

Keeper

Full Time Position

Shoalhaven Zoo is looking for an experienced keeper on a full time basis to join our team at Shoalhaven Zoo, reporting to the Head Keeper and General Manager.

Shoalhaven Zoo is a family owned business operating on the South Coast of NSW displaying a mix of exotic and native animals.

We are currently in an exciting phase of expansion which has given the opportunity for a new Keeper to join our team. This person will work across all sections of the zoo with general keeping duties and maintenance of exhibits. We are a small hard working team whose day to day roles often involve tasks that are outside of the general keeper job. In addition to regular keeping duties this role may be required to help with meat preparation including full carcass preparation in the onsite knackery. This is a physically demanding role; therefore a high level of energy and physical fitness is required to perform manual handling tasks and other physical duties.

We are looking for someone who wants to make a long term commitment to a career based position to help grow and have input into the new developments that will be occurring within the zoo.

Role and Responsibility:

- Learn all the sections within the park
- Under the direction of a supervising keeper, carrying out the general keeping duties for that section.
- As part of a team, constructing new exhibits and facilities
- Landscaping duties such as lawn mowing and garden maintenance
- Butchering work in the knackery onsite
- Maintain a high performance level of general keeper duties including excellent animal care including maintaining health and welfare as well as visitor interactions including scheduled on-ground talks to our guests.
- Maintain the highest level of safety in the work area through implementation of safety protocols and procedures.
- Actively support and implement area policies, procedures and protocols to ensure the highest standards of care for the collection and the safety of staff and visitors
- Actively foster constructive attitudes and a team orientation among staff.
- Support the mission, vision and values of Shoalhaven Zoo and its departments.
- Oversee activities of volunteers
- Communicate effectively with supervisory staff and co-workers
- Ensure general tidiness and cleanliness of the work area

Essential Skills and Qualifications

- Exceptional attention to details and a can-do attitude

- Minimum 1-2yrs animal husbandry experience
- Certificate III in Captive Animals or equivalent experience
- You are well organized with a strong understanding of time management
- Must have a current NSW manual Driver License
- An ability to quickly adapt to a fast paced environment, with a focus on maintaining high safety standards for all animals and public
- A basic knowledge and ability to use basic hand tools
- Flexibility with working hours across a 7day roster is essential as weekend, public holiday, school holiday work will be involved.
- A current working with Children's check or ability to obtain one
- A current A/B Firearms license or ability to obtain one
- A current Q fever vaccination or ability to get one

Any other skills such as bobcat experience, welding or landscaping or any other skills which you think would be beneficial please include them in your application.

Please include CV and cover letter outlining your suitability for the role and email your application to:

Nicholas Schilko

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Applications close end of business 12th May 2017

Applicants that are contacted for interviews must be available to interview onsite.