

# LORD HOWE ISLAND BOARD RECRUITMENT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Role: Field Officer

Classification: LHI Officer Grade 2 Vacancy Reference: 00008SO5

#### **Lord Howe Island**

Lord Howe Island is located in the South Pacific Ocean approximately 700km north east of Sydney and is part of NSW. The Island is crescent shaped, approximately 11km long and 3km wide with a land area of 1,455 hectares. A coral reef 6km long encloses a lagoon on the Western side. The lower central section of the Island, which supports the settlement area, is located between a northerly range of hills (up to 209m) and a rugged southern landscape dominated by two spectacular mountains, Mount Lidgbird (777m) and Mount Gower (875m).

The climate is semi-tropical with average temperatures between about 18°C and 26°C in summer and 13°C and 18°C in winter. Average rainfall is 1686mm with a winter maximum of 188mm in July and a summer minimum of 106mm in February. Winds are predominantly easterly during summer and can be strong south-westerly in winter.

The Island has a high proportion of rare and endemic birds, plants, and invertebrates, and has the southernmost coral reef in the world. Three-quarters of the Island is within the Permanent Park Preserve, which is managed similarly to a national park. The whole Island Group, including Lord Howe Island, Ball's Pyramid, adjacent islands and islets and the surrounding marine environment were included on the World Heritage List in 1982. The State and Commonwealth waters to 12 nautical miles seaward of Lord Howe Island and Ball's Pyramid were declared a Marine Park in June 2000.

There are approximately 350 residents and tourism is the major industry and source of income on the Island. Approximately 16,000 people visit the Island each year and there are 21 accommodation lodges.

Available services and facilities include a central school (supported by a distance education facility) catering for primary and secondary students, Anglican, Catholic and Adventist churches, Post Office, basic shopping facilities, a three bed acute-care hospital, bowling club and a golf club. Lord Howe Island is well known for its outstanding bushwalking, fishing, diving and surfing and there are a number of very good restaurants catering to both visitors and local residents. The Island is linked by regular passenger air services to Sydney and Port Macquarie. A ship provides regular cargo services between the Island and Port Macquarie on the NSW north coast.

#### The Lord Howe Island Board

The Lord Howe Island Board is a statutory authority established under the provisions of the Lord Howe Island Act. The Board is directly responsible to the NSW Minister for the Environment and comprises four Islanders elected by the local community and three members appointed by the Minister. It is charged with the care, control and management of the Island and the affairs and trade of the Island. It is also responsible for the care, improvement and welfare of the Island and residents. "Island" as defined by the Act includes Lord Howe Island and all adjacent islands and coral reefs within one marine league of the Island. Ball's Pyramid and adjacent islands are also included in this definition.

The *mission* of an organisation is a broad statement of its purpose and direction - for the Lord Howe Island Board it is:

To provide for the wellbeing of the Island community and the protection and enhancement of the Island environment for the benefit of all.

The *vision* of the organisation is:

The Lord Howe Island Board provides quality services and responsible and efficient resource management to support the Island community, and is recognised for innovative and effective management of the unique natural and cultural environment of Lord Howe Island.

The Board carries out all local government functions, controls all land tenure on the Island and administers all residential and other leases in accordance with the Lord Howe Island Act. It also regulates and controls all tourism operations, has a significant role in marketing and promoting Island tourism, and operates the Island's visitor centre. The Board operates a trading enterprise, the Island's liquor distribution outlet, and is responsible for the generation and reticulation of electricity and operation of the Island aerodrome and wharf facilities. The Island Group is on the World Heritage List and the Board manages the Island's Permanent Park Preserve and the protection and conservation of the Island's fauna and flora. The Board also maintains the functions of other government agencies, including the Passports office, Local Court and Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The Board employs approximately 41 full-time equivalent staff in a wide variety of occupations.

The Lord Howe Island Board is committed to equity and diversity in the workplace and to providing fair and equitable services to all members of the community.

The Board is also committed to developing a range of services which meets the needs of our many and diverse customers and to providing employees and members of the community with a safe and healthy place in which to work and enjoy.

#### Salary and Benefits

This is an ongoing engagement in accordance with the *Government Sector Employment Act* 2013.

