

## Shoalhaven Zoo 2IC/Senior Keeper

- Full time

### About us:

Shoalhaven Zoo is a privately owned zoo on the South Coast of NSW and is home to a mix of exotic and native animals. We believe in education through entertainment and aim for our zoological collection to reflect this.

We are a small and dedicated team with each individual staff member making their position their own. We believe in working with people strengths to create the best working environment possible, meaning that for the motivated individual that there is no limit as to what you can achieve at Shoalhaven Zoo.

### The position:

We currently have a full time (40hrs a week) 2IC position within the zoo. This position reporting directly to the Head Keeper would be responsible for the day to day running of the zoo as well as their own section. This position also has the capacity to oversee our volunteer program as well as the running and day to day operations of our licensed knackery. This position acts as a trainer and mentor to younger keepers as well as support and a sounding board for management discussions. This position leads by example in all husbandry duties and daily presentations, by being exceptional in all duties. This position also will be responsible for an animal section which will include birds and reptiles and some mammals. This position works 5 days a week across a 7day roster, weekend and public holiday work will be involved.

### About you:

You will be an experienced and self-motivated individual looking for the next stage in your career. You will have husbandry knowledge of a wide range of taxa with a strong knowledge of and passion for birds and or reptiles. This includes possible experience with large crocodiles over 3m and venomous snake handling skills.

You will be committed to the position and wanting to grow with it as the zoo grows over the next few years. You will have a high level of customer service skills and professionalism which you want to show other staff members and pass on. You will have great interpersonal leadership skills which you will apply to the team to get the most out of every day. To fit this position a 'can do' attitude is a must. Time management skills, as well as the ability to prioritise tasks and work independently, are a necessity. Formal qualifications are not required, though a Cert III in Captive Animals is well regarded. Ability to drive a manual car is required, as is a working with children's check, current first aid certificate and Q fever vaccination.

Remuneration is negotiable and will be based on experience and qualifications.

To apply for this position please send your resume and cover letter to:

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**Applications close: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**