

## POSITION DESCRIPTION: PERMANENT FULL-TIME MAMMAL CURATOR

Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park located in Doonside is seeking to appoint an experienced Mammal Curator to join our Animal Care department.

Reporting to the Managing Director, the successful candidate will have experience in native mammal husbandry across an array of taxa. Featherdale has gained institutional recognition for one of the largest collections of native animals, with a focus on breeding, display and exhibitory. The successful candidate will maintain this collection, adhering to high levels of husbandry focusing on the specialised species in their care.

Position Type: Full time 38 hours

Key essential criteria:

Attained Certificate III in Captive Animals or equivalent

Minimum 5 years' experience in a zoological institution

Minimum 3 years' experience with managing a team

Experience of Australian natives and captive management

Experience with collection planning using CPOS

Involvement in native mammal breeding programs

Must be willing to work weekends, weekdays and public holidays

Flexibility required to work outside normal hours when required

Must be able to stand / walk for long periods, able to lift up to 15kg and carry out duties in adverse weather conditions

Desirable criteria:

Experience with Australian native breeding and/or

Recognition or active contribution in relevant areas of interest, writing, society/group member,

Experience in the field,

Experience in record keeping,

Current Drivers Licence,

First Aid certificate; and

Positive, flexible attitude for day-to-day duties

Job Description:

- Follow directions from the Managing Director
- Maintain open communication with all animal care staff about relevant issues
- Manage the Lead Keeper of Mammals and ensure that they maintain effective operation of their respective departments and implement industry best practice in all areas of animal husbandry.
- Ensure that Lead Keepers under your management generate and complete daily and weekly planned works
- Update and implement the FWP mammal collection plan using CPOS and in accordance with ASMPs.

- Manage exhibited stock levels to reflect the CPOS collection plan
- Ensure daily animal records are completed for Mammal Department
- Keep Featherdale's collection updated on ZIMS including relevant records
- Ensure all exhibits within the Mammal Department are safe and aesthetically pleasing for guests and staff
- Train staff in capture, restraint and handling techniques of various mammal species
- Provide supervision and training to Lead Keeper, zookeepers and volunteers in areas under direct supervision
- Maintain skillset as Animal Warden to conduct emergency drills and procedures
- Communicate ordering requests to the Manager of Life Sciences for supplies related to division
- Report maintenance, repairs or renovation requirements for park and exhibitory needs to the Manager of Life Sciences
- Assist veterinarians with consultations as required
- Assist with medication administration of mammals at the request of the Managing Director and veterinarian and ensure vet treatment plans are completed daily
- Promote work in a constructive team environment, but also work independently within all sections
- Be self-motivated and possess strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Conducting and overseeing conditioning of animals and animal training plans
- Update facility SOPs that are relevant to the division
- Hand rearing native mammals and the training of keepers to participate in hand rearing

Featherdale is an equal opportunity employer and consideration will be given to all applicants however due to a high number of submittals, only those progressing to an interview stage will be contacted.

For more information about Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park visit [www.featherdale.com.au](http://www.featherdale.com.au)

If your skills and experience meet the essential and desirable criteria, we encourage you to apply by sending your resume and application letter to the Manager of Life Sciences, Jess Mcfeeters via [jessmfeeters@featherdale.com.au](mailto:jessmfeeters@featherdale.com.au)