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| **Cluster** | Climate Change, Energy, The Environment and Water |
| **Agency** | Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) |
| **Division/Branch/Unit** | National Parks & Wildlife Service / Park Operations |
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*Ensuring a sustainable NSW through climate change and energy action, water management, environment and heritage conservation and protection.*

**Who we are**

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) works to protect the state’s environment and heritage. It leads the way on climate change, driving the sustainable transition to a net zero economy, powered by affordable, reliable, and clean energy.

NSW DCCEEW conserves and protects the state’s natural environment. It manages the NSW national park estate, including its rich and diverse biodiversity and Aboriginal cultural heritage for future generations. DCCEEW also ensures sustainable management of water resources across the state, to support the environment, communities and industry.

We acknowledge the ongoing custodial responsibilities of the Aboriginal peoples of NSW to care for Country and water and are committed to establishing meaningful partnerships with Aboriginal peoples in the management of the environment.

# National Parks & Wildlife Service overview

National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) is one of the world’s oldest and most respected national parks agencies.  We manage more than 890 national parks and reserves, covering over 7.6 million hectares or 9.5% of the landmass of NSW ranging from rainforests and towering eucalypt forests to rich woodlands, spectacular deserts and precious alpine systems. We deliver effective conservation for our biodiversity and cultural heritage and provide world class visitor experiences for the whole community to enjoy. We carry out fire management, threatened species conservation, land and infrastructure management, sustainable tourism and visitation, and research and education programs. We work together with Aboriginal communities to manage and protect our parks on behalf of the people of NSW.

Primary purpose of the role

The Team Leader Rangers is responsible for managing the day to day operational works within the area to ensure the delivery of quality integrated frontline services through leadership of the team and the fostering a culture of professionalism and high performance. The role facilitates the management of natural, historic and Aboriginal heritage on and off reserve.

# Key accountabilities

* Lead, motivate and develop the team’s professional and technical capabilities and meet agreed performance outcomes as defined in corporate, strategic and business plans. Support development of a positive working culture through providing guidance on priorities and goals and promoting learning and development opportunities, to ensure staff are capable of achieving high levels of service delivery and meet the demands of a dynamic, changing environment.
* Lead the development of Area Operational Plans and implementation of park management programs across pest and weed control, threatened species and environmental restoration, visitor and recreation, interpretation and education and community engagement and joint management. Ensure the application of relevant legislation and environmental standards across all areas of work.
* Lead the strategic management of park assets and delivery of natural, cultural heritage and visitor experience programs in a changing environment including seeking out opportunities to enhance program delivery through community engagement and partnerships.
* Manage and build collaborative relationships with key stakeholders, identify opportunities and partnerships to increase community participation and engagement and to promote the products, services and programs of the Department and partner entities.
* Provide expert advice on the delivery and implementation of park management programs including identifying operational issues, risks and opportunities to inform high level decision making and planning activities within the organisation.
* Contribute and participate in incident planning and control on a needs basis, including fire fighting and other emergency situations.
* Assist in managing emerging contentious issues, incidents and risks including resource coordination, proactive engagement and consultation with key stakeholders, and the provision of timely, accurate advice to senior management on the application of appropriate response and risk mitigation strategies.

Key challenges

* Identifying and pursuing appropriate cultural change support to drive in team performance, service delivery, resource and priority allocation in a complex, geographically and functionally diverse and changing environment.
* Ensuring that service delivery aligns with complex and diverse strategic and business priorities through effective working relationships and engagement with key internal and external stakeholders.
* Producing programs, project plans, presentations and substantial written reports, submissions and recommendations that comply with natural and cultural values and priorities.

