



AUSWTREX
MAY 2025

Apply now to join the
Women-In-Fire Training Exchange
Far North Queensland, Australia
12 May – 23 May 2025

Are you interested in an exciting opportunity to expand your fire management skills and cultural knowledge in one of the world's most pristine natural environments, and connect with and inspire other trailblazing fire practitioners from across the globe?

Apply for the upcoming Women-In-Fire Training Exchange (AUS WTREX) program today.

AUS WTREX is a 12-day intensive training program providing opportunities to enhance firefighting skills. It has a specific focus on highlighting the role of Indigenous women in fire management. This event is the 13th WTREX in the history of the program, and it is the first-ever WTREX in Australia.

The program blends practical live training across diverse and unique ecosystems with expert-led discussions on topics such as the Incident Command System, traditional fire knowledge and women in leadership.

Participants will gain valuable knowledge and experience, fostering collaboration and the exchange of skills and insights among diverse fire managers and practitioners from Australia and around the world.

Apply now

Applications will close on Saturday 20th February 2025.

To apply, please fill out the following application form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/jxuvRP96E9>





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Location

AUS WTREX participants will get the chance to visit the following locations as part of the program:

- **Undara Volcanic National Park – Traditional homelands of the Ewamian People**
On the western slopes of the McBride Plateau, open woodlands give way to the vast open spaces of the Australian Savanna. Within Undara Volcanic National Park, rich volcanic basalt soils, covered in a sea of seasonal grasses, conceal the Undara lava tubes. This geological tunnel of global significance extends under a ribbon of remnant dry rainforest. This location will give a true Australian Outback experience with the nearest rural town of Mount Surprise located 49km from Undara Volcanic National Park. Due to the remoteness of this place supplies are very limited.
- **Gambir Yidinji on Wandjanburra Country in the Atherton Tablelands**
Nestled just southwest of Cairns and soaring over 700 metres above sea level, the Atherton Tablelands is a lush, fertile paradise. This area boasts a diverse landscape of rainforests, wetlands, crater lakes, enormous figs and transitional forests into savannahs. The area also features rose gum forests along steep spurs into rainforest, acacia forests and striking granite outcrops. Open eucalypt woodlands with clear flowing streams add to the natural beauty of this remarkable region.
- **Cairns (Gimuy Country) and Yarrabah (Gunggandji Mandingalbay Yidinji Country)**
Cairns and Yarrabah are two coastal towns located in Far North Queensland, with both towns literally surrounded by Natural World Heritage sites. To the north, east and south of these towns they are framed by the lush, World Heritage-listed Wet Tropics rainforest, while to the east, they are bordered by the Coral Sea and the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Requirements

- Participants must have at a minimum or equivalent:
 - PUA20719 Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations) or
 - PUATEA001, PUAFIR201, PUAFIR204 (Crew Member Level 1) and qualifications must be current at time of applying.
- All participants must have insurance (e.g. workers' compensation, health or travel insurance) to cover any injury they may sustain during the training exchange.
- Participants should come with all Australian standard personal protective equipment (PPE), including:
 - Fire boots (AS4821) fireline approved steel capped/composite toe boots, medium to high-sided, lace up, leather upper, high nitrile sole resistant to 300c
 - Bushfire/wildland fire fighting helmet AS1801 Type 3
 - Flame resistant clothing, including wildland protective gloves
 - Eye protection (AS1337)
 - Smoke mask (P2)
 - Canteens for drinking water
 - Sunscreen.





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If you do not have proper PPE, we can arrange for you to borrow some. Please indicate your need on the application form.

Target group

Prescribed fire, bushfire mitigation, bushfire/wildfire firefighters/personnel and other natural resource managers involved in fire and ecosystem management are invited to apply. This includes First Nations organisations, government organisations, non-government organisations and private practitioners.

Participants of all genders and backgrounds are invited to apply for this event; however, Indigenous women will be prioritised during the selection process.

Cost

- All participants are responsible for their own travel to and from the AUS WTREX event and their salary while they are there. International participants must obtain the necessary authorisation and other international travel documents (such as passports and visas) at their own expense.
- Some scholarships are available through the WTREX Program. Please indicate potential need on the application form.
- Participants should arrive at the training site on Monday 12 May 2025. Specific location and schedule will be announced after participants have been selected.
- Meals, transport and accommodation will be provided during the training.



JEDESS HUDSON

Jedess Hudson is a descendant of the Ewamian and Western Yalanji people of North Queensland. An established creative, she has made significant contributions to the art and community sector for many years.

Throughout her creative journey, Jedess has drawn deeply from her traditional homelands. Elements of the land, seasons, bush tucker, flora, and fauna are integral to her art practice, reflecting her strong connection to her heritage.

Growing up, Jedess was taught to be keenly aware of her surroundings, especially in nature, and to analyse the diverse landscape that shapes her work. This awareness continues to inspire and inform her artistic expression.



Artist Jedess Hudson

