

Wildlife Support

About the Sanctuary:

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary opened in 1927 as a safe refuge for sick, injured, and orphaned koalas. Today, Lone Pine remains a much loved and iconic destination for local and international guests to not only see native Australian animals, but to also connect and learn. Our goal is that everyone leaves the sanctuary feeling inspired to make small, positive changes in their daily lives to help protect their own native wildlife and habitats.

Through collaboration with our 100+ employees, suppliers and customers, we aim to set a new standard in environmental wildlife management. This will contribute to building a stronger Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary.

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary is an equal opportunity employer, where we recognise the diversity of our workforce and community – be it on the basis of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, or religious belief.

Our Vision : To protect, respect and conserve our environment and wildlife by educating and connecting people with nature.

Our Mission: To inspire individuals and communities to live in balance with the natural world.

Located on the banks of the beautiful Brisbane River & only a few minutes from Brisbane CBD, this truly is a great place to work.

Overview:

Reporting to the Wildlife Admin Manager, the Wildlife Support team members at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary (LPKS) will play a crucial role in supporting the Sanctuary team by assisting with the care, maintenance and management of the sanctuary exhibits and the wildlife that call LPKS home.

This entry-level position offers a unique opportunity to begin your career in wildlife care at a renowned sanctuary, contributing to the preservation of Australia's iconic species.

Key Responsibilities:

Sanctuary Assistance and Maintenance

- Participate in maintaining clean and safe habitats for the animals, including enclosures, feeding areas, and public viewing spaces.
- Assist with landscaping and animal enrichment.
- Hosing and blowing of pathways.
- Assist with food preparation.
- Assist in browse collection both on and off site (off site: under supervision of HOD/Keeper)
- Raptor / Bird release during Free Flight shows
- Any other duties assigned by HODs/Keepers.

Visitor Engagement

- Engage with visitors by answering questions, providing information about the sanctuary's animals, and promoting wildlife conservation awareness and education.
- Encourage responsible wildlife interactions and educate visitors on the importance of conservation.
- Visitor supervision in Nature Kingdom, Roo Reserve, Wild Walk, and any other area requiring animal visitor interaction (AVI) monitoring.
- Conducting some public presentations.

Safety and Compliance

- Follow all safety protocols and guidelines to ensure a safe working environment for both animals and staff.
- Comply with relevant laws and regulations governing the care of wildlife.

Qualifications, attributes & skills:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Previous experience volunteering or interning in a wildlife sanctuary or similar setting.
- Passion for wildlife conservation and a strong interest in Australian wildlife.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills for interacting with visitors.
- Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions and be physically fit to handle the demands of the role.
- Possession of a 'Can Do' attitude and willingness to learn.
- Strong time-management skills.
- Work well both as part of a team and autonomously.
- Driver's licence (manual preferred but not essential)
- Currently undertaking studies in a relevant degree or coursework in biology, zoology, wildlife management, or a related field (Preferred)
- Able to lift weights up to 20kg.
- Willingness to work weekends, holidays, and occasionally irregular hours.
- Knowledge of the conservation challenges facing Australian wildlife (preferred)

We must always strive to be both friendly and helpful towards each other and our guests. We will embrace the CATER Core Values and use these to foster and promote our culture and behaviours.

If this sounds like you and you would like to become a part of our wonderful team, then we would love to hear from you.

Please apply at recruitment@koala.net with a Cover Letter detailing why you are perfect for this role and your updated Resume.

We thank you for reviewing this ad and putting your valuable time and energy into this application.

Please note, only successful applicants will be contacted.