

Position Vacant 2019

Department:	PRESENTATIONS
Job title:	PRESENTATIONS & ANIMAL TRAINING MANAGER
	12 MONTH MATERNITY LEAVE CONTRACT
Applications open:	FRIDAY 12th JULY 2019

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS) is located on the Southern end of Gold Coast. We are the largest attraction within the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) portfolio and feature a vibrant and varied collection of Australian Wildlife and Non-Native Exotics located one block back from beautiful Currumbin beach.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is currently seeking an energetic and experienced Senior Wildlife Handler / Presenter with excellent animal training and husbandry skills to become a core member of the team, responsible for managing our Presentations Department. The Presentations Department includes the Presentations Team, Shearers and Blinky Bill/Gruffalo Team. The Presentations Department holds responsibility for the design, production and delivery of our animal-based presentations, conducting animal training, presenting and managing production of the 14 daily shows to educate, entertain and delight our guests to the Sanctuary.

Details about this Position:

This role will require you to deliver engaging, entertaining and professional performances at our shows, to showcase our animal collection, to educate guests about animal conservation in a fun and friendly manner, and to manage show productions across CWS. The successful candidate will be responsible for the management of animal training, animal welfare, husbandry, health, & exhibit maintenance, and support media requests across the department.

- Provide Leadership, supervision and support to Presentations Department team members.
- Manage the daily operations of multi departments as well as staff rostering.
- Maintain policies and procedures for staff and animal management.
- Assist the Wild Experience department with the management of animal experiences where required.
- Assist Marketing and Events with media requests, events, or VIP tours.
- Manage the development, production and delivery of Departmental Presentations and shows.
- Manage a large variety of collection animals, including show training, husbandry training, foundation training, guest interactions, and train department team members to work with all fauna in the collection relevant to those areas.
- Manage the husbandry and animal welfare of all collection animals in the Presentations Department utilising operant conditioning techniques.
- This is a 12 Month Maternity Leave Contract working in a Full-time salaried position of 40 hours per week. Work over Weekends and school holidays is a requirement of this role.
- This is an outdoor role in a non-smoking environment. Non-smokers are preferred.

Selection Criteria:

1. Must have over four years' experience working with captive animals in a zoological institution.
2. Must have over four years' experience in animal training in all methods of conditioning. Ability to perform entertaining, informative and engaging public presentations is essential.
3. Must hold qualification in Certificate 3 in Captive Animal Management or relevant industry qualifications. Empathy & confidence in working with animals is essential.
4. Demonstrate high level of staff management: able to lead and manage a functional unit and implement systems to promote performance management, ethical behaviour/decision-making and professional development.
5. Production experience to develop animal-based presentations for public interaction and demonstrations is required.
6. High level communication, liaison, negotiation and training skills are essential.
7. High standard of personal presentation. Required to act as role model for team members.
8. Experience working with potentially dangerous animals including venomous snakes, crocodiles and eagles would be an advantage.
9. Current First Aid qualifications would be an advantage or willing to attend first aid training.
10. You must be a flexible and reliable team player with leadership ability and a genuine positive 'can-do' attitude.

How to Apply

Your application should include your resume plus a brief cover letter stating how you meet the Selection Criteria. Please email your application to this email address: employment@cws.org.au.

Thank you.