



## **Position Description: General Keeper**

Halls Gap Zoo is situated in the foothills of the Grampians Mountain ranges, Victoria, Australia. Our collection comprises 150 species of native and exotic mammals, reptiles and birds.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for a new team member, experience with a range of species is highly advantageous, as this role will provide the opportunity to work with an extensive collection and may require flexibility. Immediate start desirable.

### **Duties of the position will include:**

- Daily food preparation, presentation, and husbandry for a variety of species.
- Animal observation and record keeping.
- Involvement in breeding, behavioural enrichment, and conditioning programs.
- Assistance in animal capture and veterinary procedures.
- Public animal encounters.

### **Desirable skills and attributes:**

- Zoo-keeping experience or Certificate III in Zoo Keeping, Animal Management (Captive Wild Animals) or equivalent would be advantageous as role flexibility is valued.
- Willing to be flexible on the rostered rounds and through the day to assist the team as required.
- Proactive in identifying husbandry and enclosure related issues.
- Experience in training and conditioning.
- Knowledge of behavioural and environmental enrichment techniques.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to interact with guests to provide an educational experience.
- Mature team player with proof of a positive attitude with visitors and driven to connect our visitors with our wildlife.
- Current unencumbered Full drivers licence.
- High level of physical fitness for a physically demanding job. We are a small team with a challenging workload, we are looking for an individual who is not afraid of hard work.

Hours of work: Part of a rolling 4-week roster, 8 hour shifts (7.30 am to 4pm or 9am to 5.30pm)

**Must be able to work weekends and public holidays.**

To apply, please forward a cover letter introducing yourself and a current resume with professional references to: [mark@hallsgapzoo.com.au](mailto:mark@hallsgapzoo.com.au)

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.