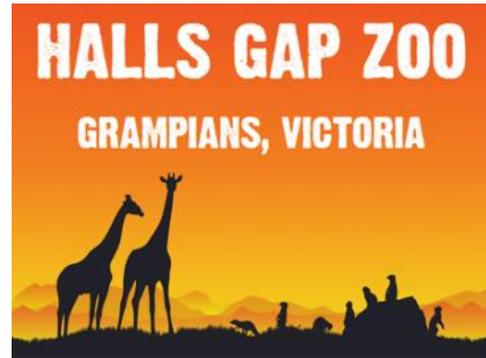


–Position Vacant–

Reptile Keeper

Halls Gap Zoo

4061 Ararat-Halls Gap Road, Halls Gap 3381, Victoria



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Halls Gap Zoo is situated in the foothills of the Grampians Mountain ranges, this picturesque place is the largest Zoo in Regional Victoria. Surrounded by the beautiful peaks of heritage listed Grampians (Gariwerd) National park, our collection comprises of over 160 species of native and exotic mammals, reptiles and birds.

The team at our zoo is small and community orientated, we are seeking a person whose passion for welfare and conservation shines through their work and inspires those around them.

Position:

The position available is Permanent Part-time, with a minimum of 56 hours a fortnight as part of a 4-week rolling roster including weekends and public holidays. Hours usually rotating between 7.30am to 4pm and 9am to 5.30pm.

About the role:

This position is best suited to a competent reptile keeper, wanting to broaden their animal experience. Providing technical advice and support to a newly formed reptile team on husbandry, animal observation and management of animals held within the section on an ongoing basis.

Daily duties include providing exceptional standards for an extensive range of native and exotic reptiles. This includes large pythons, estuarine crocodile, American alligators, large varanids, gila monster, native skinks and agamids, iguanas turtles and tortoises. The position requires extensive knowledge to be acquired about these species for the purpose of education and husbandry.

The position also requires the Keeper be trained in food prep and on at least one other department; Primates, Australian Mammals, Native/Exotic Birds or Ungulates.

We are looking for someone who puts safety at the forefront of all their decisions and shows professionalism and competence whilst working with and restraining potentially harmful reptiles.

An ideal candidate will show familiarity with modern aspects of the industry, and the understanding of the value of an animal's choice and control. This position will provide the opportunity to develop new and sustainable ways to deliver training, enrichment, habitat design and husbandry outcomes.

Essential criteria:

- Minimum 2 years working with reptiles, preferably including venomous species, varanids over 1m in size, pythons over 2m in size, crocodilians over 3m in size.
- Certificate III in Captive Animal Management.
- Proven experience designing and delivering conservation based educational talks to public audiences.

Desirable experience:

- Tertiary education in a related field such as Zoology or Wildlife Conservation.
- First aid training and current certificate.
- Practiced skills involving construction and maintenance of enclosures. Including landscaping and the fabrication of naturalistic exhibits.
- Experience designing and implementing SOP's, evidence-based review of diets, creating training plans and enrichment schedules.
- Experience providing technical expertise, coaching, training and ongoing feedback to motivate and ensure professional development of team members.
- Experience working with native mammals and birds, primates, megafauna such as Giraffe and Rhino, small exotic carnivores or farm animals.
- Experience preparing the diets for animals in a zoo setting.

How to apply:

If you have a strong passion in animal welfare, public education, species conservation, and an eagerness to support the growing operation of a small zoo, we would love to hear from you!

Please send through a resume highlighting relevant experience and a cover letter detailing how you meet the essential and desirable criteria to Mark at mark@hallsgapzoo.com.au

We apologize that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Applications will close 15th of October 2021

Further enquiries can be made by phoning the zoo on (03) 5356 4668.

For more information about our zoo and the incredible region please check out the websites below:

<https://hallsgapzoo.com.au/>

<https://www.zooaquarium.org.au/>

<https://www.visitgrampians.com.au/>

