

Reptile Keeper

- Australia's newest Aquarium
- Unique opportunity in Cairns CBD attraction
- Fulltime position

Jobs in Australian aquariums are almost as rare as some of the species we showcase in the Cairns Aquarium – the first aquarium to be built in Australia in over 20 years, and we don't just have fish! Cairns Aquarium also houses reptiles and amphibians native to Tropical North Queensland. These are definitely the most sought-after positions in Cairns so if you have been waiting for your opportunity to apply, here it is!

About You

You are energetic, positive, focused and have a genuine love and knowledge of terrestrial and aquatic environments. Whilst your focus will be on our reptile and amphibian friends, you will have a keen desire to adapt into marine and freshwater animal care. You will also have:

- Tertiary qualification relating to Bachelor's degree in zoology, biology or related discipline; or extensive industry experience with solid proven track record
- Experience in a similar reptile keeper role
- Senior First Aid and CPR an advantage
- Dive qualifications (Divemaster and above) an advantage

About the role

As a Reptile Keeper you will care for and maintain our biggest asset, our terrestrial animals and their exhibits. You will be surrounded by animal's day in, day out. You will work in public education and all elements of animal husbandry.

This role requires physical fitness and the ability to work in small confined spaces, lift heavy objects, walk and stand for long periods of time. Repetitive movements also include climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, and reaching.

Skills & experience

- Extensive knowledge of the husbandry of reptiles (including venomous species), insects and amphibians
- Experience at establishing and maintaining exhibits and environments for our animals.
- Knowledge of the husbandry and care of aquatic vertebrates and invertebrates an advantage
- Knowledge of life support equipment, application, and operation
- Display a positive, proactive attitude and willingly invest extra effort when required
- Proven ability to work as an individual and as part of a team and contribute to the exchange of ideas and information on a regular basis
- Professional appearance and excellent personal hygiene
- Positive, fun, and optimistic personality
- Must be comfortable working in a high-energy environment with heavy public contact.
- Ability to maintain courteous manner, be flexible and solve problems under a variety of circumstances
- Must be punctual and reliable
- Must be committed to providing enthusiastic customer service
- Must have open availability seven days a week, including holidays.
- Ability to absorb information and deliver presentations to a consistent standard
- Excellent communication skills, written and verbal
- Excellent time management skills
- Ability to work under pressure in emergency situations

Applications close 31/03/2023. Reptile roles are one of the most contested roles within the Aquarium, opportunities like this do not come along very often!

Please send cover letter and resume to Aaron Hopper - ahopper@ Cairnsaquarium.com.au