

# TRADE SALES MANUAL

2021/2022





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# A DAY *at* TARONGA ZOO

Nestled on the shores of the world's most beautiful harbour, Taronga Zoo is situated on the north shore of Sydney Harbour and surrounded by bushland and national park. Taronga Zoo is only 12 minutes from Sydney centre by ferry.

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

### SKY SAFARI

Sydney's only cable car, Sky Safari operates daily from 9:30am – 4:30 pm (May – Aug) or 5 pm (Sep – Apr). Use of the Sky Safari is included in your ticket price. If guests have pre-purchased Taronga entry tickets and are travelling to the Zoo by ferry, they are able to use the Sky Safari to travel to the main entrance.

### QBE FREE-FLIGHT BIRD SHOW

Don't miss Taronga's famous Free-flight Bird Show overlooking magnificent Sydney Harbour. The show features some of our most amazing Australian and exotic birds. See the show twice daily at 12:00 pm and 3:00pm.

### SEALS FOR THE WILD powered by Red Energy

A highlight of our Great Southern Oceans mega exhibit, is the not to be missed Seal Show. You will see the amazing intelligence and agility of our marine mammals and learn about their beautiful wild habitats. See the show twice daily at 11:00 am and 2:00pm.

### CENTENARY THEATRE

The Centenary Theatre has an exciting day-long changing program of shows – amazing animations, live shows and action-packed short films. Enjoy LIVE shows with Taronga Keepers and specially formatted short films on a two-storey high, ultra wide curved screen.

### KEEPER TALKS

Our action packed daily timetable of keeper talks will give you an opportunity to get close to and learn about our charismatic animals.

### ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Want to feed a giraffe, see a koala close up, get mobbed by our little Meerkat family or go behind-the-scenes with our Elephant Keepers? Book one of our Animal Encounters for a thrilling experience on your next visit. Tickets can be purchased on arrival at the Zoo Shops or ticket office.

### DINING & SHOPPING

Shop our range of sustainable gifts, plush toys, books and clothing at any of our three retail shops. Taronga has a range of food and drink options to suit everyone and is committed to ensuring all the food we sell and serve is environmentally sustainable and responsibly sourced. We aim to serve only MSC or ASC certified seafood and RSCPA certified chicken and free range eggs at our food outlets





## GETTING AROUND

The best way to see the Zoo is to follow the green rings on this map. Explore the different trails and experience a show, talk or encounter.

**Main Path** ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**Trails**

- Seal Walk (20 mins)
- Lemur Walk (10 mins)
- Australian Walkabout (1 hr)
- Kids Trail (1 hr)
- Rainforest Trail (20 mins)
- Bird Show Road (25 mins inc show)

## SHOW SCHEDULE

**ZOO MUST DO**

Watch Keeper Talks on your personal device by tuning in to Taronga TV!

Visit [tarongatv.com](http://tarongatv.com) or look out for the QR codes around the Zoo!

**Seals for the Wild Powered by Red Energy**  
11.00am ○ 9F

**Seals for the Wild Powered by Red Energy**  
2.00pm ○ 9F

**QBE Free-flight Bird Show**  
12.00pm ● 16G

**QBE Free-flight Bird Show**  
3.00pm ● 16G

Keeper talks are being updated daily! Check the information board in the Top Plaza, download the Taronga app or listen out for announcements of daily schedules.

Tip: On the main path On a trail MON/WED/SAT As indicated

## MEETING POINTS

- Tour Meeting Point – Information Desk 6L
- Roar and Snore Meeting Point – Main Entrance 5L
- Wildlife Retreat at Taronga – Portal Entrance 3I

**DOWNLOAD THE FREE TARONGA APP**  
A MUST-HAVE FOR YOUR ZOO VISIT!

[taronga.org.au/app](http://taronga.org.au/app)

**WE'RE COVID SAFE**  
TARONGA IS A COVID SAFE BUSINESS

For any suggestions or feedback please email [feedback@zoo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:feedback@zoo.nsw.gov.au).

