Join Cairns Koalas and Creatures as an Aquarist – Reveal Nature's Wonders, Above and Below the Surface

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Do you have a passion for nature, conservation and marine/aquarium science? Join the CaPTA Group's Cairns Koalas and Creatures team where you will contribute to healthy aquarium systems and aquatic animal care while helping educate and inspire guests from around the world. Through aquarium maintenance and husbandry, conservation activities and guest engagement, you will play an important role in showcasing the fascinating life of aquatic ecosystems while promoting environmental awareness and sustainability.

About the Role

As our Aquarist, you will be responsible for the daily operation, maintenance and monitoring of aquarium exhibits and life support systems throughout Cairns Koalas and Creatures. The role combines aquarium systems operation and maintenance, aquatic animal husbandry, conservation activities and guest interaction, providing opportunities to share knowledge about aquatic ecosystems, marine and freshwater species, animal care, conservation and sustainability.

Key responsibilities

- Be responsible for the day-to-day operation, maintenance and presentation of aquarium exhibits and life support systems, ensuring high standards of cleanliness, water quality and attention to detail.
- Monitor, maintain and optimise aquatic environments to support the health, welfare and wellbeing of aquatic animals.
- Undertake aquatic animal husbandry activities in accordance with established procedures and animal welfare standards.
- Conduct routine water quality testing, system inspections and preventative maintenance of aquarium equipment and infrastructure.
- Support conservation, environmental sustainability and aquatic animal management initiatives.
- Engage with guests through educational and interpretive interactions, sharing knowledge about aquatic species, ecosystems, conservation and sustainability.
- Respond to visitor enquiries and contribute to positive, memorable and educational guest experiences.
- Work collaboratively with team members to support the smooth operation of exhibits and visitor areas.

- Maintain high standards of workplace health and safety, biosecurity and environmental compliance.
- Contribute positively to a professional, supportive and high-performing team environment.

About You
You'll bring:

- Previous experience or education in maintaining healthy aquariums is preferred
- Exceptional attention to detail and strong observational skills
- Knowledge and enthusiasm for aquatic life and native Australian wildlife
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to engage visitors of all ages
- A positive attitude, a good sense of humour and a proactive approach to work
- A current driver's licence
- Availability to work a flexible roster (Monday-Sunday), including weekends, school holidays and public holidays
- Established permanent residence in the Cairns region is preferred
- An understanding of workplace health and safety protocols

Desirable (optional but recommended):

- Experience in wildlife, tourism, aquarium or conservation-based environments
- A genuine interest in nature and conservation
- Experience presenting information to visitors or educational groups
- Hold and maintain current First Aid and CPR certification or willingness to obtain shortly after commencement

Why Join Us?

- Be part of a passionate and supportive team
- Work in a unique environment dedicated to conservation and education
- Ongoing training and career development opportunities
- Industry famil trips and exclusive company events
- Discounts across all CaPTA Group attractions
- Access to our Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Apply Now
If you're passionate about conservation, nature and creating meaningful guest experiences, we'd love to hear from you. Please submit your resume and a cover letter outlining your suitability for the role. Applications without a cover letter will not be considered.

Join Cairns Koalas & Creatures and play an important role in caring for aquatic wildlife, maintaining exceptional exhibits and sharing the wonders of the ocean with our valued guests.