**SPRATS 2020-21: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 4 OCTOBER 2021 WITH YOUR NAME IN THE FILE NAME**

**IF YOU ARE COMING FROM OUTSIDE TASMANIA IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET TASMANIAN COVID ENTRY AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING COSTS AND TIME COMMITMENTS**

**Thank you for your interest in getting involved with the Sea Spurge Remote Area Teams.**

* **Please fill out both pages being honest and realistic about your abilities**
* **Please answer all of the questions even if you are a previous SPRAT**
* **Send completed forms by return email to:** [**SPRATS.Tas@gmail.com**](mailto:SPRATS.Tas@gmail.com)**.**
* **Offers to participants will be made mid October 2020 unless delayed by changing Covid regulations**

**1. PERSONAL DETAILS**

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| --- | --- |
| Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Phone number(s) |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Age bracket (<35, 35-55, >55) |  |
| Fitness level (please be honest and realistic) |  |

**2. SECTOR(S) APPLIED FOR**

Please indicate your preference in rank order for the sector(s) you are prepared to take on. If you are not interested in doing a particular sector, please leave blank.

If you nominate as a pair or group, please make sure all of your group’s members have made the same preferences (see section 8 below).

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| Sector | Days | Dates | Difficulty | People | Preference |
| 1. Macquarie Harbour (sea kayak) | ~6 | 3 to 8 Jan 21  (negotiable) | Mod | 4 or 5 |  |
| 2. Sloop Point to Cape Sorell | 12 | 3 to 14 Jan 21 | Mod | 5 |  |
| 3. Birthday Bay to Gorge Beach | 12 | 3 to 14 Jan 21 | Mod | 5 |  |
| 4. Endeavour Beach to Birthday Bay | 12 | 3 to 14 Jan 21 | Hard | 4 or 5 |  |
| 6. Rhueben Creek to Port Davey | 20 | 3 to 22 Jan 21 | Very hard | 4 or 5 |  |
| 7. South West Cape | 8 | 22 to 29 Jan 21 | Hard | 4 |  |

2.1 If you nominated for sector 7, would you also like to walk out to Cockle Creek over approximately an extra 7 days and check some weeding sites along the way? YES OR NO

**3. BUSHWALKING EXPERIENCE**

*3.1 Please give a brief summary of your most significant bushwalking or kayaking experience in the past 3 years. Please include any remote area (including off track) experience.*

*3.2 Do you have your own bushwalking equipment and can you organise your own food? YES OR NO*

*3.3 Are you capable of undertaking an extended 12 day expedition in easy to moderate terrain, carrying up to 7 days food at a time? YES OR NO*

*3.4 Are you capable of undertaking an extended 12 or 20 day off-track expedition in difficult terrain, including swimming rivers with your pack, carrying all equipment and up to 8 days food at a time? YES OR NO*

*3.5 Are you willing to be the group leader? If so, please outline your background. YES OR NO*

*3.6 Are you willing to be the assistant group leader? If so, please outline your background. YES OR NO*

**4. NAVIGATION EXPERIENCE/SAFETY**

*4.1 Are you a confident off-track navigator? YES OR NO*

*4.2 Do you know how to operate a GPS? (GPS units will be supplied by SPRATS) YES OR NO*

*4.3 Do you have a currently-registered PLB that you can bring with you? YES OR NO*

*4.4 Do you have a currently-registered Garmin InReach that you can bring with you? YES OR NO*

*4.5 Do you know how to operate a satellite phone? YES OR NO*

*4.6 Do you have a satellite phone that you could bring if usage costs were refunded? YES OR NO*

*4.7 Do you have current First Aid qualifications and if so what level? YES OR NO*

*4.8 Do you have any medical conditions that SPRATS should be advised of? YES OR NO*

*4.9 Have you any experience in helicopter operations and if so what? YES OR NO*

**5. FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE**

*5.1 Do you have bush-regeneration/weeding experience - please specify?*

*5.2 Do you have any experience weeding sea spurge or marram grass - please specify?*

*5.3 Do you have botanical or bird identification knowledge - please specify?*

*5.4 Do you have current qualifications in herbicide handling (eg Chemcert) - please specify?*

*5.5 Are you willing to perform herbicide spraying using Verdict (haloxyfop-R methyl ester)? YES OR NO*

**6. TRANSPORT**

**SPRATS will not be providing transport to Strahan but where possible will facilitate rides for interstaters and car-pooling for Tasmanians.**

*6.1 Will you require assistance with transport from Hobart or Launceston to Strahan and return? YES OR NO*

*6.2 Tasmanians: do you expect to drive your own vehicle to Strahan, and if so from where?*

*6.3 If yes, how many others SPRATS volunteers might you be able to take in your car with you?*

*6.4 If you might be able to take others in your car, would it be OK if your name and email address was provided to others requiring lifts or interested in car-pooling? YES OR NO*

**7. HOBART ACCOMMODATION**

**While SPRATS cannot be responsible for accommodating interstaters in Hobart or Launceston, some other volunteers may be able to assist.**

*7.1 Will you require overnight accommodation in Hobart or Launceston on Friday 1st January? YES OR NO*

*7.2 If you live near the Hobart or Launceston, would you be prepared to billet any SPRATS before or after your sector, and if so how many? YES OR NO*

*7.3 If you are able to billet anyone, would it be OK if your name and email address was provided to anyone requiring a billet? YES OR NO*

**8. GROUPING WITH PARTNERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Please ensure you have spoken to the nominated party member(s) and they reciprocate this pair/group request on their form.**

*8.1 Are there other people you would like to participate with, and if so, who, and for sector 1, any proposed dates?*