### KEY

Accessible Toilets	Bus Stop - 4M, 15B, 5E	Escalators	Defibrillator – Ask staff for help	Hand Sanitiser	Kids Play Area	Parking	Stairs	Tranquil Area
Adult Change MLAK - 12H	Café/Eatery 7L, 12G	Ferry	First Aid – Ask staff for help	Lifts	Parents Room	Picnic Area	Tickets - 6L, 9D	Water Bubblers
					Return & Earn	Toilets - 5D, 7L, 8D, 11E, 11H, 12G	Zoo Shop	

**PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS!**

Ensuring the safety of our guests, employees and our animals is our highest priority.

Hand sanitiser is available at the following locations, just look for the blue icon: 14F, 12G, 9K, 6L, 5L, 3C, 9D, 11D, F12, F10, 16G, 12I, 8I, 11K, 14K and 8L.



# FIT TOURS

## TARONGA WILD AUSTRALIA EXPERIENCE

The closest experience you can have with our wildlife led by our Zoo keepers. Learn as you see, touch and interact with Australian native animals during this activity-packed journey through the Zoo. This tour can be booked on a private basis.

### INCLUDES:

- Tours daily at 10:15 am and 1:00 pm  
7 days a week
- Small, personalised group
- Escorted by a Zoo Keeper
- Behind the scenes access
- Photo opportunity with Koalas  
in their enclosure
- Meet hand-raised native animals
- Morning or afternoon tea  
(including Tea and coffee)
- Take-home souvenir
- Sky Safari access
- All-day Zoo access

### IDEAL FOR:

Visitors seeking to learn about Australian native animals with hands-on interaction that gets them as close to the action as they can.

### RESTRICTIONS:

Advanced bookings essential. Tour available in English only. Private tours available on request. Maximum 8 guests per tour. Children under 4 are included within the tour capacity. Guests must arrive to the Information Desk at least 10 minutes prior to tour departure. Any late arrivals will not be allowed on the tour.

Payment and cancellation terms apply.

### TOUR TIME:

**2 hours**



# AUSSIE GOLD

An introduction to Australia's wildlife that brings you close to the animals led by an expert guide where there are plenty of photographic opportunities with kangaroos, wallabies, birds, wombats, echidnas and reptiles.

## INCLUDES:

- Tours daily 9:45am and 1:30pm
- Small personalised group
- Photo opportunity with Koalas in their enclosure
- Sky Safari Access
- All Day Zoo access

## IDEAL FOR:

Inquisitive minds travelling solo or in small groups seeking a learning experience and plenty of one-on-one time with their guide.

## RESTRICTIONS:

Advanced bookings essential. Tour available in English only. Private tours available on request. Maximum 6 guests per tour. Children under 4 are included within the tour capacity. Payment and cancellation terms apply.

## TOUR TIME:

1.5 hours



# TARONGA WALKABOUT (COMING SOON) NEW!

Discover the highlights of Taronga Zoo in this 1 hour small group tour. Taken by one of our expert guides you will explore various areas of the Zoo and learn some fun facts about the animals in our care. This tour will focus on both Australian and Exotic animals.

## IDEAL FOR:

Individuals wanting a general introduction to Australian and exotic wildlife and a higher level of information than they would gain on an unguided walk through the Zoo.

## RESTRICTIONS:

Maximum 15 people per tour. Tour only available in English. Payment and cancellation terms apply.

## TOUR TIME:

1 hour



# GROUP TOURS

## TARONGA ZOO RISE

Enjoy the Zoo grounds before they open to the public, with an early-morning tour led by an expert guide. Visiting some of our iconic Australian animals and some of our other unique animals at a special time of the day. Arriving at 7:30am, your group will have exclusive use of the grounds including our lawn spaces for the perfect early morning group photo. After the tour a fresh seasonal Australian breakfast will be served. The tour will finish at approx. 9:00am when the Zoo opens to the general public.

### INCLUDES:

- Seasonal Australian Breakfast
- Guided tour of Australian Animal exhibits before the Zoo opens to general public
- Access to Taronga Zoo once the tour concludes.

