



Lead Keeper Reptile & Bird Department

Fancy working with an energetic, friendly, and supportive team.

Then look no further, we have the job for you!

If you're a hardworking Animal keeper with experience and qualifications in Reptile and Bird animal care, then prepare for a world of glittering scales, humongous talons, and razor-sharp teeth!

Working at our ZAA accredited Wildlife Park in the stunning area of Port Stephens! is pretty awesome. We are looking for a team player with supervisory experience who strives for the best and who is ambitious, a driven individual with a wealth of animal knowledge and experience to help manage and develop our ever-growing animal collection.

Here at Oakvale we are committed to providing exciting conservation initiatives through education, research programs and through our growing threatened and endangered species breeding programs as well as through our 'Save Our Wildlife' Program.

The right applicant will possess a professional and positive approach, the right personality to fit with our team coupled with the passion and knowledge to make improvements to the departments.

The aim of this post is to bring further growth and development to the departments and to assist the Senior keeper and Curator throughout the process.

Selection Criteria:

- Possess sound knowledge and understanding of the animal husbandry related practices, including capture and restraint, dietary requirements, reproduction etc. relating to the species kept in the Reptile and Bird Departments at Oakvale. Species such as a wide variety of Pythons, Lizards, Monitors, various species of Crocodylian along with various Avian species including Ratites, Raptors, & Psittacine etc.
- Experience working with exotic & native reptiles and birds will be advantageous.
- Experience in positive animal training techniques, conditioning and enrichment.
- A minimum of 3 years' paid experience in the industry within a similar role.
- A minimum of Certificate III in Captive Animals or equivalent university studies.
- Strong customer service skills
- An ability to prioritize workloads and instruct staff and volunteers to reflect those priorities.
- WHS awareness and the ability to identify and report safety concerns in the workplace.

- Possess a good understanding of Microsoft word, excel and power point.
- Working Knowledge of species 360.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.
- Exceptional presentation and public speaking skills.
- Sound time management skills.
- A flexible, positive, and professional attitude.
- A passion to grow and develop Departments within a zoological institution.
- A drive for educating others on the importance of high husbandry standards.
- Ability to drive a manual vehicle with a driver's license

Please forward your cover letter and resume highlighting the necessary skills and knowledge outlined in the selection criteria as well as the attached position description to curator@oakvalewildlifepark.com.au

This position will remain open until filled by the successful candidate; early applications are advised.

<https://oakvalewildlife.com.au>

We regret that due to the large number of applications we receive we are only able to contact those candidates to be interviewed. Therefore, if we haven't contacted you within 28 days of receiving your application, please assume that your application was unsuccessful on this occasion.

Please note that if you are applying from overseas, we strongly recommend you seek advice from immigration Australia on the visa application process and your likely eligibility before applying. <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>