# Transcript

[Introduction music]

[Centre Screen: Pan shot of Cobourg Peninsula coastal shore]

On Screen text: A day in the life of a Park Ranger

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** During the 1st of May to the end of October is our visitor season.

[Centre Screen: Ranger Robbie on screen and cleaning park]

**Ranger Robbie Risk**: So as a park ranger the things that we do are basically we

do a lot of visitor management.

[Centre Screen: Garig on screen]

**Ranger Garig Gunak Barlu:** Check the campgrounds see what everyone's up to,

clean, take their rubbish, clean the toilets. But you know if anything's unpredictable, sometimes you know something can arise at any time.

[Pan shot of Cobourg Peninsula coastal shore]

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** Cobourg National Park is a marine park as well, so we work on land and off land like basically do a lot of vessel work.

[Ranger Robbie and Garig driving boat]

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** We sometimes get reports of ghost nets and floating other big marine debris, this morning we had a report of a large ghost net but it was attached to a fairly big foam boy.

[Ranger Robbie and Garig cleaning beach marine debris]

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** It feels really good when we uh you know head out in the boat and cleaning up marine debris, you know especially um on the beaches itself, when we clean up we usually count how many bags we pick up,

[Scenic shot of beach]

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** we sort of bet on it you know we picked you know I'll pick 10 up.

How many you pick up there, 14. I think Dylan’s got the most.

[Rangers talking with campers]

**Ranger Garig Gunak Barlu:** So we're back here at Black Point.

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** So you've got to be quite careful when you are walking around the fork shore, around those rocky areas. You do a lot of new arrival check-ins,

[Ranger Garig communicating with camper and pointing at map]

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** a bit of a briefing on what you can and cannot do here.

[Centre screen: Ranger Robbie]

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** The dangers that lurk in the waters and on the land as well such as crocodiles um and snakes.

[Scenic shots of coast and warning signs]

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** Want to go for a swim yeah sure yeah you can't go swimming here at all because of the crocodiles and you can see some crocs here.

[Rangers Robbie and Garig travelling in work vehicle]

**Ranger Garig Gunak Barlu:** The burning that's the main one you know, rejuvenate all the new shoots and all the trees and bring back all the native animals the wallabies you know give them new food.

[Rangers Robbie and Garig patrolling bush land, monitoring trap]

**Ranger Garig Gunak Barlu**: You know you know we learn off each other just day-to-day tasks activities, hunting techniques with the ferals, you know survey monitoring the uh the swamps.

[Scenic shots of Cobourg Peninsula]

**Ranger Garig Gunak Barlu**: Looking after the country like what our ancestors did long time ago.

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** We have the park six months of the year in the wet season to ourselves, so we do a lot of beach patrols and you know looking at turtle surveys.

[Centre screen: Ranger Garig]

**Ranger Garig Gunak Barlu**: I don't think there's really any bad thing about being a ranger you know, you know we looked at a job description and I know what you're in for really. You know signed up for it so.

[Rangers Robbie and Garig looking out with binoculars]

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** I reckon probably the best thing about working here is it's such a diverse role so I can do a lot of things you sort of you learn from other rangers, you know basically on how to you know fix a lot of things, especially when you're in remote location you have to be quite savvy on that.

**Ranger Garig Gunak Barlu:** Also just yeah the forward planning is really the hard one because we're in a really isolated area during the wet season, you know because we have to do our bulk order for our fuel.

[Scenic shots of Cobourg Peninsula]

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** and you know we get our food by the mail plane every Friday. And you know it's a bit like Christmas too when it does come.

[Rangers Robbie and Garig walking in bush land]

**Ranger Garig Gunak Barlu:** No I was living out here back on country, you know one of the best places in the world I reckon.

**Ranger Robbie Risk:** My advice is to be well prepared, this is a long journey to come up here and get in seeking local knowledge.

[Outro music]

[Text on-screen, bottom middle: Rangering in the Territory. It’s not just a job, it’s a lifestyle]

[Middle right: Northern Territory Government logo]

[Middle left: Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Commission logo]