### IDEAL FOR:

Groups filled with early risers seeking something different and wanting to maximise their time at the Zoo. The perfect tour for incentive and conference groups to enjoy as a stand-alone product or combined with a conference or event.

### RESTRICTIONS:

15–60 people per tour. Advanced bookings essential. Tour only available in English. Menu options are subject to seasonal changes. Payment and cancellation terms apply.

### TOUR TIME:

**2 hours**





# WALKABOUT TOUR

Offering two options the Walkabout Tour is a versatile product that can be enjoyed as an introduction to the Zoo for those groups with less time or can be used in conjunction with functions being held either in grounds or at one of our many function spaces.

## INCLUDES:

**Australian:** The fascinating world of the kangaroo, echidna, wallaby, koala, Australian birds and more unfolds on this walk led by an expert guide.

**Exotic:** Learn about the sunbears, giraffes, elephants and more as your expert guide takes you on a journey through the exotic areas of the Zoo. **NEW!**

- Expert Guides leading groups of 10+ guests
- Great photographic opportunities of Animals
- Sky Safari cable car access
- All-day Zoo access

## IDEAL FOR:

Groups wanting a general introduction to Australian/Exotic wildlife and a higher level of information than they would gain on an unguided walk through the Zoo. The perfect tour for incentive and conference groups.

## RESTRICTIONS:

Minimum 10 people per tour. Tour only available in English. Payment and cancellation terms apply.

## TOUR TIME:

1–1.5 hours





# SUNSET WALK

Discover Taronga's Australian animals at twilight led by an expert guide. Based on the Walkabout tour this upgraded tour option begins after the Zoo has closed to regular visitors and concludes a half hour before darkness, the perfect time to see the animals start to enjoy the dusk hours. Tailored to the groups interests, this tour can focus on either Australian animals, or a range of wider Zoo areas including our exotic animals. Enjoy the views from the Zoo as the afternoon light begins to fade beyond the city and guests are treated to a more intimate guided Zoo experience.

## INCLUDES:

- A walk fully escorted by expert guides
- Great photographic opportunities of Australian animals
- Sky Safari cable car access (prior to 5pm)
- All-day Zoo access

## IDEAL FOR:

Groups wanting to explore the Zoo's Australian Animal precinct after-hours. Enquire about our event spaces and unique dining opportunities, to turn your event or conference into the ultimate Zoo experience.

## RESTRICTIONS:

Minimum 15 people per tour. Advanced bookings essential. Tour only available in English. Available between November and March. Tour must conclude a half hour before darkness. Payment and cancellation terms apply.

## TOUR TIME:

**1-1.5 hours.**





# WILD ROPES

Take on a thrilling adventure and see Sydney from new heights on Taronga Zoo Sydney's adrenaline-pumping high ropes course. Wild Ropes offers a birds-eye view of the Zoo and stunning Sydney harbour as participants navigate suspension bridges, tackle climbing walls and soar the skies on flying foxes.

Participants might even catch a glimpse of Taronga's native Australian koalas, emus and kangaroos underneath their feet as they swing and step above the Australian Walkabout.

The four exhilarating courses are suitable for kids through to adults and make the perfect activity for couples, families and incentive groups.

**OPERATES DAILY 9.30AM 3PM.**

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## RESTRICTIONS:

Adults and junior participants must be a minimum of 140cm tall and 8 years old. Children's course participants must be at least 3 years old.

A variety of group sizes can be accommodated with a maximum of 60 people on the course within a one hour time frame. Only available in English. Payment and cancellation terms apply.

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## TOUR TIME:

**1-2 hours** dependent on an individual's ability and the number of courses booked.



# WILDLIFE RETREAT *at* TARONGA

## THE EXPERIENCE

The Wildlife Retreat at Taronga on Cammeragal country is an elegant Australian eco-retreat nestled within Taronga Zoo, overlooking magnificent Sydney Harbour.

