

Position Vacant 2017

Department: ENTERTAINMENT

Job title: SHEARER - Experienced (Casual)

Applications open: Friday 8 December 2017

We are seeking an experienced Shearer who can shear 2 sheep a day in front of an audience, as part of our 'Australiana Show' held daily at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS). You must be an experienced Shearer as no training for the Shearing element of this role will be provided. We are looking for a person with a friendly, can- do attitude. Other duties may include care and management of sheep and sheep dogs, and their transport from an off-site paddock to the CWS site plus other General Hand duties.

Position details & duties

This role is working as part of the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Entertainment Team, responsible for the delivery of our famous bird and animal shows. This job will require the successful candidate demonstrating to an audience how to shear a sheep, performing a short comedy script about the Aussie sheep-shearing traditions to international and Australian guests. The role also involves care of sheep & sheep dogs, and participating in photo sessions. You will need to have an outgoing personality whilst always being professional, energetic and enthusiastic. In addition you will need to be a clean, safe and proficient shearer with previous experience in a shearer's role.

- This casual position will range from Monday to Sunday on a rotating roster. Hours per week will range from 0 – 38 hours,
- Weekend work and work during holiday periods will be a requirement of this role.
- Pay rate & conditions under the Amusements, Events & Recreation Award 2010, as appropriate.
- This is an outdoor role in a non-smoking environment. Non-smokers are preferred.

Selection Criteria:

- 1. Experience in sheep shearing & handling sheep **is essential**. NO training in shearing will be provided. Full training will be provided for the presentation element of the role.
- 2. The typical roster is expected to be at least one 8 hour shift per week, but availability to work from 0-38 hours a week is required to cover holiday leave of the full time Shearer.
- 3. Must be willing to comply with and respect all company policies and procedures, including WHS and animal welfare standards of this organisation.
- 4. Ability to deliver engaging & memorable presentations to Sanctuary visitors of all nationalities is essential. The ability to communicate clearly in English, with some basic foreign language phrases is required (training will be provided).
- 5. Must have appropriate fitness to walk long distances, bend and twist to perform shearing and the ability to lift/ carry up to 10kg for a prolonged period.
- 6. Manual driver's licence is essential; current First Aid qualifications would be an advantage.
- 7. Must have full availability over all Qld and NSW school holiday periods.
- 8. You must be flexible and reliable, with a positive 'can-do' attitude.
- 9. Previous experience in the zoo industry or animal based tourism environment is desirable.

How to Apply

Your application should include your resume plus a brief cover letter stating how you meet the Selection Criteria. Applications will only be accepted via the online application form on our website: http://www.cws.org.au/employment.