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Lead Aquarist

Are you passionate about conservation and creating incredible guest experiences? Do you want to work in one of the world's greatest visitor attractions? We have an amazing opportunity for you to join our Team here at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium as Lead Aquarist.

About the Role

The Lead Aquarist is responsible for assisting the curatorial team in the effective management of the aquatic collection and ensuring best practise animal husbandry for the animals under the teams care. This includes the acquisition, quarantine and daily care and monitoring activities.

Together with your fellow colleagues, the Lead Aquarist must be able to undertake the duties of the Exhibit Manager in their absence and assist in the effective management of the Curatorial team, including the rostering and cross skilling of staff, scheduling and implementation of husbandry activities, product quality control, cost control, as well as administration and reporting for the team.

About You

You will have a minimum 5 years' experience in a Curatorial role in the aquarium industry and the ability to lead and advise the Curatorial team. You will also have:

- Degree in a Science or equivalent experience in the industry.
- Ability to maintain daily contact with living collection of plants and animals in a varied building climate.
- A good understanding of water quality, which will allow the identification and resolution of problems with the environment for the animals.
- A practical ability to create 'wow' displays with a working knowledge of the correct use of, Theming, Lighting, and Water Movement to deliver, while keeping within budgetary constraints.
- Demonstrated experience of animal husbandry, animal behaviour and acquisition of animals ensuring each display houses amazing creatures.
- A thorough understanding of specialist aquarium diving activities that relate to all aspects of maintenance and care of aquariums and the animals within these environments. Preferably General Diver qualifications to carry out diving activities.
- Demonstrated ability to manage projects whilst supervising routine daily husbandry routines.

- Demonstrated ability to manage and motivate a dynamic team and display good problem solving skills.
- This position requires you to be on a rotational roster and on call duties apply at least one week a month.

About Us

We are MERLIN ENTERTAINMENTS, Europe's Number 1 and the world's second-largest visitor attraction operator. Merlin operates 106 attractions, eight hotels and three holiday villages in 23 countries and across four continents. We aim to deliver memorable and rewarding experiences to our 54 million visitors worldwide, through our iconic global and local brands, and the commitment and passion of our managers and more than 26,000 employees. Why do we do it? For the love of FUN!!!!!!

Join our award-winning world under the sea in the heart of Melbourne!

Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium is an awe-inspiring experience with interactive exhibits that transport visitors from the underwater seahorse kingdom of our local Port Phillip Bay to the icy plateaus of Antarctica.

Could you make a coffee smiling at a crocodile? Every day our passionate and caring staff share their workplace with amazing marine animals, reptiles and birds – imagine a job where you can dive with Mermaids or watch King penguin chicks hatching?

And we're also night owls - in the evening our five star food and beverage team transform the Aquarium into a world of fine dining and special events.

So if you are a team player who is vibrant and passionate about educating guests and creating memorable experiences in a great company and team who Love What We Do, we want to hear from you!

