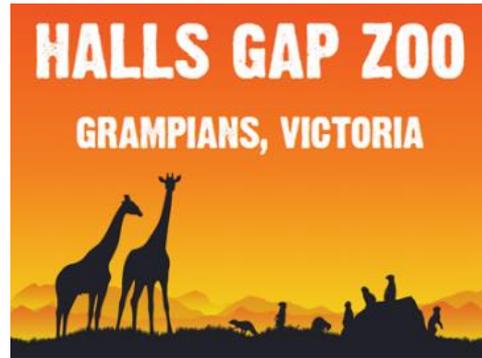


–Position Vacant–

Bird 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. Hours usually rotating between 7.30am to 4pm and 9am to 5.30pm.

About the role:

This position is best suited to a competent bird keeper, wanting to broaden their animal experience. Daily duties include providing exceptional care for an extensive range of native and exotic birds (psittacines, birds of prey, waterfowl, cassowary, cranes and more), as well as caring for and facilitating engaging encounters for our two meerkat groups. You will be working within a team to deliver a high standard of husbandry but also, continuously improve exhibits and routines.

The position also requires the keeper be trained in food preparation and on at least one other department; Primates, Australian Mammals, Native/Exotic reptiles, 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 birds.

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 birds
- 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.

- Knowledge of browse species
- 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 working as part of a team, with a positive attitude and excellent communication skills
- Experience working with native mammals and reptiles, 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

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.visitgrampians.com.au/>

*Unfortunately, due to the high number of applicants, only short-listed candidates will be contacted.