

## **Zoo Keeper**

Shoalhaven Zoo is looking for an exceptional Keeper on a Full time basis to join our team, reporting to the Senior Keeper and Head Keeper.

Shoalhaven Zoo is a family owned and operated, located on the Shoalhaven River on the South Coast of NSW. Bringing together a diverse collection of native and exotic animals, we aim to not only provide the best care and positive welfare for our animals in our collection but also to provide an entertaining and educational day out for our visitors.

The Zoo Keeper we are looking for will work across all sections of the zoo with general keeping duties and maintenance of exhibits. We house a collection of birds, mammals including large carnivores and reptiles including venomous snakes and large crocodiles. The successful applicant will have a significant interest in one of these taxa and be willing to expand their own knowledge of the species and their husbandry. This role will include weekend and public holiday work

We are a small hard working team whose day to day roles often involve tasks that are outside of the general keeper job. This is a physically demanding role; therefore a high level of energy and physical fitness is required to perform manual handling tasks and other physical duties.

We are looking for someone who wants to makes a long term commitment to a career based position to help grow and have input into the new developments that will be occurring within the zoo.

### **Role and Responsibility**

- Daily care and husbandry of animals within the collection, including diet preparation, observation and record keeping
- Carrying out under direction preventative health programs for animals under your care and delivering any other medications required
- Supporting the Head Keeper in the day to day operations of the zoo
- Providing public presentations to a high standard
- Supervising casual staff and volunteers
- Maintaining exhibits to a high standard

### **Essential Skills and Qualifications**

- Exceptional attention to details and a can-do attitude
- Certificate III in Captive Animal Management or equivalent
- Minimum one year paid experience working at a zoological institution or equivalent with exceptional animal handling and husbandry skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong customer service skills
- Exceptional public presentation skills
- Firearms license or the ability to get one

- Experience with hand tools and the maintenance of exhibits
- Time management skills
- Flexibility, professional attitude and a willingness to step outside the box
- High level of physical fitness and strength
- Current unrestricted full manual drivers license

**In return, you will receive:**

- Award salary based on experience
- Career progression opportunities
- A dynamic and unique working environment

Any other skills such as bobcat experience, welding or landscaping or any other skills which you think would be beneficial please include them in your application.

If you have the above skills and are looking for an exciting and rewarding career, please send us your resume with cover letter to Nick Schilko at [gowild@shoalhavenzoo.com.au](mailto:gowild@shoalhavenzoo.com.au) We look forward to hearing from you.

Applications Close COB: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018