

Senior Keeper and Assistant Curator

Recent Winner of “Victorias Best Tourist Attraction”, Ballarat Wildlife Park is a fully ZAA accredited wildlife park situated in one of the fastest growing cities in Victoria and is only 1.2 hours’ drive from Melbourne CBD, with affordable property opportunities available.

Established in 1985, Ballarat Wildlife Park is one of the longest running privately owned and operated wildlife parks in Victoria. In recent years, Ballarat Wildlife Park has undergone a major redevelopment and expansion of a number of major exhibits which includes the “Crocodile Billabong Experience” and the state-of-the-art “Tiger Sanctuary”.

You will be joining a dynamic positive culture and working with like-minded wildlife and conservation enthusiasts who share great passion and care for our family of animals and align with our core values of respect and empathy.

We at Ballarat Wildlife Park are seriously committed to Conservation and ZAA Captive Breeding Programs which include species such as Tasmanian Devil, Goodfellows Tree Kangaroo, Southern Koala, Komodo Dragon, Mannings River Turtle, Sumatran Tiger, Little Penguin, SHN Wombat just to name a few!

Through the recent creation of the “Wildlife Resilience Foundation (WRF) the scope of our conservation is about to be expanded!

The successful applicant will participate in daily husbandry of both Native and Exotic species and will assist the parks Curator in their role.

We are seeking an extremely clean, tidy and organised individual. The applicant will need to maintain high standards in our exhibit presentation as well as the off-exhibit areas, keep accurate animal records, work accurately to an SOP, assist with the supervision of volunteers and interact with guests among other duties.

Requirements:

This is a full-time 38-hour position (5 days per week) and will involve work on weekends and public holidays.

As Senior Keeper and Assistant Curator of the Ballarat Wildlife Park, you will play a key role in working across multiple animal areas and supporting the Curator in managing the parks animal collection, exhibits, and conservation programs. You will assist in ensuring the welfare of the animals, support the supervision and training of keepers and other staff members to maintain a high standard of animal care as well as assist in ensuring compliance with legal regulations and industry standards related to the parks operations.

Prerequisites:

- **Minimum** 3 years experience with the care of carnivores, reptiles and amphibians, mammals and birds in a wildlife park/zoo setting.

- Knowledge of the captive husbandry and biology of reptiles and amphibians, carnivores, mammals and birds
- Understanding of heating, filtration systems and water quality
- Effective written and verbal communication skills and a familiarity with zoological software and database management
- Willingness to work a variable roster that includes weekends and public holidays
- Excellent personal presentation and a good level of fitness
- A strong, safety-conscious focus.
- An ability to ensure that best practice animal husbandry is applied at all times.
- Commitment and depth knowledge in conservation
- Demonstrated ability to work productively, both individually and in a small team setting
- Excellent time management and observational skills.
- Effective public speaking skills, and a willingness to conduct public presentations and tours for entertainment and the promotion of sympathetic view to interpret animal behaviour and conservation
- Commitment to animal welfare, conservation, and environmental sustainability
- Current drivers licence and own reliable transport.

Preferred:

- Bachelor's degree in Zoology, Biology, Conservation, or related field
- Certificate III in Captive Animal Management or other relevant qualification/experience
- Experience with Australasian Zoo Industry accreditation
- Previous experience with the captive maintenance of venomous snakes with an excellent safety record
- Previous experience with the captive maintenance of crocodilians
- Experience with Big Cats highly desirable
- Current Basic First Aid

To apply:

Please send at least a current resume and a covering letter outlining your ability to meet the above selection requirements to Julia Leonard, Curator, by email to julialeonard@wildlifepark.com.au

Applications must be received by **COB 11/11/2024**