



Position Vacant 26st November 2018

Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters

Irukandji is a bustling tourist attraction/ interactive aquarium with a strong conservation focus. Located in Bobs Farm, Port Stephens Irukandji is a small family business and takes pride in its exceptional animal husbandry, customer service and education.

Job title: Aquarist and Educational Guide

Permanent/ Part time, commencing immediately, a perfect candidate will progress into a full-time role.

Hours: Semi seasonal minimum 15 hours per week in off season, maximum 40 hours in busy periods throughout the year. Applicants must be available to work weekends and school holidays however will not be required to work every weekend.

Location: 686 Marsh Rd, Bobs Farm 2316

The Position

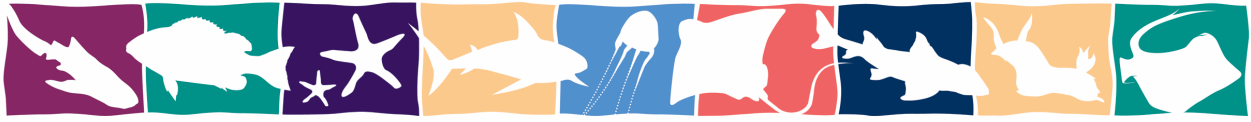
The position will involve (yet not limited to) animal husbandry in the areas of invertebrates, marine & freshwater fishes, overseeing water quality control, food preparation, water testing, public speaking, conducting educational tours with visitors and schools, assisting with wildlife rehabilitation, assisting with medical procedures, general cleaning duties and managing groups. **Please note:** This position is specifically for keepers with marine abilities, a cert 111 in captive animals alone will not qualify.

Responsibilities & duties

Responsibility 1 – The successful applicant will be responsible for the health and wellbeing of the animals in the absence of management using impeccable organisation, animal husbandry skills, ability in aquarium processes and a think on your feet attitude to maintain Irukandji's standards into the future.

Work standard – Able to inspect exhibits to ascertain corrective steps needed to ensure appropriate environmental conditions, including but not limited to; inspecting filtration, water quality, lighting, temperature, and cleanliness. Husbandry records will be maintained with diligent care whilst facilitating the same for team members.





Responsibility 2 – Conducting tours/ guiding/ educating the public with an elasmobranch conservation focus, using excellent communication skills, demonstrating consideration, tolerance, cooperation and a consistent professional approach.

Work standard – Time management, working well in a team environment, enthusiastic presentation skills, along with a high level of customer care and passion toward conservation.

Responsibility 3 – Care for injured/sick wildlife by carrying out instructions including administering treatments, vitamins, medication, observing animals and their habitats for indications of errors with environmental parameters or life support, any indication of illness or significantly unusual behaviour being understood, acted on and reported with haste.

Work standard – Understanding and adhering to strict quarantine procedures, animal transfer procedures, safe and sanitary food preparation/storage procedures, secure animal enclosures and safety practices for self, staff and animals

Work experience, qualifications & skills

Essential experience/ qualities

- Experience as an aquarist
- Bachelor's degree in biology or related field
- An equivalent combination of education and experience
- PADI Open Water certification or equivalent
- Written, verbal communication & computer skills
- Ability to lift heavy items

Desirable Experience/ qualities

- High standard of animal and customer care
- Passion for conservation/the ocean
- Experience supporting senior management
- Capable of managing large groups of general public with ease
- Friendly bubbly demeanour

Resumes to info@sharkencounters.com.au by the 3rd December 2018

