

Position description

Position title: Ranger – Learning

Position type: Part-time, Fixed term: February/March 2025 to December 2025 (negotiable)

Location: Zealandia, Waiapu Road, Karori, Wellington, 6141

Supervisor: Team Lead – Learning

Purpose of the role

The Ranger – Learning is responsible for delivering quality, innovative and engaging education content for the Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne learning programmes that provide pathways for the next generation of conservation-focused New Zealanders.

This role supports the Team Lead – Learning in delivering Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne in-valley and outreach learning programmes for ECE, schools, holidays programmes, community groups and other education providers.

The key responsibilities of this role are as follows:

- In-sanctuary delivery of Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne learning programmes.
- Outreach focused on our Nature at Your Place programme.
- Embracing the appropriate and respectful use of tikanga Māori, te reo Māori and mātauranga Māori in the learning programme.

Like all members of staff at Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne, the person in this role will be expected to actively uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, maintain and promote exceptional health and safety, and support the maintenance of biosecurity in the sanctuary.

Organisation background

Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne is an organisation that cares for a 225-ha world class ecosanctuary in Wellington, New Zealand. We have a 500-year vision to restore a unique forested valley—Te Māra a Tāne. Zealandia’s first generation of restoration effort has resulted in flourishing forests and the establishment of many native species, from hihi to tuatara. Looking forward, Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne’s next generation is focused on [‘Living with Nature—Tiaki Taiao, Tiaki Tangata’](#). To quote our strategy: *We connect people with our unique natural heritage and inspire actions that transform how people live with nature in our cities, towns and beyond.* This purpose is visible through our leading education, conservation, restoration and engagement activities.

Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne is a not-for-profit organisation, and its conservation, restoration and outreach work is made possible by an award-winning sustainable business model. Funding currently comes from visitors and tours, our café, memberships, grants, sponsorships and donations. Every role in the organisation has some part to play in ensuring our 130,000+ visitors, 500+ volunteers and 15,000 members are cared for and welcomed into the Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne community.

As an organisation we honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and are on a journey towards learning how this plays out across our work as Tiriti partners. We accord value to te ao Māori (the Māori world), and support mana whenua and tangata whenua to fulfil their role as kaitiaki. All staff are encouraged to build capacity and confidence across te ao Māori, including te reo Māori me ōna tikanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

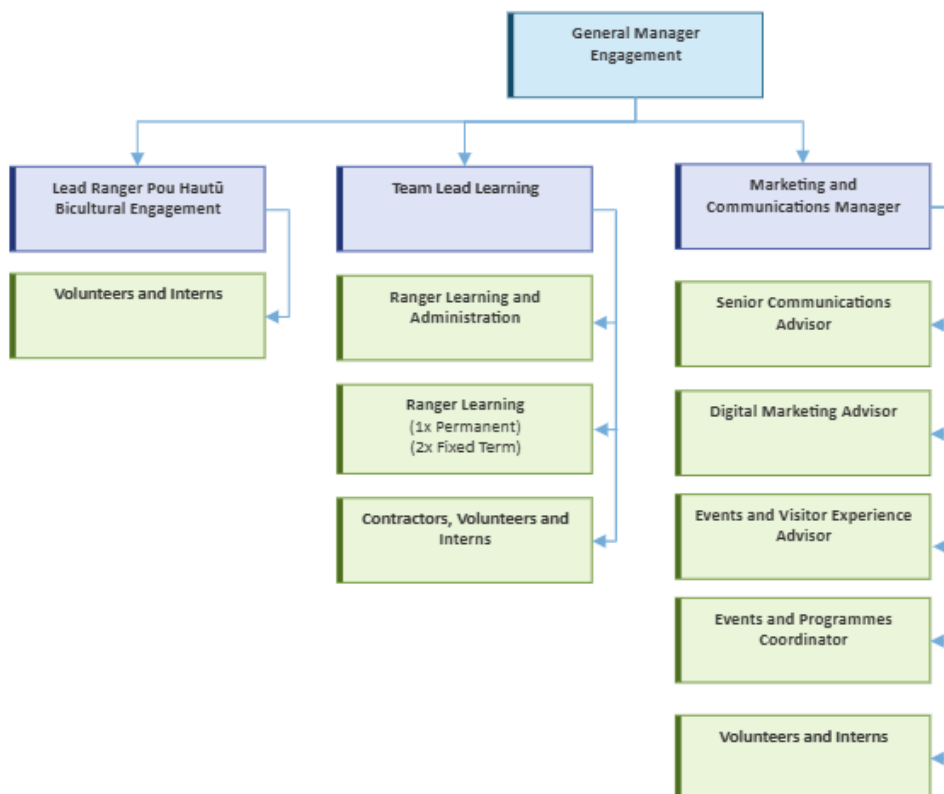
The Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne team

Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne is a medium size organisation, with around 100 people employed in different contexts. We have around 500 volunteers who support all our work. We pride ourselves on exceptional teamwork which is required from all staff, volunteers and members. The dynamic nature of Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne means it is an incredible place to extend and challenge yourself, have real on-ground outcomes for conservation and community engagement, and to be part of a successful team.

Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne is managed by the Karori Sanctuary Trust. To find out more please go to www.visitZealandia.com.

The Learning and Engagement team

The Learning team sits within a broader team called Learning and Engagement. The Learning and Engagement team’s purpose is to actively engage with stakeholders and partners including mana whenua and tangata whenua, and visitors (including young people). The team is responsible for Zealandia’s learning programmes, bicultural engagement, partnerships, marketing and communications, public programmes and visitor experience, as well as being fundamental to Zealandia’s community engagement efforts.



About this position description

As the work and priorities of Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne change over time, so will the requirements of each of its staff. As such, this document is not intended to represent the role that the occupant will perform in perpetuity. This position description is intended to provide an overall view of the role and responsibilities as at the date of approval. The specifics of the role will be reviewed on a regular basis and adjustments may be made to key responsibilities and accountabilities.

This position description details the minimum outcomes required for the position and for employment. Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne is a seven day per week operation. After-hours and weekend work will be required from time to time. A non-smoking policy is effective on sanctuary land, except for a designated smoking area.

Key responsibilities

1. Youth and Education programmes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliver education programming for schools (both in the sanctuary valley and outreach), New Zealand and international youth groups (including school holiday programmes), and various other activity where appropriate.• Deliver outreach in consultation with teachers to match student needs in class learning.• Create a welcoming environment for all ākongā/students.• Work collectively as part of the team to ensure administrative responsibilities are completed to a high standard and within a timely manner.• Support the development of Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne education programming and resources where needed.
2. Mātauranga and te ao Māori
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make an effort to learn appropriate pronunciation of te reo Māori, and use it appropriately in learning sessions.• Champion the appropriate and respectful use of te reo Māori, tikanga, and mātauranga Māori in the Learning team.• Engage in training opportunities that support upskilling as required, particularly in tikanga and te reo Māori.• Learn and deliver an appropriate welcome to students in te reo Māori.
3. Relationships
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish and nurture sound working relationships with all Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne staff.• Establish and nurture good working relationships with other key stakeholders.• Contribute to a positive people-focused team culture that contributes to the organisational culture.• Embrace Zealandia's policies on environmental consciousness and sustainability.
4. Health and Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All employees have a responsibility to work towards keeping a safe and healthy work environment by practising safe work methods, identifying workplace hazards and using appropriate safety equipment.• Adhere to Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne's code of conduct to support a healthy, safe and enjoyable work environment.

- Ensure health and safety is addressed in day-to-day activities for all learning groups, as well as staff and volunteers working in your work area.
- Adhere to Zealandia Working with Children and Vulnerable Adults policies and procedures.
- Ensure your workspace is a safe working environment through adherence to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and implementation of Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne’s policies on safety.
- Address promptly any responsibilities assigned to your work area by the Health and Safety Officer.

5. Biosecurity

- We have a shared responsibility that the valley is maintained as an environment free of key animal and plant pests, allowing restoration progress to be made against the 500-year vision.
- All employees must take Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne’s biosecurity seriously, so the risk of accidental introductions is minimised.
- Ensure all visitors and groups visiting with you adhere to biosecurity processes.

NOTE: the above responsibilities and expectations are provided as a guide only. The precise performance measures for this position will need further discussion between the jobholder and manager as part of the performance management process.

Key relationships

Internal:

- Team Lead – Learning
- Learning team members
- General Manager, Engagement
- Learning and Engagement team
- Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne staff, volunteers, and interns

External:

- Schools, kura and education providers
- Teachers
- Students and learning programme participants
- Community groups

Person specification

Qualifications and experience

The preferred candidate will:

- have experience in the informal or formal education sector, in cultural, conservation and/or environmental programming
- be a skilled and confident communicator, with strong relationship management skills
- have competent digital skills, including Excel, Outlook, web-based applications appreciate the dynamics of a not-for-profit organisation with limited resources and community needs, so is willing to roll up their sleeves and muck in
- be able to successfully complete Zealandia Working with Children and Vulnerable Adults checks
- have a full driver’s licence.

Desirable experience:

- A tertiary qualification in education, science, or science communication or other relevant discipline would be advantageous.

- The ability to speak some te reo Māori would be highly desirable.
- Understanding schools' processes and requirements.

Personal attributes

- Enjoys public speaking, presenting programmes and engaging young people to connect with nature.
- Excited to support the Learning team to inspire the next generation.
- Great attention to detail and the ability to work efficiently and effectively under time pressure.
- Team player.
- Personal presentation to a high professional standard.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Positive, can-do attitude, energetic and results driven.
- Good level of fitness.
- Ability to develop creative yet practical solutions.
- Embraces learning and speaking Te Reo Māori.
- Able to work flexible hours (evenings and weekends) on some occasions.
- Passion for furthering Zealandia's Te Tiriti o Waitangi relationships with mana whenua and tangata whenua, and a keen interest in ensuring the sanctuary consciously, collaboratively, and continuously strives to honour expressions of Te ao Māori that include tikanga, te reo and mātauranga.

Current: January 2025
