

## **Australian Reptile Park Senior Reptile and Spider Keeper**

- Full Time

Position Purpose: The Reptile Park is looking for an experienced and motivated person to join our Reptile department!

This includes duties such as providing a high standard of husbandry and care of the Reptile and Spider collection, exhibit maintenance and design, behavioural enrichment programs, customer service, School education shows, media, record keeping, and public presentations. The position will have significant involvement in upcoming conservation programs and community-based initiatives. The position also requires the successful applicant to supervise other staff in these areas, along with the section's extensive volunteer program.

The successful applicant will be a strong team player, with the ability to follow instruction easily and without supervision.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to work with some Australia's most unique animals as well as many exotic reptile and spider species, including involvement in an AQIS quarantine arachnid facility, funnel web venom production and one of the largest reptile collections in Australia.

### Essential Criteria

1. Leadership & supervision skills with an emphasis on motivation
2. Be willing to engage in future conservation programs
3. Have a strong taxa knowledge
4. Have strong presentation skills (including at a school-based level)
5. Cover all areas of husbandry
6. A minimum equivalent of 3-4 years relevant experience and training in the care and husbandry of Reptiles and Spiders
7. Customer service skills must be of a very high standard
8. Strong public speaking skills
9. Must speak fluent English
10. Good written communication skills
11. Good time management skills
12. Driver's License class A
13. Awareness of Work Health and Safety principles
14. Ability to work as a team
15. Good animal observational skills
16. Good problem-solving skills
17. Ability to carry out interactive activities when required. This could include but not limited to assisting in public demonstrations and or events, externals, media, birthday parties, tour groups, and visitor photo sessions.

### Desirable Criteria

1. Venomous snake handling skills
2. Medium to large size crocodile experience
3. Invertebrate husbandry and care experience
4. Training and managing a large volunteer team
5. TAFE Certificate III in Captive animals equivalent to or above
6. Experience with recordkeeping
7. Experience in public speaking
8. Some computer skills

### Remuneration

This position is paid well above industry average, and negotiable upon relevant applicant criteria. More information is available upon request.

### How To Apply

Please send a current CV along with a cover letter outlining your ability to meet the above selection criteria to Liz Vella, Curator by email to [lvella@reptilepark.com.au](mailto:lvella@reptilepark.com.au)

**Applications close: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**