

# Student Program

*What would you most likely be doing?*

## **Vegetable production & general gardening:**

- » Seed propagation
- » Cutting propagation
- » Ground – seed bed preparation
- » Soil analysis NPK & pH
- » Planting
- » Maintenance
- » Harvest
- » Preserving of harvest

## **Grazing systems**

### **Tree for food, fibre and fodder:**

- » Seed propagation
- » Cutting propagation
- » Ground – seed bed preparation
- » Soil analysis NPK & pH
- » Planting
- » Maintenance
- » Harvest
- » Trimming
- » Pruning
- » Removing

## **Compost production:**

- » Collect materials, (straw, chips, cuttings & droppings)
- » Pruning chipping
- » Build piles for specific organism production
- » Microscopic analysis of Compost biota and assays
- » Temperature monitoring
- » Turning piles
- » Compost extract/ tea brewing
- » Monitor O<sup>2</sup> and biota development in extract/tea
- » Applications of compost product
- » After application and paddock/field monitoring
- » Worm farming



## **Building:**

- » Animal and People shelters
- » Solar food drier
- » Camp sites
- » Propagation house
- » Shade house
- » Wood fired oven/bake house
- » Smoke house
- » Paths of gravel, wood, pavers
- » Library
- » Book storage
- » Office

## **Fencing:**

- » Erecting
- » Removing
- » Maintaining

## **Animal, bird, insect:**

- » Pigs, "Large Black"
- » Horses
- » Geese
- » Ducks
- » Chooks/chickens
- » Bees

## **Drip & sprinkler irrigation:**

- » Installation
- » Maintenance
- » Electronic control
- » Moisture monitoring



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# What you need to know!

Hands-on experience with the experts

## Requirements:

- » PDC certificate
- » Strong constitution
- » Stamina and endurance
- » Robust health
- » Common sense
- » Easy going nature
- » Pay attention to detail
- » Follow instructions & ask questions
- » Self starter
- » Ability to work & live alone
- » Must work to variable schedules
- » Minimum three month stay (Six and nine month stays can be arranged)
- » Agreement to our "ground rules" and "Hold Harmless" documents
- » Medicare card
- » Health Insurance

## Skills or Experience needed:

- » Horticultural or agricultural experience to some degree will be very helpful.

## What we provide:

- » Opportunity to work with Bill and Lisa
- » Opportunity to be involved & learn
- » Caravan accommodation - Without power (2 vans, would suit couples)
- » Bulk food but **NOT ALL** food is provided.
- » Outdoor shower with hot water
- » Outdoor drop toilets
- » Outdoor "Camp" kitchen with roof, power, LPG and fridges
- » Water
- » Tools
- » Cleaning & paper products
- » First aid
- » Separate van with electricity - for paper work
- » Printer and paper for PC
- » Photo copier

## What we don't provide:

- » Vehicle use
- » Office use
- » Office equipment use
- » Telephone use
- » Internet can be arranged for a fee (Must bring your own computer)
- » Use of our books or library

## What you need to bring:

- » Bedding or sleeping bag – can get cold!
- » Towel(s)
- » Good quality gloves x 2 (We recommend cotton with rubber)
- » Gum boots
- » Clothing for cold & hot weather
- » Rugged boots or shoes
- » Sun hat
- » Sunscreen
- » Toiletries

## Winter and Spring Volunteers must also bring:

- » Rugs/Blankets
- » Rugged farm style wet weather trousers (e.g. Farm tech brand)
- » Rugged rain coat
- » Wet weather gear can be purchased in Tasmania



A once in a lifetime opportunity!