



Vacancy Advert

Natives Keeper Vacancy - Monarto

Full Time – 9 Month Fixed Term Contract Available

As one of the largest open range zoos in the world, spanning more than 1,500 hectares of fauna and flora, we're excited to be transforming from Monarto Zoo into Monarto Safari Park, the largest safari park that will exist outside of Africa.

Complete with a first-of-its-kind luxury resort and glamping facilities, by 2022 Monarto Safari Park will offer longer visits and a range of new and wild safari experiences in an area known as Wild Africa including open-sided vehicle tours through herds of roaming animals and a huge walk-through lemur habitat. Not to mention, we're building a brand-new \$16.8 million Visitor Centre, funded by the Federal and State Governments, which will provide a world class entry to the park.

ABOUT THE ROLE...

The Native's team is currently looking for an experienced, motivated and enthusiastic keeper to join our team in a full time 9 month fixed term capacity to cover a period of maternity leave. The "Visitor Centre" Round is part of our Natives section and contains an eclectic mix of species that include Yellow footed rock wallabies, Porcupines, Meerkats, numerous species of invertebrates and also houses our Plains Wanderer conservation program.

The Native section as a whole are 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.

Whilst the role is currently required to work across the Natives and Primate sections, the successful candidate may be required to work in other sections of the Life Sciences department, should operational needs require it. The successful applicant may also have the opportunity to get involved with field work and will be working over a 7 day roster.

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

Our ideal candidate must be motivated, organised, have great time management and show a desire to encourage this section to strive for corporate goals and objectives.

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

- Obtain, prepare and provide food to animals in accordance with established diets, feeding schedules and procedures.
- Clean food and water vessels, holding areas, exhibits and food preparation and storage areas to required standards, ensure animal areas are maintained free of debris and hazardous materials.
- Provide animals with nesting and bedding materials and other items required to meet their behavioural requirements
- Observe and report on animal behaviour and changes to the condition of animals.
- Maintain diaries and animal records and report matters of interest to the Senior Keeper.
- 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
- Undertake daily presentations and 'Keeper Talks', 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 and providing feedback and proactive suggestions for change as required.

ABOUT YOU...

- To be considered for these positions you will need to meet the following selection criteria:
- Have or be working towards Certificate III in Captive Animals or other relevant and acceptable Zoo Keeping

experience.

- Proven experience in a practical captive animal related role, specifically with native fauna and/or birds.
- Knowledge and understanding of Workplace Health & Safety principles and process.
- Ability to deliver informative and engaging presentations that relay our conservation messaging.
- High level of communication and interpersonal skills with peers, staff, volunteers and public.

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.

Zoos SA is passionately committed to equal employment opportunity. We believe diversity, inclusion and reconciliation are fundamental to our rich organisational culture and values, and we demonstrate this commitment through all our employment practices so that our people continue to reflect the local communities in which we work.

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

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