Key relationships

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| Who | Why |
| **Internal** |  |
| Area Manager | * Receive broad guidance, provide expert advice, consult and negotiate on key operational priorities and exchange information |
| Staff | * Provide guidance and leadership, exchange information and promote their ongoing professional development |
| Branch/Divisions | * Collaborate and consult on cross branch/divisional programs and projects, exchange information |
| **External** |  |
| Stakeholders/Clients | * Develop and maintain effective relationships and explore collaborative opportunities and other partnerships to increase volunteer and community participation and engagement and promote the products, services and programs of the Department and partner entities |

# Role dimensions

## Decision making

The Team Leader Rangers operates independently on a day to day basis but has an agreed work program using established policies and procedures. The role is required to provide advice to the Area Manager, other section managers and officers within the Branch and senior management on environmental matters, prepare briefing notes and make recommendations. The role makes day to day decisions required to supervise multi-disciplinary staff and is responsible for developing and negotiating performance agreements with the Section’s staff.

## Reporting line

Area Manager

## Direct reports

Up to 8 direct reports

## Budget/Expenditure

Relevant operational project budget

Key knowledge and experience

* Knowledge of and experience in the implementation of current relevant environmental legislation, with demonstrated ability to interpret and apply relevant environmental legislation.
* Demonstrated experience in managing diverse, dispersed and/or multi-disciplinary teams in a changing environment.

Essential requirements

* Current Australian Class C Drivers licence or equivalent

*This is a physically active role suited to candidates of all genders who are fit, enjoy working outdoors as part of a team, and are eager to learn and develop the skills and qualifications needed to contribute toward improving and maintaining some of NSW’s most precious natural places.*

*Applicants must meet the requirements of a firefighting medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake frontline firefighting roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (up to 12 months) and annually thereafter.*

*The role holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking firefighting/incident control duties.*

# Capabilities for the role

The [NSW public sector capability framework](https://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/workforce-management/capability-framework/the-capability-framework) describes the capabilities (knowledge, skills and abilities) needed to perform a role. There are four main groups of capabilities: personal attributes, relationships, results and business enablers, with a fifth people management group of capabilities for roles with managerial responsibilities. These groups, combined with capabilities drawn from occupation-specific capability sets where relevant, work together to provide an understanding of the capabilities needed for the role.

The capabilities are separated into **focus capabilities** and **complementary capabilities**.

# Focus capabilities

*Focus capabilities* are the capabilities considered the most important for effective performance of the role. These capabilities will be assessed at recruitment.

The focus capabilities for this role are shown below with a brief explanation of what each capability covers and the indicators describing the types of behaviours expected at each level.

| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Behavioural indicators** | **Level** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Act with Integrity**  Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | | Represent the organisation in an honest, ethical and professional way and encourage others to do so  Act professionally and support a culture of integrity  Identify and explain ethical issues and set an example for others to follow  Ensure that others are aware of and understand the legislation and policy framework within which they operate  Act to prevent and report misconduct and illegal and inappropriate behaviour | Adept |
|  | **Manage Self**  Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning | | Keep up to date with relevant contemporary knowledge and practices  Look for and take advantage of opportunities to learn new skills and develop strengths  Show commitment to achieving challenging goals  Examine and reflect on own performance  Seek and respond positively to constructive feedback and guidance  Demonstrate and maintain a high level of personal motivation | Adept |
|  | **Communicate Effectively**  Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect | | Present with credibility, engage diverse audiences and test levels of understanding  Translate technical and complex information clearly and concisely for diverse audiences  Create opportunities for others to contribute to discussion and debate  Contribute to and promote information sharing across the organisation  Manage complex communications that involve understanding and responding to multiple and divergent viewpoints  Explore creative ways to engage diverse audiences and communicate information  Adjust style and approach to optimise outcomes  Write fluently and persuasively in plain English and in a range of styles and formats | Advanced |
|  | **Work Collaboratively**  Collaborate with others and value their contribution | | Encourage a culture that recognises the value of collaboration  Build cooperation and overcome barriers to information sharing and communication across teams and units  Share lessons learned across teams and units  Identify opportunities to leverage the strengths of others to solve issues and develop better processes and approaches to work  Actively use collaboration tools, including digital technologies, to engage diverse audiences in solving problems and improving services | Adept |
|  | **Deliver Results**  Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes | | Use own and others’ expertise to achieve outcomes, and take responsibility for delivering intended outcomes  Make sure staff understand expected goals and acknowledge staff success in achieving these  Identify resource needs and ensure goals are achieved within set budgets and deadlines  Use business data to evaluate outcomes and inform continuous improvement  Identify priorities that need to change and ensure the allocation of resources meets new business needs  Ensure that the financial implications of changed priorities are explicit and budgeted for | Adept |
|  | **Think and Solve Problems**  Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions | | Research and apply critical-thinking techniques in analysing information, identify interrelationships and make recommendations based on relevant evidence  Anticipate, identify and address issues and potential problems that may have an impact on organisational objectives and the user experience  Apply creative-thinking techniques to generate new ideas and options to address issues and improve the user experience  Seek contributions and ideas from people with diverse backgrounds and experience  Participate in and contribute to team or unit initiatives to resolve common issues or barriers to effectiveness  Identify and share business process improvements to enhance effectiveness | Adept |
|  | **Project Management**  Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods | | Understand all components of the project management process, including the need to consider change management to realise business benefits  Prepare clear project proposals and accurate estimates of required costs and resources  Establish performance outcomes and measures for key project goals, and define monitoring, reporting and communication requirements  Identify and evaluate risks associated with the project and develop mitigation strategies  Identify and consult stakeholders to inform the project strategy  Communicate the project’s objectives and its expected benefits  Monitor the completion of project milestones against goals and take necessary action  Evaluate progress and identify improvements to inform future projects | Adept |
|  | **Manage and Develop People**  Engage and motivate staff, and develop capability and potential in others | | Define and clearly communicate roles, responsibilities and performance standards to achieve team outcomes  Adjust performance development processes to meet the diverse abilities and needs of individuals and teams  Develop work plans that consider capability, strengths and opportunities for development  Be aware of the influences of bias when managing team members  Seek feedback on own management capabilities and develop strategies to address any gaps  Address and resolve team and individual performance issues, including unsatisfactory performance, in a timely and effective way  Monitor and report on team performance in line with established performance development frameworks | Adept |
|  | **Optimise Business Outcomes**  Manage people and resources effectively to achieve public value | | Initiate and develop longer-term goals and plans to guide the work of the team in line with organisational objectives  Allocate resources to ensure the achievement of business outcomes and contribute to wider workforce planning  When planning resources, implement processes that encourage the attraction and retention of people of diverse cultures, backgrounds and experiences  Ensure that team members base their decisions on a sound understanding of business and risk management principles, applied in a public sector context  Monitor performance against standards and take timely corrective actions  Keep others informed about progress and performance outcomes | Adept |

# Complementary capabilities

*Complementary capabilities* are also identified from the Capability Framework and relevant occupation-specific capability sets. They are important to identifying performance required for the role and development opportunities.

Note: capabilities listed as ‘not essential’ for this role are not relevant for recruitment purposes however may be relevant for future career development.

| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Description** | **Level** |
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|  | Display Resilience and Courage | | Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change | Adept |
|  | Value Diversity and Inclusion | | Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives | Intermediate |
|  | Commit to Customer Service | | Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives | Intermediate |
|  | Influence and Negotiate | | Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts | Intermediate |
|  | Plan and Prioritise | | Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances | Intermediate |
|  | Demonstrate Accountability | | Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines | Adept |
|  | Finance | | Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk | Intermediate |
|  | Technology | | Understand and use available technologies to maximise efficiencies and effectiveness | Intermediate |
|  | Procurement and Contract Management | | Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance | Intermediate |
|  | Inspire Direction and Purpose | | Communicate goals, priorities and vision, and recognise achievements | Intermediate |
|  | Manage Reform and Change | | Support, promote and champion change, and assist others to engage with change | Intermediate |