

Senior Reptile Keeper/Operations Manager

Ballarat Wildlife Park is situated in one of the fastest growing cities in Victoria and is only 1.2 hours' drive from Melbourne CBD, with affordable property opportunities. Established in 1985, Ballarat Wildlife Park is one of the longest running privately operated wildlife parks in Victoria. In recent years, Ballarat Wildlife Park has undergone expansion, including the construction of a number of new exhibits and planning is currently underway for future development.

The successful applicant will participate in the daily husbandry of the reptile and amphibian collection, including venomous snakes, large monitors, pythons, boas and crocodilians.

The applicant will need to maintain high levels of hygiene and cleanliness and presentation of exhibits and off-exhibit areas keep accurate animal records and weekly reports, rostering of keeping staff, assist with the supervision of volunteers/interns/work placement students as well as keeping staff and report to Management on a weekly basis

Requirements:

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

Prerequisites:

- Considerable experience with the care of reptile and amphibians in a wildlife park/zoo setting.
- Deep knowledge of the captive husbandry and biology of reptiles and amphibians including crocodilians
- Understanding of heating and filtration systems and water quality
- Effective written and verbal communication skills
- Administrate breeding programs through ZAA etc and compliancy matters with industry codes of practice and State and National regulations
- 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
- Ability to produce and present scientific papers to represent BWP at industry conferences and workshops
- Current drivers licence and own reliable transport.

Qualifications:

- Certificate III in Captive Animal Management or other relevant qualification/experience

- Previous experience with the captive maintenance of venomous snakes with an excellent safety record
- Previous experience with the captive maintenance of crocodilians
- Current Basic First Aid

To apply:

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

Applications must be received by **COB 20/08/1**