The Retreat is located just 12 minutes from Sydney CBD yet feels a world away, in a secluded, harbourside bushland setting. It's a peaceful, relaxing experience that connects guests with native Australian wildlife and forms an integral part of Taronga's vision to achieve a shared future for people and wildlife.

The itinerary takes guests inside our unique eco-retreat's facilities and includes exclusive tours within Taronga Zoo Sydney. Each stay at the Retreat supports Taronga's important animal conservation programs. Check in at the Wildlife Retreat from 2 pm on the night of your stay.

## YOUR TIME AT THE WILDLIFE RETREAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- Sanctuary Access Tour – Duration: 30–45 minutes. Departing from 3:30pm on the day of your arrival.
- 3 course dinner at Me-Gal restaurant
- Breakfast
- Complimentary 2 day access to Taronga Zoo Sydney
- Complimentary car parking

## ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

- 58 standard rooms (Bushland, Animal View, Harbour View) and 4 suites (Treetop Suite)
- Room sizes: Standard Room 30m<sup>2</sup>, Accessible Room 35m<sup>2</sup>, Treetop Suite 45m<sup>2</sup>
- Rooms available in either king or twin configurations
- Accessible rooms available on a request
- Interconnecting rooms are available on request
- Trundle beds available upon request, suits children up to age 17. Baby cots available on request
- Check in at 2.00pm | Check out at 10:00am

### IDEAL FOR:

Travellers who believe memories make the best souvenirs. They are experience seekers who place a premium on quality, sustainability and unique opportunities.



## THE MENU

The Wildlife Retreat at Taronga dining experience is influenced by the native Australian culinary environment.

With a focus on fresh, local produce, the seasonally modified menu is sure to leave a lasting impression on world travellers. The Wildlife Retreat at Taronga guest packages include a three-course dinner as well as a hot buffet breakfast. A carefully curated wine list is offered alongside the dinner service.



WILDLIFE  
RETREAT  
AT TARONGA



# ROAR & SNORE

Hear the untold stories of Taronga Zoo on an exclusive night safari. Wake up to the sounds of the wild and take in the spectacular views of Sydney Harbour.

Roar and Snore guests will enjoy drinks and nibbles at our beautiful harbour-side campsite, followed by an opportunity to get up-close with some of Taronga Zoo's friendliest residents.

After settling into comfortable safari-style tents, Roar and Snore guests will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner before setting off an exclusive behind the scenes night safari. Spend an hour and a half with passionate keepers and guides who will take you on a once in a lifetime tour through Taronga Zoo after dark.

Guests will arise to the sounds of Taronga Zoo at dawn and be greeted by sparkling Sydney Harbour views when they step out from their tents. A continental breakfast will be served, followed by two exclusive animal encounters before Taronga Zoo opens to the public.

## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- **Meals:** refreshments on arrival, buffet style dinner, dessert and light continental breakfast
- **Accommodation:** tents are configured with a double bed and trundle bed and can sleep max. 4 people. All tents have power supply, electric lighting and electric blankets are provided in the cooler months
- **Amenities:** shared bathroom facilities with showers are available within the campsite
- **Experiences:** hands on animal encounters, behind the scenes access, a guided night safari and a morning walk led by Taronga Zoo Keepers and expert guides
- **Taronga Zoo access:** all day Taronga Zoo access, including Sky Safari, following the conclusion of the Roar and Snore program
- **Luggage:** guest luggage can be stored upon request.

## IDEAL FOR:

Adventurous families, friends, couples and groups looking for a unique overnight Sydney experience.

## RESTRICTIONS:

Roar and Snore is a non-smoking experience. All children must be a minimum of 5 years old to attend. Some nights are "adults only" whereby guests must be 18 years old to attend. Some block out dates apply. Payment and cancellation terms apply.

Roar and Snore is a hosted group program that commences at 6:15 pm and runs until 9:30 am the following morning. There is minimal flexibility for guests to depart the program prior to 9:30am, therefore please ensure any following flight and/or activities bookings do not have a pick up time prior to 9:30am.



