

Walkabout Wildlife Sanctuary – Calga NSW Central Coast



Position:

1. Maintenance Officer

OR

2. Ranger (Keeper) & Maintenance Officer – combined role

The animals: We look after 200+ animals across 25+ families/60+ species. Most are Australian native mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians; as well as small farm animals including goats and alpacas; and meerkats, with another exotic species about to arrive. Most of our animals are in regionally managed breed-for-wild-release programs or are un-releasable rescues (from the wild or from untenable private situations).

The workplace: A privately-owned visitor-funded working wildlife sanctuary on 80 acres of fox-/cat-/dog-proof native bush with free-ranging introduced kangaroos, emus and wallabies; naturally occurring wild wildlife; and animals in around 25 enclosures and camps; all on Heritage Listed Country with ancient Aboriginal sites.

Our team: 8 Rangers (Animal Care) reporting to the Head of Operations. 1 Maintenance Officer reporting to the Director. Volunteers including TAFE students, local community, university interns and residential international guest-volunteers.

Position responsibilities (Maintenance): Primary focus is on maintaining high standards of presentation and repair, with some new construction, of bush tracks; fox-proof perimeter fence; paths and garden beds; picnic areas; exhibits and enclosures structures and furnishing; signage; water tanks, pumps and watering systems; “behind the scenes” staff facilities; and visitor center, cabins, campsite and guest amenities. Tasks include (but are not limited to) woodworking, plumbing, welding, concreting, cleaning, painting, mowing, weeding, offsite koala leaf collection, onsite planting, pruning, trimming, mulching, pest control, recycling and waste management.

Position responsibilities (Ranger): *If applying for the combined role* you would also have Ranger responsibilities, commensurate with your experience, for looking after the animals.

About you: You have experience working in an animal-care facility. You have a current manual driver's license and own reliable transport and a working with children check. You have strong observation, communication and customer service skills. You enjoy working on your own and working with a team. You're efficient, punctual and reliable, with a safe work ethic. You're happy to work outdoors in extreme weather.

Employment terms: Individual employment terms are negotiable. Most of our team are on permanent staff and work 6 to 10 shifts per fortnight from 8am to 5pm, working changeable days including weekends and public holidays.

The culture: We are ZAA accredited and maintain an exceptional positive animal welfare score. Our animals' and our team's welfare are our highest priority. We respect each-others' differences. We strive to be a workplace where everyone feels welcome and valued. We recognise this is an ideal that takes effort, so we're proud to be a team where everyone feels safe and included.

Where we are: We're in Calga, an hour north of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and 15 minutes south-west of Gosford. We're easy to get just off the M1 motorway. There is no public transport so a reliable car is essential.

How to apply: Email your resume and cover letter before 3rd April 2023 to the Director at director@walkaboutpark.com.au.