

TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK MISSION:

“To provide nature based cultural and recreational opportunities for Territorians and biodiversity conservation in partnership with Indigenous people”

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Volunteer Aquarist
Work Unit: Territory Wildlife Park
Responsible to: Supervisor Wetlands / Volunteer Coordinator

Primary Objective

Under the direction of the Supervisor, maintain the exhibits associated with the Wetlands section of the Territory Wildlife Park. Assist in the implementation of holistic habitat-based visitor experiences to demonstrate environmental awareness, education and appreciation.

Key Responsibilities

- Assist with the daily care and maintenance of the fresh and saltwater displays of the Wetland section including the Aquarium complex, Billabong and Ooloo Sandbar.
- Assist with the capture, handling and transportation of aquatic animals, including fresh and saltwater fish, reptiles and invertebrates.
- Assist with daily visitor presentations.
- Other duties as directed by the section supervisor.

Requirements

Essential

- Strong interpersonal and oral communication skills with the ability to relate positively and effectively with people of all ages and from all backgrounds.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a team, maintaining a positive, enthusiastic approach.
- Ability to engage park visitors through “hands on” wildlife experiences and daily presentations.
- Ability to apply initiative, to be adaptable and to effectively prioritise workloads.
- Willingness and ability to undertake physical tasks under challenging tropical environmental conditions.
- Possess excellent observation skills with particular emphasis on animal health and detecting water quality problems.
- Possess a current C class driver’s licence or ability to obtain.

Desirable:

- Experience working with fresh and salt water life support systems required for the maintenance of aquatic organisms including fish, reptiles and invertebrates.
- An understanding of water quality and the implications in a public aquarium system.
- Possess a Senior First Aid Certificate and Open Water diver certification.

Skills you could acquire:

- Experience working with fresh and salt aquaria the maintenance of aquatic organisms.
- Knowledge of Top End flora and fauna, Aboriginal culture, history and environmental issues.

Further Information

For further information please contact Sarah Hirst on 89887207 or via email Volunteers.TWP@nt.gov.au

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