## ITINERARY\*

**18:15** – Guest Arrival – Meet at Taronga's Historic top entrance archway

**18:30** – Guided walk to campsite

**19:15** – Canapés, drinks and animal encounters

**20:00** – Buffet dinner

**21:00** – Zoo night safari walk

**22:00** – Dessert, tea and coffee at the campsite

**22:30** – Camp lights out... early start!

**06:45** – Rise and shine

**07:30** – Behind the scenes tour 1

**08:15** – Continental breakfast

**09:00** – Behind the scenes tour 2

**09:30** – Program concludes (+ time to explore the Zoo in your own free time, we will store your luggage for you)

\*Subject to change





# TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOO

A five hour drive, or one hour flight from Sydney, Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo is home to hundreds of rare and endangered animals, like rhinos and big cats. Walk, ride or drive your way around the 6km circuit as you take in the numerous animal exhibits and lush picnic grounds.

## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

### ZOOFARI LODGE



Offering an African style safari, Zoofari Lodge is an intimate retreat comprising of a stunning Guest House, luxurious accommodation, African inspired cuisine and guided Zoo tours. Choose from Animal View lodges located on the edge of the savannah where giraffe and eland roam, or Bushland View lodges nestled in the nearby Australian bush.

#### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

One night accommodation, African inspired banquet dinner, breakfast, two day Zoo entry, bike hire and exclusive tours.

### SAVANNAH CABINS



The self-contained Savannah Cabins provide a perfect base from which to explore the Zoo, Dubbo and the wider region. The cabins offer high quality accommodation on open natural grassland. Guests can stay one or multiple nights in the 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom cabins that feature fully a contained kitchen, outdoor deck, BBQ, free Wi-Fi and Foxtel.

### BILLABONG CAMP



Spend the night under the stars in canvas tents located around a picturesque billabong within the Zoo's Australian wildlife area. Guests experience close encounters with Australian wildlife and guided walking tours to meet Australian and Asian animals. A tour highlight is an up close, behind the scenes visit with a Sumatran Tiger!

#### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

One night accommodation, walking tours, BBQ dinner, breakfast and two day Zoo entry.



# EVENTS AT TARONGA

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Taste culinary delights that are rich with fresh and native ingredients, serving locally-sourced produce on a delectable seasonally-modified menu that will satisfy the senses. Creating original and beautiful crafted meals with meticulous attention to detail and that leave the kitchen with a great sense of pride served on stylish plate-ware.

EPICURE is proud to be at the forefront of ethically responsible catering. EPICURE use Australian farmed or wild seafood, Fair Trade coffee and Australian orange juice and are committed to working with suppliers who demonstrate the best possible practices.

Our complete menu guide will introduce you to this season's menu created for your next event.



## TARONGA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND LEARNING

Located within the Taronga Institute of Science and Learning are Taronga's stylish, new spaces, perfect for your next corporate event. Hosting a modern Lecture Theatre catering for up to 240 guests and a boardroom catering up to 30 guests with a private balcony and world-class views of Sydney Harbour and the Harbour Bridge; perfect for morning and afternoon tea or break-out sessions. The boardroom features drop-down presentation screens, teleconference and videoconference facilities, in-house air conditioning, notepads, pens and mints.



# TARONGA CENTRE

## GILI ROOFTOP

‘LIGHT, SPARK OR CANDLELIGHT’



The new Gili Rooftop space and terrace is an incredible setting for any event. Uninterrupted sweeping harbour views by day, shimmering skyline views by night, it is the perfect backdrop for your event, one that will stay with guests forever with 3 walls of floor-to-ceiling windows.

### CAPACITY

**THEATRE:** 90 pax

**CABARET:** 56 pax (8 per table)

**COCKTAIL:** 110 pax

**BANQUET:** 90 pax

## DALANG BALLROOM

‘A PLACE TO TALK’



The largest of all function spaces, the Dalang Ballroom is a contemporary and sophisticated space with stunning floor-to-ceiling glass windows and spectacular views of the city skyline and Sydney Harbour. The key features of this premium room include 180 degree views of the Sydney Harbour and a private balcony that surrounds your function.

