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RANGERS: HOLDING THE THIN GREEN LINE. SERIES TWO

*"Keep up the good work-
you are not alone!"*

I am the Wildlife Management Officer, Department of Environment & Natural Resources Kangaroo Island, South Australia. My day to day role is mostly staff & program management.

I have been with National Parks & Wildlife Service (or related) for 14 years including NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service. I have been in my current role for five years.

There are numerous special values where I work. It's a beautiful island with remote & wild places. Kangaroo Island is internationally renowned for its spectacular landscapes & amazing diversity of wildlife. In 2009, the island received one of Australia's top tourism accolades when it was declared part of Tourism Australia's National Landscapes program.

I was attracted to the job because of the location & abundant wildlife & relative lack of clearing on the island.

My most enjoyable days are when I get out in the field on Kangaroo Island in beautiful places.

Most challenging part of my job is the heavy workloads & the uncertainty & short term nature of funding for programs. But this is far outweighed by my greatest achievement of establishing & coordinating the NSW Ramsar Managers Network & facilitating a study on the cultural values of wetlands.

I aspire to a colleague; Bill Johnson, & the way he deals with conflict head on.

In five years time I hope to be working part time with an improved work life balance. In 20 years time I would really like to see protected areas valued more with increased public support for the value of protected areas. However in 20 years time I think the Thin Green Line will have less wilderness areas that prevent public access and tourism encouraged in parks.



*"World Ranger Day to me is a day to acknowledge
the work of Rangers."*



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