



Volunteer at Paul's Place

EXPERIENCED HORSE PERSON / RIDER

to continue work with young horses, ride our riding horses, take other backpackers on rides and teach them about horsecare as our time is so limited with small children. Must have gentle manner with horses. Horses would be sole job for brilliant person. (If ability is limited as we have had with a couple of horse people, there will be other jobs also and horses more an activity for free time). Young Warmblood, Haflingers, QHorses, Standardbreds, for riding and ponies needing breaking for ponyrides and clydesdale filly. Really look forward to hearing from you. Longer term preferred. Please ask any questions if my ramblings make no sense.

ANY BUILDING / TRADE / HANDYPERSON skill super welcome.

MANY OTHER JOBS, SO ANYONE WITH NO SKILLS ALSO WELCOME as you're a happy and enthusiastic person who likes children and animals.

ABOUT PAUL'S PLACE

We have a 1200 acre sheep and cattle farm, self contained Cottages at the beach as well as a wildlife sanctuary with koalas, kangaroos, possums, emus, camel, pythons, alpaca and countless others, open to the public for limited times on the North Coast of Kangaroo Island, 20km from Parndana and 40km from Kingscote, the largest town.

We have two daughters, 9 and 4 years old. Also our house is shared with four dogs, (two rescue dogs as we do puppy rescue on the Island whenever needed), two cats, many baby kangaroos, possums, possibly birds, whatever needs to live indoors at the time. Apart from that we have eight horses and several ponies. It is a bit crazy at times and unorganized as we never know what each day will bring so a good sense of humour is essential.

Paul has hosted backpackers for the past 20 years. Many have stayed for months and we have had the most awesome volunteers and would not be without them. We do expect people to put in a work effort and have tried to put enough information to ensure you can decide if this place is for you. We can sign second visa.

ACCOMMODATION

Volunteers will live in a new Cottage at the beach surrounded by wild kangaroos most times. These are modern, you will usually have own bedroom, all facilities, books, DVDs etc to choose from. We supply all meals, food to cook yourself, (meat, bread, veggies, fruit, jam, milk, pasta, eggs etc) Usually there are at least two or more volunteers and generally a really good batch of people. Or we will eat at the farm together, BBQs, chillis, curries sharing a wine or beer. This depends on what is happening at the time. Chocolate, chips, fizzy drinks, alcohol etc need to be purchased yourself.

No vegetarians, sorry, has created problems amongst volunteers in the past. Smoking fine outside.

We provide all bedding. At the Cottages you have a phone for any incoming phone calls and local calls. There is no mobile reception so to make long distance calls you will need a phonecard. Limited Internet use for checking of emails.

When we are fully booked, you would be living with us in our loft which has pool table, TV, Foosball etc. But we are in the country so it can get dusty and there are spiders as well as the other animals living in the house.

We pick up from Kingscote by prior arrangement.

Prefer longer stays of about a week or two initially. There are sometimes paid work opportunities for long term volunteers who are capable and able to help organize others. Work is very varied. We will teach and find work for any volunteer as long as there is effort and interest.

EXPECTATIONS

- + 4 to 6 hours work per day per person, (depends on what is happening on the day and efficiency, we've had volunteers complete jobs in one hour that have taken others four) This is totally flexible. Some days there is no or very little work, other days there may be a little extra if we are having trouble moving a mob of sheep.
- + We are always building something, animal enclosures, finishing our own home, fences etc, so any skills in that area are very appreciated
- + Help with cleaning the beach Cottages
- + Farm work
- + Vegie garden (this can also involve digging)
- + Playing with children
- + Feeding and Caring for animals, (please don't be disillusioned it has a lot of great moments but includes much shifting of pooh and also the not so popular guinea pigs need daily care)
- + Helping with guided tours around the animal park, talking to tourists, helping with possum/snake holding etc
- + Maintaining grounds, (raking, gardening, painting, planting, sweeping, cleaning stables etc)
- + There is a lot of work for experienced horse people if with our younger horses/ponies
- + Apart from that, ANYTHING which may need doing on the day, (volunteers have dressed as fluffy bears for childrens parties so could be anything)

ACTIVITIES

- + We supply boogie boards and mountain bikes. (Cottages are right at the beach)
- + Beach and Rock fishing is great. (We have had volunteers eat nothing but fish for weeks)
- + Horse riding is available for experienced riders, (we will judge), anytime as leisure activity
- + Boat fishing and Horse riding for the not experienced, diving and having a go on a quad bike will depend on length of stay, weather and what our time allows.
- + We usually go to Kingscote once a week, when we have a responsible volunteer driver, this is often their job
- + With all activities you are expected to care for and clean gear involved out of working hours.

INTERESTED?

When you are interested in volunteering at Pauls Place, mail us at info@paulsplace.com.au with preferred dates, length of proposed stay, skills and a photo.

We are looking forward hearing from you!

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