



Vacancy Advert

Natives Keeper - Monarto

Employment Status – Full Time Fixed Term Position

At Adelaide and Monarto Safari Park, we're proud to welcome more than half a million people through our gates each year and we're not slowing down. With the roll out of our 20-Year Master Plan and a number of exciting projects on the horizon, we're thrilled to be expanding and evolving our workforce to position us for continued growth into the future.

ABOUT THE ROLE...

Monarto Safari Park is looking for an experienced, motivated and enthusiastic keeper to work within the native section in a full time capacity over a 7 day roster. This will be a 12 month fixed term contract. The native team is involved with a number of conservation projects and contribute to breeding and release programs with species such as Tasmanian Devils and the Greater Bilby. The team also looks after endangered birds and reptiles like the Pygmy Blue Tongue Skink.

The successful candidate will be guided by Zoos SA's values and work with the keeping teams to achieve the goals set out in the Strategic and Business Plans. In addition, they will, under general supervision and within specified guidelines, perform all keeping duties in a safe, efficient and effective manner. Experience working with native animals is required.

Excellent communication skills as well as the ability to work well within a team and independently are essential. Keeper presentations and guest interactions on encounters and behind-the-scenes tours require the ability to provide engaging and professional connections with our visitors. Training and conditioning skills and basic maintenance skills are highly desirable.

The successful applicant must have a strong conservation ethic and will require involvement in and monitoring of existing projects both in situ and ex situ with Native Fauna.

As part of our Life Sciences team, day to day tasks may include:

- Undertaking daily operations and husbandry aspects of the native fauna collection
- Providing input into exhibit and enclosure planning, development, design and maintenance, ensuring animal husbandry and welfare standards are met and relevant protocols followed.
- Liaising closely with the Assistant Curator, Curator, Conservation Manager and external partners with regards to conservation initiatives and in particular breed and release programs.
- Participating in the implementation and monitoring of behavioural enrichment and training and conditioning programs to affect animal behaviour and allow routine examinations and procedures without distress
- Undertaking informal presentations and 'Keeper Talks', which may involve animal handling, presenting to public groups and responding to questions.
- Working consistently in accordance with established safety procedures to ensure animal security, personal safety, protection of coworkers and the public.
- Working in line with relevant Policy and Procedures/Standard Operating Procedures

ABOUT YOU...

To be considered for this position you will need to meet the following selection criteria:

- Have obtained or working towards the Certificate III in Captive Animals or other relevant and acceptable Zoo Keeping qualification.
- Ability to arrange personal work routines and practices to make optimum use of time
- Knowledge and experience in the captive management of a range of native species management systems and conservation programs.
- High level of communication and interpersonal skills with external stakeholders, peers, staff, volunteers and public with the ability to deliver public presentations and review visitor experiences
- Knowledge and understanding of Workplace Health & Safety principles and process.

HOW TO APPLY...

Please complete the requested work history & education information on the application page, attach your resume and any certificates in the education section. This will assist us in assessing your suitability for this role.

If you have a strong passion in animal welfare, species conservation, and an eagerness to support the operation of a major zoo's native's team, we would love to hear from you!

Please visit the [Careers](#) section of the Zoos SA website to apply.