



Simone Bayly
Panda Keeper
Adelaide Zoo

Just a day after finishing her zoology degree at The Australian National University Simone started her dream job of working with exotic and native animals at the National Zoo and Aquarium in Canberra. Within 6 years she had worked her way up to the head keeper of the park.

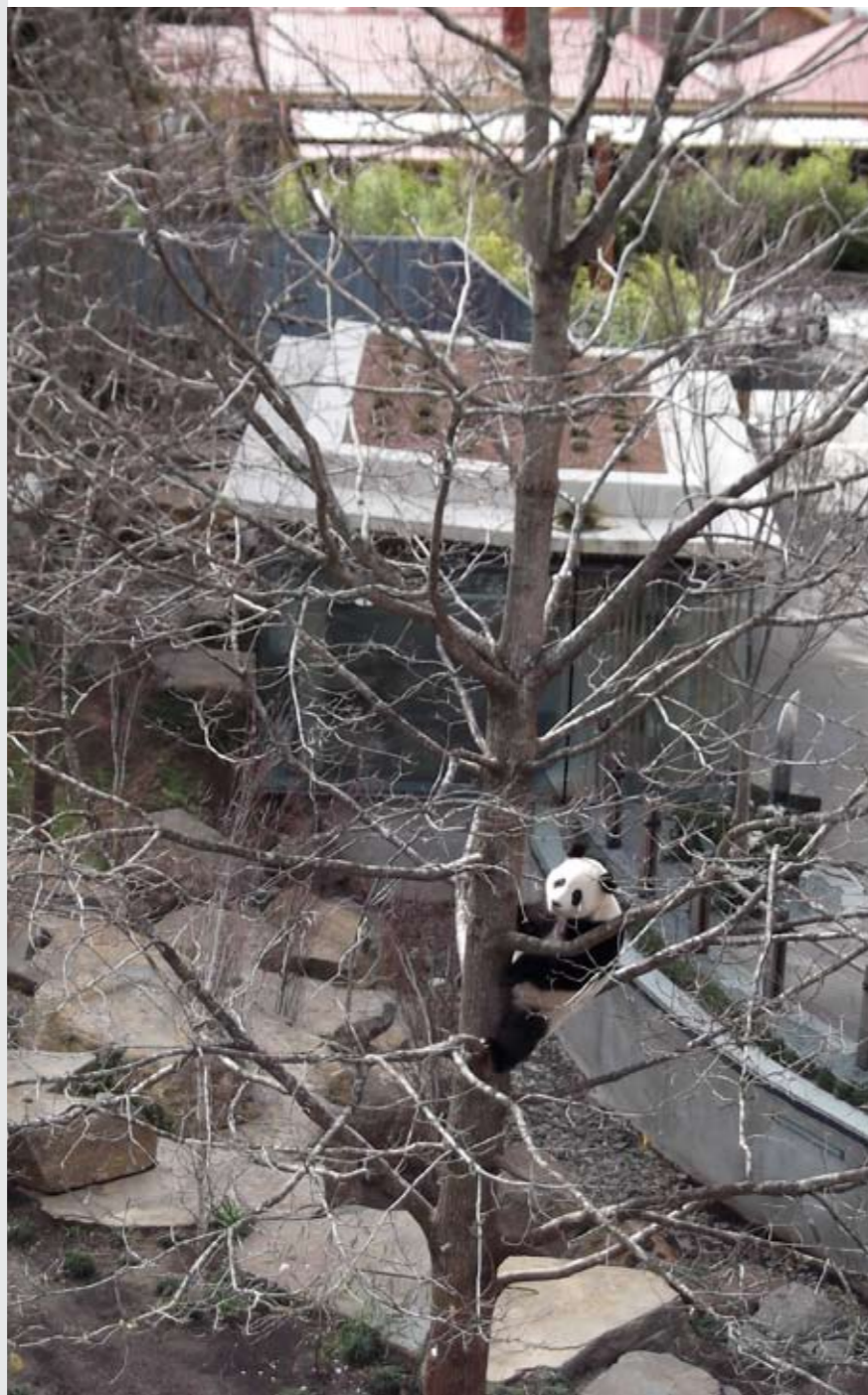
Seeking a new challenge she headed to Adelaide Zoo to work with the primates, in particular the orangutans that had always been a passion of hers. Three years later the position of Senior Panda Keeper was advertised and Simone jumped at the opportunity!

She loves to travel and discovering the natural world around her and hopes to someday spend time working out in the field, studying and rehabilitating animals in the wild.

She married her childhood sweetheart Will in February 2010, after dating for 13 years and adores her 2 boxer dogs.

Being a zookeeper has allowed her to work with amazing animal species. Her favourite part of her job is the daily connections that are made with the animals she looks after and really getting to know all their personalities. She is really interested in animal behaviour and loves watching and learning about their lives.

Being able to pass on a passion to members of the public and educate them with information about what is happening in the environment around us. Giant Pandas and Orangutans are a real passion and she likes to try to inform people about their plight in the wild and how people can help.



My Adelaide Zoo

Animals are my world. All my life I wanted to work with animals in some way and a zoo environment has provided me with that opportunity. The modern day zoo is a wonderful opportunity for conservation efforts and education to take place, not just about animals but biodiversity in general.

Adelaide zoo provides us with a full blown conservation and education based charity where visitors are able to emotionally connect with wildlife and their environment.

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The Giant Pandas at Adelaide Zoo fulfil a desire that I have had, being able to work with amazing high profile animals in an environment where I can contribute to educating the public on issues that are affecting not only giant pandas but all animals in the wild.

Of course it doesn't hurt that Wang Wang and Fu Ni are such beautiful animals! They fill my day with laughs and smiles. I often just take a moment while watching them and just think that I am so lucky to have been given the opportunity to work with them.

No one seems to know what it is about these lovely animals but people just can't help but smile when they see them.

They seem to really make people happy. Whether it is them playing around, eating, sleeping or training with me, I always seem to enjoy myself.

