

Peel Zoo Volunteer Animal Husbandry Team

Information Pack and Application Form

Volunteering at Peel Zoo

Peel Zoo volunteers are vital members of the Peel Zoo team. Our volunteers are involved in many different areas of the zoo. We currently have three volunteer teams, the Education Team, the Enrichment Team, and the Animal Husbandry Team.

Our volunteer program is focused on improving the skills and experiences of our volunteers. In this endeavour, all volunteers must pass a theoretical and practical assessment during their tenure at the zoo. These assessments are designed to ensure that each volunteer leaves Peel Zoo with a nationally comparable certification, which means our volunteers are valued Australia-wide.

The Role of the Animal Husbandry Team

Joining the Peel Zoo Animal Husbandry Team is a valuable first step for enthusiastic, hard-working individuals who are looking to further their passion for conservation. The Animal Husbandry Team supports and works alongside keepers in the most vital role at the Zoo; caring for our animals. Staff members at Peel Zoo draw upon years of experience and the latest research to ensure that our animals receive the best possible care in the fields of nutrition, hygiene, and behaviour. As a member of the Peel Zoo Animal Husbandry Team you will work to ensure that our animal's most important needs are met and you will develop a close relationship with, and appreciation for, the interesting and engaging wildlife for which you have the privilege to care.

Is Volunteering for You?

People volunteer for a variety of reasons, to experience the role of a zookeeper, to further their career aspirations, or as a way to give back to native wildlife. Regardless of your personal motivations volunteering is a great way to show potential employers that you are dedicated and team-oriented. You will also gain experience with a variety of animals and improve your knowledge and expertise.

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At Peel Zoo we are committed to providing our customers with a hands-on experience allowing them to interact with unique native wildlife up-close. These interactions are facilitated and encouraged by our friendly and approachable staff and volunteers. Engaging and interacting with customers is a vital skill that all staff and volunteers at the zoo must provide.

We expect the same standards of work, professionalism, and commitment from our volunteers as we do our paid staff.

Why Peel Zoo?

Peel Zoo is a customer-oriented, privately-run zoo in Pinjarra, Western Australia. As a Zoo Aquarium Association (ZAA) accredited institution we meet the highest national industry standards. Our expertise and dedication is reflected in our ongoing success in many areas, not least our highly successful breeding program for the critically endangered Tasmanian devil.

Employment vacancies are often offered to hard-working and dedicated members of our volunteer program prior to being publically advertised; however participation in the volunteer program does not guarantee employment at Peel Zoo.

Eligibility for the Animal Husbandry Team

All applicants for the Animal Husbandry Team must:

- Be 16 years of age, or older
- Be physically fit and able
- Commit to a minimum of one four-hour shift per week, for a period of three months. (Volunteers may extend their three month commitment only at the express approval of the Zoo Director.)
- Pass a Federal Police Clearance (if requested)
- Pass a Working with Children Check (if requested)
- Maintain Peel Zoo's dress code
- Follow Peel Zoo's policies and procedures
- Pay a non-refundable fee of \$199.00 payable as a donation to the Peel Zoo Foundation (includes \$50.00 deposit for purchase of Animal Husbandry Team t-shirt)

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Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in immediate dismissal from the program.

Applying for the Animal Husbandry Team

Volunteer intakes are held six times a year and positions are strictly limited. To apply for the program complete the application form and submit it to bronte@peelzoo.com.au.

Successful applicants are required to attend an induction day on a date to be advised.

If you are not sure whether the Enrichment Team is for you? Send an email to bronte@peelzoo.com.au for more information about our other volunteer programs.

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Personal Details

Surname: _____ Given name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Phone No: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Email address: _____

Why would you like to become a volunteer at Peel Zoo?

What are your goals for the future and how will Peel Zoo help you to achieve them?

On which days are you available to volunteer?

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

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Employment

Previous/Current position: _____

Employer: _____

Reference 1: (Name) _____

(Relationship to applicant) _____

(Phone No): _____

Reference 2: (Name) _____

(Relationship to applicant) _____

(Phone No): _____

If you have previous volunteer experience please give a brief description including the organisation and your role.

Education

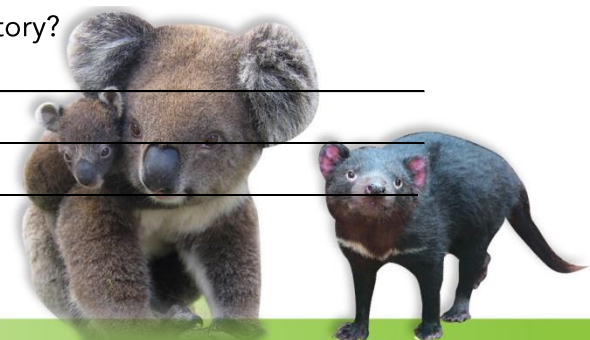
What relevant qualifications do you hold?

What relevant experience do you have in a similar industry?

Medical

Do you suffer from or have any illness/allergies/medical history?

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Do you dislike or suffer from a phobia of any animals?

Please list your current vaccinations.

Competencies

What vehicle licenses do you currently hold? Please specify whether they are manual or automatic.

What tools and equipment can you operate?

Equipment	Competency		
	Low	Medium	High
4WD			
Quad Bike			
Chainsaw			
Blower			
Trailer			
Power Tools			
Kanga			



By signing this Application Form you acknowledge that volunteering at Peel Zoo is an unpaid position. In addition, your signature signifies that you are making a 3 month commitment to the Zoo. Breaching your commitment to the Zoo on 3 separate occasions will terminate your relationship with the Zoo.

I have read and understand the conditions under which I am volunteering to work at Peel Zoo.

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

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