

# RISE OF THE TARONGASAURS



We are so excited to have some prehistoric giants calling Taronga Zoo home for the summer! Explore the dinosaur trail to encounter some animals that roamed the Earth over 230 million years ago.



1. Your first dinosaur will be hard to miss! Almost everything about **Brachiosaurus** (brak-ee-uh-saur-us) was huge. How tall did Brachiosaurus grow? \_\_\_\_\_ metres. Looking at all its body parts, identify one that is quite small. \_\_\_\_\_ Do you think this would have been an advantage or disadvantage? \_\_\_\_\_



2. **Coelophysis** (see-lo-fi-sis) is our oldest visiting dinosaur. How long ago did these small carnivores live in packs? \_\_\_\_\_ million years ago.



3. Try your luck to examine the next dinosaur's head. What amazing feature does **Dilophosaurus** (di-loaf-o-sore-us) have? \_\_\_\_\_  
What do you think its purpose was? \_\_\_\_\_



4. How many babies in the **Triceratops** (try-serra-tops) nest? \_\_\_\_\_  
Predict its diet based on its mouth. \_\_\_\_\_



5. Trek to map reference E4 for a very popular dinosaur! What is its name? \_\_\_\_\_ Why was this dinosaur a lot smarter than other giant carnivores? \_\_\_\_\_  
Its bite was three times more powerful than a lion's! Think about what else makes it a successful predator?  
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6. This prehistoric visitor is not a dinosaur at all! **Quetzalcoatlus** (ket-sal-co-atil-us) was an enormous pterosaur, or flying reptile. With a wingspan of 12 metres and reaching 5 metres tall, this may have been the largest flying animal ever! What living animal grows to a similar height? \_\_\_\_\_



7. **Pachyrhinosaurus** (pack-ee-rine-oh-sore-us) does not have a large horn on its nose. What does it have instead and how were they used?  
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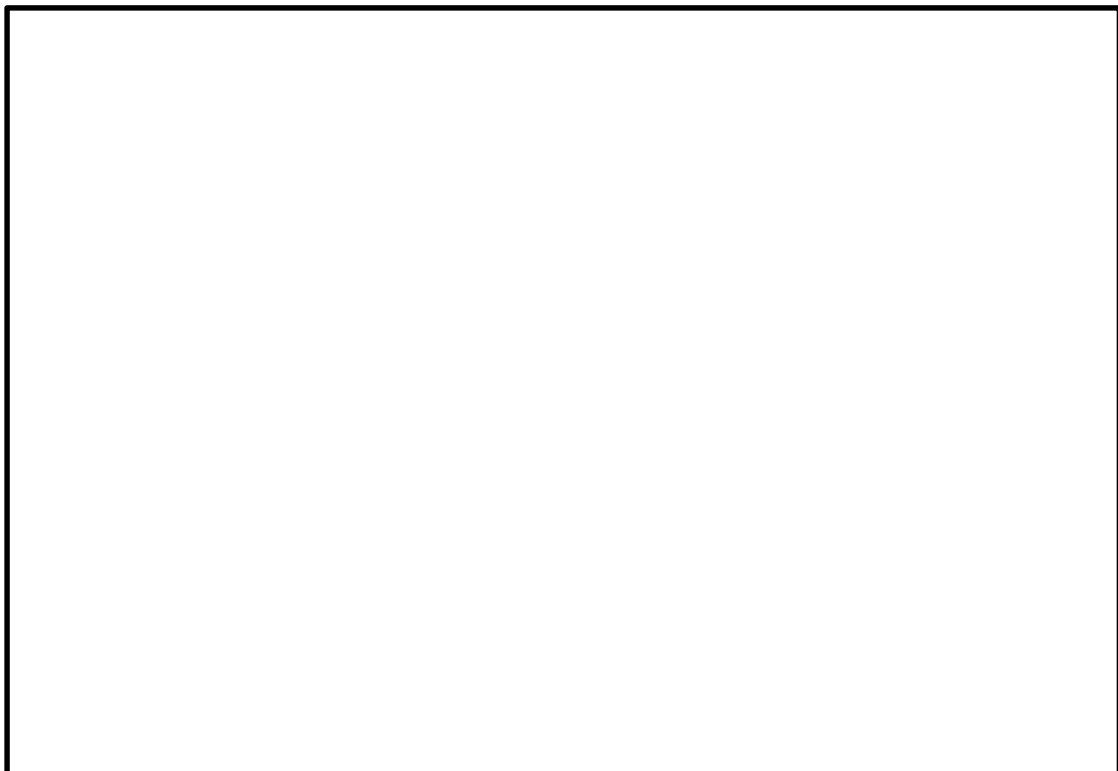
8. **Utahraptor** (you-tah-wrap-tore) was the largest, most dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ that ever lived! What covers its body? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did it move? \_\_\_\_\_



9. A fossil of **Carnotaurus** (kar-noh-tore-us) was found by palaeontologists in 1984. What was special about it? \_\_\_\_\_



10. Draw and label a feature that helped **Suchomimus** (sook-o-mime-us) catch its prey.



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## DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS

230 million years ago a new kind of reptile arrived on Earth and up until 65 million years ago the ground snook for the mightiest dinosaurs walked the land. Taronga is pleased to present these prehistoric giants for your close encounter.

## CAN YOU DIG IT?

Are you ready to dig? Go to Taronga's fossil dig, pick your tool of the trade and uncover the mysteries of the planet's prehistoric past.

WANT MORE?

## FIND ALL 7 DINO-RELATIVES!

- WOMBAT BURROW: map ref. 3B
- SALTWATER CROC: map ref. 7G
- FISHING CAT: map ref. 12D
- FRESHWATER TURTLE: map ref. 11L
- DUCKS: map ref. 5L
- KANGAROO: map ref. 3L
- CASSOWARY: map ref. 6J

## PREHISTORIC PIC

Be a part of something BIG and snap your pic in the top piazza, map ref. 6L. Make sure to share with us using **#WILDOSQUAD**.

## DINO KEEPER TALKS

10.30am and 2.30pm  
map ref. 8J



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Please do not feed the animals. It is unnecessary & may cause them harm.