AUSTRALIA HABITAT
PHASE 1

A new century | A new plan | A shared future

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Building a Better Zoo

Enhancing the visitor experience

For a zoo to remain relevant, it must grow and evolve. Here at Taronga Zoo, we aim to continually improve our animal habitats while striving to enhance our visitors' experiences.

In March 2015, the NSW Government announced a $114.8 million upgrade to the Taronga Zoo Visitor Experience program to revitalise the Zoo over the next 10 years, including an expansion to the Australia Habitat.

This is being jointly funded by the Taronga Conservation Society and the NSW Government.

At Taronga, we believe that wildlife and humans can share this planet. We're working tirelessly to achieve a shared future, helping threatened species to breed, protecting their genetic diversity and even re-introducing them to the wild. We're striving to be a centre for conservation excellence and through our work we aim to inspire individuals and communities.

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Showcasing Australian wildlife

The revitalisation to the Australia Habitat will be delivered in two phases, with the first phase completed in 2018 and the second phase completed in 2021.

The Australia Habitat Phase 1 will showcase Australia's fascinating heritage, culture and wildlife.

Visitors will enjoy up-close encounters with animals in their natural habitat, including a walk-through exhibit where people can interact with and learn about our unique wildlife.

Australian animals in the new habitat may include wallabies, echidnas, bandicoots, Platypus, Koalas and Freshwater Eels.

Visitors to the revitalised habitat will also be immersed in the diverse cultures of Australia's Indigenous communities, all on the shores of Cammeraigal country.

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Immersive Conservation Experiences

As part of Phase 1 of the revitalisation to the Australia Habitat, we are delivering a new overnight conservation experience.

Immersed within the Australia Habitat, the Taronga Wildlife Retreat will wrap around a wildlife sanctuary housing animals such as wallabies, echidnas, bandicoots, Platypus, Koalas and Freshwater Eels.

Central to the Taronga Wildlife Retreat concept is the opportunity it will provide for people to learn more about our wildlife, the threats Australian species face, and be inspired to become conservation champions.

Visitors will be hosted by Zoo Keepers, Taronga Guest Experience Officers and Indigenous Guides, who will provide tours and talks in the context of a beautiful Australian native landscape.

Taronga Wildlife Retreat will offer a unique overnight conservation experience supporting:

- Interaction with Australian animals in unique and engaging ways,
- Understanding of the connections between Indigenous culture and the environment, and
- Changes to attitudes and behaviours around making sustainable product choices and supporting conservation efforts.

Immersive wildlife programs like Roar and Snore **change people's attitudes and behaviours**.

Upon arrival,
48%
of Roar and Snore overnight visitors indicated they intended **"to make a conscious effort to do things to help conserve the environment"**.

Following their stay, **this increased to**
⬆71%

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Taronga Wildlife Retreat features include:

- An environmentally sensitive design, planned to be built to high environmental standards,
- Five small-scale accommodation pods nestled into the landscape,
- A standalone guest lodge with an external deck overlooking the wildlife sanctuary, and
- A new kitchen and dining room adjacent to the existing Taronga Function Centre.

Expanding our existing conservation experiences

The Taronga Wildlife Retreat builds on existing overnight conservation experiences like Roar and Snore at Taronga Zoo and Zoofari Lodge at Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

Like the existing programs, the Taronga Wildlife Retreat will be run and fully funded by Taronga. All income generated by the Taronga Wildlife Retreat will support the care of our animals and our conservation initiatives in Australia and overseas.

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AUSTRALIA HABITAT PHASE 1 | Map

Australia Habitat Phase 2

Australia Habitat Phase 1

Taronga Wildlife Retreat

PLATYPUS

GUEST LODGE

TARONGA CENTRE

Existing Zoo

Existing Zoo

POD A

KOALAS

DINING ROOM

Existing Zoo

POD B

KOALAS

ECHIDNAS

WALLABIES

Existing Zoo

WOLLEMI GORGE

POTAROOS

FRESHWATER EELS

KOALAS

POD C

BANDICOOTS

PHASE 1

AVIARY

POD E

POD D

RED KANGAROOS

Design of the Taronga Wildlife Retreat is sensitive to the local site and minimises visual impacts from Bradley's Head Road and Sydney Harbour. The highest point of the accommodation pods will be no higher than the first floor of the existing Taronga Function Centre.

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