### CAPACITY

**THEATRE:** 300 pax

**CABARET:** 232 pax (8 per table)

**COCKTAIL:** 300 pax

**BANQUET:** 250 pax

## N’GALAWA TERRACE

‘SITTING WITH PEOPLE’



Located above the Dalang ballroom sits N’galawa Terrace. With beautiful panoramic views of Sydney Harbour and the city skyline, this is a versatile space is perfect for dinners, cocktail parties, conferences, and social celebrations.

### CAPACITY

**THEATRE:** 200 pax

**CABARET:** 132 pax (8 per table)

**COCKTAIL:** 200 pax

**BANQUET:** 150 pax

# TARONGA ZOO GROUNDS

Our versatile, unique spaces throughout Taronga Zoo grounds are perfect for corporate end of year events and incentive groups, to team building days or offsite meetings catering for groups up to 2000 guests.

Visitors will get full access to all of Taronga's daily activities, including our famous seal and bird shows, keeper talks at various exhibits and use of the Sky Safari cable car during Zoo hours. All the while having the opportunity to hire an exclusive area just for your group. For more information on hiring areas such as the Bird Amphitheatre, Seal Cove and the Taronga Food market for your next event please contact our sales team.

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## THE VIEW RESTAURANT

Looking for a unique space, The View restaurant can be turned into a function venue by night! The View Restaurant is available after hours to provide your guests with an exclusive experience in the Zoo grounds. With a picturesque backdrop, The View Restaurant is a stunning space for your next special event.

### CAPACITY

**COCKTAIL:** 80 pax

**BANQUET:** 45 pax



## CONCERT LAWN



The largest of the lawn spaces, perfect for large corporate family day events. The space can be utilized for casual picnic style theming and add on one of our BBQ catering packages.

### CAPACITY

Up to 2,000 pax

## HELMORE LAWN



A small lawn space in proximity to the Taronga Food Market, Bird and Seal shows and main entrance of the Zoo. Suitable for smaller corporate groups, breakouts and picnic lunches.

### CAPACITY

Up to 100 pax

## HARBOUR VIEW LAWN



Stunning views overlooking Sydney Harbour. A smaller, intimate lawn space for group photos, informal breakout sessions or small picnics.

### CAPACITY

Up to 100 pax



Photo by Rick Stevens

## AFRICAN SAVANNAH

NEW!

Opened in June 2020, the African Savannah is an immersive experience like no other, giving you the chance to get up close to your favourite African animals, and learn about how communities across the continent are finding solutions to the threats facing their wild cousins to ensure wildlife and people can peacefully co-exist.

# BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

Between November 2019 and March 2020, Taronga received and treated an unprecedented number of animals impacted by bushfire, drought, heatwaves and severe storms. Taronga led emergency interventions to save koalas, wallabies, platypus and critically endangered fish and amphibians from the path of fires and drying river systems.

The Wildlife Hospital at Taronga Western Plains Zoo treated more koalas across this period than are usually seen over a three-year span. Our veterinary team treated more than 100 koalas in the field and at our two hospitals. We grieve the loss of over 1 billion native Australian animals. More than 5.3 million hectares burned in NSW alone and impacted more than 30% of the known range of 113 species.

Taronga's immediate responses ranged from providing expert medical care at our two Wildlife Hospitals in Sydney and Dubbo and emergency wildlife triage centres in Victoria, to providing emergency shelter for an unprecedented volume of wildlife, advising government agencies and creating awareness through speaking at the United Nations summit on the role of conservation zoos in the long-term recovery of native species.

## A LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY

Species recovery takes decades. Taronga's long-term approach involves rebuilding populations (breed-to-release) and restoring and protecting habitat.

Successful long-term recovery will involve identifying sites with the highest conservation value to restore and connect habitat for impacted species, driving habitat connectivity to support population demographics and genetic diversity across a range of key species.

Recovery programs are being developed at the time of print and we understand that the conservation status of some aforementioned species may be upgraded after final assessments of wild populations and habitat.





