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ASDP Welcomes New Experience

Strong links with nature and culture makes working at the Alice Springs Desert Park the ideal job for two new staff members, who will bring with them a wealth of experience.

Adam Macfie an anthropologist has become the new guide manager at the Alice Springs Desert Park, while Scott Pullyblank has become the new Curator of Life Sciences.

Adam Macfie said he joined the ASDP in 2007 to work with the guide team which consists in part of members of the Central Australian Aboriginal community, towards the development of interpretation of nature through Aboriginal culture.

"The job with the ASDP is a great opportunity to work on the growing indigenous interpretation section of the park and use my skills to help facilitate some exciting new developments," Mr Macfie said.

"The ASDP has a solid team of indigenous guides and a strong emphasis on providing visitors with information and desert knowledge through the eyes of indigenous people as well as the western science.

"Traditional Aboriginal people have a long history with the Central Australian desert and at ASDP visitors have the opportunity to meet Aboriginal guides and learn the secrets of the desert.

Scott Pullybank said he joined ASDP in 2007 to take up new challenges and because he feels an intrinsic link with the natural environment.

"Coming from a background in wildlife and education, the Desert Park offers me a wonderful mix of experiences," Mr Pullybank said.

"I see this as an opportunity to fully connect with the Arid Zone people, place and ecology.

"My role at the ASDP as Curator of Life Sciences involves co-ordinating both the botanical arm and zoological arm.

"The botanical arm is largely responsible for the maintenance and creation of the fantastic look and feel of the park, while the zoological arm of the park creates and maintains the amazing wildlife experiences.

"I will be leading both of these highly skilled teams in a co-ordinated effort to maintain and enhance the Alice Springs Desert Park experience."

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