The position enjoys attractive working conditions under the *Crown Employees* (*Lord Howe Island Board Salaries and Conditions*) *Award.* 

All appointments to positions within the Board are based on merit. Selection is based on the knowledge, skills, experience and qualifications required for the role advertised. All persons are encouraged to apply for roles advertised within the Board in order to ensure the best person for the job is selected.

The information in this package and the associated documentation available for download is provided to assist you firstly to decide if the job available is one you might want to apply for and secondly to enable you to present an application that will include all the information necessary for us to consider your claim for the role. Please read all the information carefully before making your application.

The Lord Howe Island Board has adopted a Smoke Free Workplace Policy to protect the health of employees, Board Members, contractors, volunteers and visitors by eliminating exposure to environmental tobacco smoke in and around the workplace.

DPIE expects all applicants who can be safely vaccinated for COVID-19, to be so.

Further details about this role can be obtained from:

- Infrastructure and Engineering Services position: Jim McFadyen, Team Leader Asset Management Phone 02 65632066 extension 20 Email: iim.mcfadyen@lhib.nsw.gov.au or
- Environment and Community Services position:
   Hank Bower, Manager Environment / World Heritage
   Phone 02 6563 2066 extension 23
   Email hank.bower@lhib.nsw.gov.au.

## LORD HOWE ISLAND BOARD

### **POSITION VACANT**

Role	Field Officer
Agency Name	Department of Planning and Environment
Group/Division	Lord Howe Island Board
Classification Level	Lord Howe Island Officer Grade 2
Location	Lord Howe Island
Employment Status	2 x Ongoing Positions:
	1 x Field Officer, Infrastructure and Engineering Services Unit
	1 x Field Officer, Environment and Community Services Unit
Vacancy Ref	00008SO5
Salary Package	\$71,384 p.a.
Salary Start	\$61,870 p.a.
Salary End	\$65,191 p.a.
Salary Notes	Salary package includes base salary and employer contributions to superannuation. Leave loading is not payable. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.
Role Description	Undertake construction, maintenance and improvements to facilities and ground areas including the aerodrome, buildings, roads, signs, public areas, fences, walking tracks and operate and maintain plant and equipment, to ensure the public have access to high quality and safe facilities.  Undertake pest and weed management activities and revegetation / rehabilitation of degraded areas to ensure the natural and cultural heritage is preserved.
Number of Reports	0
Position Reports to	Field Supervisor
Essential Requirements	Current Australian drivers licence (minimum class C).
	<ol> <li>Ability to obtain CHEMCERT certification.</li> <li>Ability to obtain a First Aid Certificate.</li> <li>Ability to obtain an Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) – applicants for an ASIC undergo a Criminal Check, a Politically Motivated Violence Check and a Citizenship Status Check.</li> </ol>
Targeted Questions	<ol> <li>You will be required to operate specialised equipment or machinery during some of our projects. What experiences or certifications do you have for plant and equipment? Is there any relevant qualifications you hold or have planned to achieve in your future?</li> <li>How would you react to a situation where strong disagreement was apparent within your team whilst working in the field?</li> </ol>
How to Apply	<ul> <li>Applicants must submit a covering letter (which summarises relevant skills, qualifications and experience, addresses essential requirements and includes a short statement in response to the targeted questions) and a current resume/curriculum vitae (CV) on line at <a href="www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au">www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au</a></li> <li>Do not attach proof of identification, qualifications or other documents. These documents will be sighted at interview if you progress to this stage of the process.</li> <li>Candidates must demonstrate Lord Howe Island Residency. Accommodation is extremely difficult to find on Lord Howe Island and no accommodation assistance can be provided to the successful applicant.</li> </ul>
Enquiries Name	Infrastructure and Engineering Services position:
	Jim McFadyen, (02) 6563 2066 extension 20
	Environment and Community Services position:
	Hank Bower, (02) 6563 2066 extension 23
Information Packages	www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date	Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
To apply:	Applications are to be lodged online at <a href="www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au">www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au</a> . If you experience difficulties applying online please contact 02 6563 2066 during business hours for assistance.