

Monarto Zoo Senior Keeper Natives

- Employment status – Full-Time – Starting ASAP

At Adelaide and Monarto Zoo, we're proud to welcome more than half a million people through our gates each year and we're not slowing down. With the roll out of our 20-Year Master Plan and a number of exciting projects on the horizon, we're thrilled to be expanding and evolving our workforce to position us for continued growth into the future.

ABOUT THE ROLE...

Due to a recent internal promotion, the Natives team at Monarto Zoo require an experienced and committed Senior Natives keeper, with extensive Native fauna husbandry, and excellent people management, and staff development skills.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the daily operations, including managing numerous aspects of staffing and animal transactions, as well as managing the husbandry aspects of the collection within the Natives section. This is a seven day roster, hands-on role with approximately 80% of time spent on keeping rounds.

The successful applicant must have a strong conservation ethic and will require involvement in and monitoring of existing projects both in situ and ex situ with Native Fauna. The incumbent must be motivated, organised and have great time management and show a desire to encourage this section to strive for institutional goals and objectives.

As part of our Life Sciences management team, day to day tasks may include:

- Undertaking daily operations and husbandry aspects of the native fauna collection
- Providing input into exhibit and enclosure planning, development, design and maintenance, ensuring animal husbandry and welfare standards are met and relevant protocols followed.
- Liaising closely with the Assistant Curator, Curator, Conservation Manager and external partners with regards to conservation initiatives and in particular breed and release programs.
- Participating in the implementation and monitoring of behavioural enrichment and training and conditioning programs to affect animal behaviour and allow routine examinations and procedures without distress
- Providing guidance and direction to the Native Fauna team
- Undertaking informal presentations and 'Keeper Talks', which may involve animal handling, presenting to public groups and responding to questions.
- Working consistently in accordance with established safety procedures to ensure animal security, personal safety, protection of coworkers and the public.

- Working in line with relevant Policy and Procedures/Standard Operating Procedures and providing feedback and proactive suggestions for change as required.
- Actively participating in regular meetings with the Veterinary team to discuss the well-being and health of the Native fauna collection, communicating this to the wider team and effectively implementing any required action

ABOUT YOU...

To be considered for this position you will need to meet the following selection criteria:

- Minimum of Certificate III in Captive Animals or other relevant and acceptable Zoo Keeping qualification.
- Ability to arrange personal work routines and practices to make optimum use of time
- Knowledge and experience in the captive management of a range of native species management systems and in-situ and ex-situ conservation programs.
- High level of communication and interpersonal skills with external stakeholders, peers, staff, volunteers and public with the ability to deliver public presentations and review visitor experiences
- Basic horticulture and maintenance skills

HOW TO APPLY...

Please complete the requested work history & education information on the application page, attach your resume and any certificates in the education section. This will assist us in assessing your suitability for this role.

If you have a strong passion in animal welfare, species conservation, and an eagerness to support the operation of a major zoo's native fauna team, we would love to hear from you!

For more information or to apply online, go to;

<https://www.zoossa.com.au/careers/>

Closing date not specified.