## PROJECT PARTNERS

- NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
- Australian Museum
- Port Macquarie Koala Hospital
- Science For Wildlife
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
- University of New South Wales
- Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve
- Zoos Association Australia
- Zoo and Aquarium Association

## VISIONARY SUPPORT IS NEEDED

Taronga has had significant pressure on its resources to support this wildlife crisis. Restoring lost habitat and repopulating wildlife will take decades and significant funding. Saving a single species will cost more than \$500,000 per year.

Your support, at any level, will assist to develop new recovery programs where needed, grow existing breed-to-release programs, and support research, habitat protection and restoration. Please get in touch with our team to discuss how you can get involved.

[taronga.org.au/donate](https://taronga.org.au/donate)

# IMPACTED SPECIES SNAPSHOT



## KOALA

A rescued population of genetically important koalas were in care at Taronga until it was safe for them to be released. With 24% of koala habitat in eastern NSW fire affected, recovery plans focus on habitat protection and restoration, research to improve translocation success and establishment of a Koala Breeding Sanctuary to bolster wild populations.



## CRITICALLY ENDANGERED AMPHIBIANS

Taronga is establishing emergency insurance populations of the Northern Corroboree Frog and the Booroolong Frog. Repairs are being undertaken to the Southern Corroboree Frog's fire-damaged enclosures in Kosciuszko National Park and breeding is being scaled up to restock the population.



## PLATYPUS

Seven platypus were rescued from a rapidly drying river system, also at risk of fire, in the south-west of Canberra. The platypus were transferred to Taronga to receive expert care until they can be released.



## BRUSH-TAILED ROCK WALLABY

Over 80% of the known NSW range is fire affected. Wallabies rescued from the fire path near Canberra are in care at Taronga until it is safe to be released. Taronga advised government on aerial food drops and the expansion of an insurance population is being explored.



## REGENT HONEYEATER

With 47% of monitored nesting sites impacted by fire, Taronga is committed to increasing the long-standing breed-for-release population as well as devising strategies to protect their critically important habitat.

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WESTERN PLAINS  
ZOO



# TRAVEL AGENTS *of* CHANGE

One of the reasons so many people love to travel is that it is an opportunity to escape the modern world and just be in the wilderness. However, this comes with the responsibility of ensuring that we have as little impact as possible on the planet. Whether you are leading a group locally or globally, your influence and guiding can inspire wildlife friendly travel.



Photo credit by Amy Russell

## WILDLIFE POSITIVE TRAVEL

Here are some handy tips of what to do, and not to do to ensure that you have a positive impact on the wildlife that you visit.

### THINGS TO DO:

- Single use plastics such as bottles, coffee cups, plastic bags and straws are causing chaos in our oceans. Encourage your guests to go reusable, not disposable.
- Be mindful of your surroundings. Leave no trace. Take nothing from the environment.
- Support local conservation organisations – when done well eco-tourism provides an alternate income for local communities that would reduce their reliance on other activities that may impact wildlife or habitats.
- Take your time and stay quiet, we scare wildlife as much as they might scare us. Listen. Be still.
- Lend your eyes to the wild - download the Wildlife Witness app and report any incidents of illegal wildlife trade that you may see in markets or on the street.
- Do your research. Know when to look out for wildlife, learn their schedule – they are usually more active in the early morning and evening.

### THINGS NOT TO DO:

- Steer clear of animals in markets and other public places that are used for a 'photo opportunity'. If the animal is being used as a selfie prop or to entertain people chances are they are not happy. It is likely these wild creatures are being kept as pets and often mistreated with the aim of making them be able to be around humans like you.
- Use noise, food, tapping, yelling or any other physical action that might cause distress to an animal when trying to get it to look at you for a photo opportunity.
- Take part in experiences where a wild animal is being held, touched, restrained or baited.
- Stay on paths/tracks when walking or hiking – they are usually there for a reason.
- Take part in wildlife experiences where there are obvious signs of distress. Judge the surroundings that an animal is in - if it is a baby animal, where is its mother? Was the baby orphaned and are they being raised for release back into the wild? Do the animals look like they are distressed?



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