

Dear Evergreen Graduate Admissions,

It is a pleasure to advocate for Lin Stern as she moves on to the next stage of her career. In working with her, I have no reservations that she is qualified and will make a valuable contribution to your Environmental Studies programme.

My name is Dr Kristian Bell, a Research Fellow with Deakin University, Melbourne Australia. Lin assisted me with Western Quoll (Idnya) radio-tracking late last year in the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park during downtime from another position studying Zebra Finches. In my career, I have been responsible for a large number of volunteers, and Lin stood out as one of the most hard-working, enthusiastic, and willing people I've ever worked with.

It is a great relief to immediately feel confidence and trust in those around me, such as was the case with Lin. She proved to be very capable in the field, and maintained a positive attitude while hiking over steep terrain in inhospitable weather. I had no hesitation in trusting Lin with delicate, expensive equipment and on numerous occasions we would track independently with limited means of communication. Very few of my volunteers have earned this level of trust from me.

Part of our work with the quolls included a major translocation which at times involved a large number of senior government officials, volunteer friends groups, parks staff/rangers, visiting academics and people from the local Adnyamathanha tribe. Lin participated wholeheartedly in the event, engaging and talking with everyone present about our reintroduction programme and conservation efforts. She was pleasant, fun and good company and impressed everyone with her ability to communicate complex topics in a way that everyone could understand.

I believe that Lin will be an excellent fit for Evergreen's Master of Environmental Studies programme. As a great communicator and intelligent young person, I can see her excelling in the atmosphere that Evergreen seems to provide, and I wish her well in all her future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Kristian Bell  
Deakin University Research Fellow