

Billabong Zoo Senior Keeper

Billabong Zoo is a family owned and operated zoo set on a picturesque 10 acres on the outskirts of beautiful Port Macquarie. We have grown rapidly over the past five years as our collection has diversified from primarily Australia natives to a variety of exotic species including primates and small and large carnivores.

We are a small and dedicated team who are committed to conservation through education and strive to form connections between our guests and ambassador animals during keeper presentations, tours and up close encounters. This hands on approach allows our guests to develop a strong appreciation for our native and exotic wildlife and this provides the perfect opportunity for us to encourage our visitors to take action and support the work of our conservation partners and international conservation efforts.

We have an exciting opportunity for a dedicated and passionate keeper to join our team on a permanent and full time basis, working 38 hours per week including weekends and public holidays.

Our team share the work load across the zoo including grounds work and maintenance which means that no day is ever the same and may include a work load of 50% animal husbandry tasks such as feed/water, administer treatments or medications, provide enrichment, training/conditioning, public presentations etc. 45% grounds work such as raking, mowing, gardening, substrate changes, pressure washing etc. and 5% other duties such as record keeping, assisting construction etc. As such the position is not for the faint hearted! The successful candidate needs to be physically strong and fit and willing to get their hands dirty.

Essential Criteria:

- Minimum 3 + years experience in the zoo industry as a full time keeper.
- Must have extensive experience with native wildlife especially koalas, and primates.
- Commitment to working within WH&S practices.
- Certificate 3 in Captive Animal Management.
- Demonstrated experience completing tasks to a high standard within allocated time frames
- Must be passionate about wildlife and achieving the goals of Billabong Zoo.
- Demonstrated experience in customer service.
- Demonstrated experience in public speaking and conducting keeper talks.
- C class drivers license
- Willing to work weekends and public holidays as required.

Desirable criteria:

- Certificate 4 in Captive Animal Management.
- Current First Aid certificate

To apply please email written applications to billabongzoo@hotmail.com with the subject line "Senior Keeper position".

Please include your resume with two work related referees, a cover letter of no more than 2 pages addressing the selection criteria.

Applications close: 25th February 2019.