

Outback Helpers Scheme



*A helping hand
is on the way*



We have many people on stations who are desperately seeking assistance

Outback Helpers - Helpers Checklist

Important information to be obtained and discussed with the 'Host Station/farm' before arranging your visit.

> Will your vehicle make it along the roads?

A road condition report is a must prior to leaving.

> What does the 'host station/farm' expect of you?

Discuss your skills/expectations with them.

The type of work you are prepared to do, number of hours per day you are willing to work.

> Remember this is your holiday, so leave yourself time for recreation, sightseeing, reading a book, whatever. Keep in mind that you are a helper, not an employee, albeit a will helper.

> Remember, also, you are a visitor to their property, and it is important to liaise with your 'hosts' before venturing away from the homestead and civilization – directions, destination, approximate time of return (safety reasons).

> How long do you wish to stay – a week, a month, or to complete a job?

> Determine whether you wish to be paid, or be a volunteer.

If you want to be paid this must be specified very clearly and a **Tax Declaration** Form completed for **Workers Compensation Insurance Cover**. Voluntary workers must organize their own accident insurance. Perhaps **Public Liability Insurance** is in force on the property; check this with the appropriate person. Or do you have your own, which will cover this sort of venture, check with your insurance company.

> Do you require accommodation, food, fuel, or simply power for your caravan/motor home and access to bathroom facilities.

> Power is generally given as standard as a way of saying thank you (even if you are being paid).

> If you are being paid you can ask for food and fuel in lieu, or as part payment.

How are their supplies obtained?

> Ascertain the last place to obtain fuel before heading out, and if fuel is available at the property. Once again, this can be in lieu of payment or as part of it.

- > Complete and accurate directions are essential, both for your sake and theirs. Try to ensure your arrival at the property is in daylight.
- > Take with you any certificates –First Aid, Police Clearance and so on.
- > Clear with the property owners if your pet/s are welcome.
- > Last but not least, remembering that mail/store runs are usually a week or more apart, ask if you can bring anything with you from ‘town’.

You are required to let us know each time you wish to be placed on a station.
If you have any queries please feel free to contact either Jenny or Jean at any time on the numbers listed below. And remember ... above all ... enjoy the experience.

Thank you.
Greg and Jenny -Ted and Jean

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