

Senior Keeper

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

This is a brilliant opportunity for a motivated self-starter to continue to grow their career and have a real impact on the development of a zoo and direction of the collection.

This role will be working across our collection of birds, mammals including carnivores and reptiles including venomous snakes and large crocodiles. The successful applicant will have a demonstrative ability of exceptional animal husbandry in one of these taxa. This role will include weekend and public holiday work.

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.

Role and Responsibility

- Daily care and husbandry of animals within the collection, including diet preparation, observation and record keeping
- Carrying out 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 staff and volunteers
- Maintaining exhibits to a high standard

Essential Skills and Qualifications

- Certificate III in Captive Animal Management or equivalent
- Minimum three years 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
- Experience supervising staff and volunteers
- 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

Desirable

- Experience with building
- Experience with large carnivores, venomous snakes or large crocodiles
- Experience with carcass preparation

In return, you will receive:

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you. **Applications Close COB: 23rd Febuary 2018**