on (03) 6429 8721 or email Geoff.Coles@parks.tas.gov.au or

Mr Barry Davies, Northwest Region Operations Manager on (03) 6429 8446 or email Barry.Davies@parks.tas.gov.au

Applicants must complete an Application Form (ensure it clearly identifies the position for which they are expressing interest); provide a statement that addresses the selection criteria; and provide a copy of their current curriculum vitae or resume.

Applications must be submitted to Mr Geoff Coles, Northwest Region Manager, GPO Box 809, Ulverstone, TAS 7315 by 5:00pm on **Friday 4 May 2012**.



APPLICATION FORM
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Please state clearly for which role you are expressing interest;

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- A person with skills in and knowledge of local government;
- A person with skills in and knowledge of the recreational uses of the reserve;
- A person with business skills and an appreciation of the economic uses of the reserve; or
- A person with skills in cultural heritage and an appreciation of the cultural heritage of the APCA.

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Provide **APPLICANT STATEMENT** described in three sections as set out in the Fact Sheet, Selection Criteria attached;

1. Demonstrate experience, skills and knowledge in mediation and facilitation..... or
2. Demonstrated knowledge, skills and/or experience in the specific membership field.... and
3. Personal qualities of benefit to the Management Committee.....

PERSONAL REFEREE # 1

NAME:

CONTACT NUMBER:

RELATIONSHIP:

PERSONAL REFEREE # 2

NAME:

CONTACT NUMBER:

RELATIONSHIP:

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

DATE: