

Billabong Sanctuary Curator

- Full Time

Established in 1985 and owned and operated by the original family, Billabong Sanctuary, located just south of Townsville, is one of Australia's leading interactive wildlife parks with around 55,000 visitors annually.

The park features mainly Australian fauna with emphasis on fauna of north Queensland, such as estuarine crocodiles and the southern cassowary.
www.billabongsantuary.com.au

The Sanctuary enjoys advanced accreditation with the Australian Eco Tourism Association, in recognition of its emphasis on conservation and education.

Reporting to the CEO owner / manager, you will be responsible for managing a team comprised of Senior Keeper, Department Heads of Mammals, Birds and Reptiles and additional keepers for each department.

Key Responsibilities Include:

- Maintaining best practice involving animal husbandry, diets, veterinary care, enrichment activities, and breeding programmes.
- Continuously improving the quality of exhibits through innovation
- Setting clear goals, vision and direction for the team
- Leadership and an ongoing development of a highly engaged small team to achieve sustained and outstanding results
- Playing a key role in the development and delivery of visitor experiences
- Driving the culture of the team in line with the Sanctuary's values and objectives

In your application, address how you meet the following criteria:

- The experience to manage the health and diversity of a collection of Australian fauna
- Comprehensive knowledge of Biosecurity Queensland regulations and wildlife legislation
- Recognised qualifications in captive animal management or appropriate tertiary qualifications relevant to this role.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrated leadership and team building strengths
- Strong management and organisational skills
- Demonstrated ability to deliver excellent customer service

This position is "hands-on" with all keepers engaged in multi skilling activities including wildlife talks and feeding shows, educational group tours, and cross

training within the various departments. Keepers have the opportunity to be trained to work with estuarine crocodiles, venomous snakes and free-flight bird shows.

The successful candidate will have at least 5 years of prior experience working in a supervisory role, will be energetic, physically fit, able to cope with the heat of the north Queensland summers and have a “can-do” attitude.

This is a salaried position with flexibility of hours required.

This is a significant appointment for the Sanctuary and an outstanding opportunity for the right person, with the recruitment process being conducted personally by the CEO.

Please direct your confidential application with a covering letter to:

Bob Flemming at bobflemming@bigpond.com

Applications close: 17th November 2017.