

# TALES FROM *the* WILD NEWSLETTER



Tiger Keepers with your lovely messages  
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## MESSAGE RECEIVED!

Your kind words of support reached our keepers to great delight.

As part of our Sumatran Tiger appeal, we offered you, our wonderful supporters the chance to send a short note of thanks

to the hardworking and dedicated tiger keepers raising our newborn cubs Mawar, Pemanah and Tengah here at Taronga. And your response was overwhelming!

You sent over 180 thoughtful and heartfelt messages, not only for our Tiger Keepers but also for the brave Wildlife Protection Units who

defend tigers in Sumatra. We will also send your amazing messages of support to the Wildlife Protection Units in Sumatra on the next trip there so the local rangers can see how much you appreciate all the hard they do as well.

At Taronga we were able to make a special presentation of your

thoughtful cards to our Taronga Carnivore Keepers – Dannielle, Louise, Lesley, Maz, Tara and Ellen.

Our Keepers were incredibly touched by your kind and considerate words as they read through the



cards of well wishes and thanks.

“It helps us, in our job, to know that there’s so many people who share our great love and appreciation of the tigers,” says Keeper Louise Ginman. “Thank you for helping to protect them and for these wonderful messages of support – it’s overwhelming!”

Keeper Lesley Small proudly reported on

the growing tiger cubs, informing us that they now weigh over 30 kilos each and are developing a keen talent for destroying the toys that they previously played with! “Now they’re incredibly destructive – just like a real wild tiger, and just like their mum!” she said.

Your amazing messages were greatly appreciated and really made the

keepers day “We all want to thank you so much for your support, we couldn’t do this without you” says Ms Small.

**A final word to you the kind donors, who never fail to support Taronga’s efforts in protecting the tigers, “From all of us here in the Carnivore team, and at the Zoo, thank you for everything that you do!”**



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## YOUR GIFTS

With your generous support, we have raised **\$139,534** for the Sumatran Tigers! Your kind gift will help towards:



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AND BOARD



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VESTS



TIGER  
HABITAT

THANK YOU!



## A DAY IN *the* LIFE of... A TIGER KEEPER!

It’s a hard job but someone has to do it, see what it’s like to be a busy Tiger Keeper at Taronga Zoo.

- **6:40 am:** Keepers arrive at work and start prepping for the day.
- **7:00 am:** Time to prepare the food and enrichments for the Tigers.
- **7:40 am:** Tiger breakfast time. Our Tigers have a varied diet consisting of beef, deer, kangaroo, horse meat, rabbit, chicken, quails and brisket bone that helps keep their teeth beautiful and clean.
- **8:00 am – 9:00 am:** Keepers get hard at work cleaning the tiger homes in preparation for their day. Enclosures are cleaned and filled with enrichments for the Tigers to play with throughout the day.

- **9:30 am:** Tigers are released to explore their enclosures.
- **10:00 am – 12:00pm:** Tigers have a morning of relaxing and playing with their enrichment toys. Our cubs are particular good at destroying all their new toys.
- **1:00 pm:** Keepers monitor Tigers for behavioural observations as well as the some office admin behind the scenes.
- **1:30pm:** Animal health checks and Tiger cubs weighing. The cubs are getting bigger and bigger every day currently weighing 30 kilos each!
- **2:00 pm:** Tigers get their lunchtime feed and a change in enrichments and enclosures.
- **3:00 pm:** Keepers observes Tiger behaviour and make sure they have plenty of enrichments.
- **4:00 pm:** Cat nap time. Tigers are basically just big cats and they love their sleep. They spend around 18 hours each day either sleeping or just relaxing – What a life!

## DO YOU WANT *to* DO MORE *to* HELP?

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