National Aquarium of New Zealand Director

Dive in and join our talented and dedicated team working within one of New Zealand's top tourist attractions

Who are we looking for?

At the National Aquarium we have big plans, so we're seeking a motivated, resourceful and versatile leader to be a part of this exciting phase in our development.

Your commitment to education, the environment and cultural stewardship will enable you to lead a multidisciplinary team delivering high-quality programs to keep the Aquarium at the forefront of tourism and conservation, while ensuring its commercial viability.

Who are we?

The National Aquarium of New Zealand is owned by the people of Napier and the Napier City Council. It attracts over 100,000 visitors each year and offers a wide range of experiences from diving displays and keeper talks, to getting up close and personal with sharks and Little Penguins. Its centrepiece exhibit is the stunning 1500 fish Oceanarium with its 50m-long travelator.

The Aquarium is committed to education and Māori culture and history, providing experienced teachers offering a variety of programs. Functions and corporate events are regularly hosted at the Aquarium and the on-site cafe and gift shop complete the visitor experience.

The Aquarium is a qualmarked visitor activity and holds an Enviro Silver rating. Conservation and sustainability are at the core of the Aquarium's purpose.

What do you need to join our team?

You'll have a Bachelor of Science in fields such as zoology, ecology, marine science or oceanography. A background of proven team leadership and at least five years' experience in facilities and business management, preferably in tourist operations, are essential.

Your strong problem-solving skills and ability to reach a diverse audience will enable you to deliver on key responsibilities and maintain a commitment to excellence in customer service. You possess initiative but understand the importance of being a team player. You demonstrate daily, the ability to motivate, inspire and foster a cohesive team environment using an innovative, consultative and flexible approach reflected in your highly-developed communication and interpersonal skills.

What do we offer you?

We have a bold vision for an "unforgettable aquarium experience" and you get to be a part of making this happen. You will lead a team of dedicated and enthusiastic people who care for each other as much as they care for the aquatic animals and wildlife. Our kiwi programme is leading the way in conservation and when you just need some time out, we have a very large shark tank to dip your toes into.

Napier is quickly developing into the best small city in New Zealand, so be a part of it! There's never been a more exciting time to join our team. Visit the website for a job description and more information.

For more information or to apply online, go to; http://careers.napier.govt.nz/Vacancies/4079527/title/National-Aquarium-of-New-Zealand-Director

Applications close: 30th April 2018.