THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE ZOO
Welcome to the Melbourne zoo to help you enjoy your day we have compiled a range of things for you to see and do today at the zoo.

- Corroboree frog
- Wild sea exhibit
- Samatran tiger
- Asian elephants
- Butterfly house
- The Orangatangs
- You have your map in the middle of the booklet
- Can you find these?
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### Daily Talks

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Southern Corroboree Frog

Leap into the new look World of Frogs exhibit at Melbourne Zoo!
In this immersive space, you’ll get to meet precious, endangered Frogs including the tiny yellow and black Southern Corroboree Frog, the green Spotted Tree Frog and the Stuttering Frog which sports some impressive striped legs to name a few. The daily amphibian keeper talks will leave you feeling connected to these beautiful creatures and inspired to help save them from extinction. The froggy-themed spring season doesn’t end there!

➢ Find the Corroboree Frog Hunt and see if you can spot the new giant frog sculpture within the Zoo grounds.

➢ Are zebra’s white with black stripes or black with white stripes?

Giraffes live in Africa. Their extreme height allows them to eat leaves and shoots located much higher than other animals can reach. In particular, they seek out acacia trees. Their long tongues are helpful in eating because they help pull leaves from the trees. Spending most of the day eating, a full-grown giraffe consumes over 45 kg (100 lb.) of leaves and twigs a day.
The male giraffe is both taller and heavier than the female. When giraffes walk, they move both legs on one side of their body and then both legs on the other side; this is unique to giraffes. However, they run in a similar style to other mammals, swinging their rear legs and front legs in unison. They can reach 55 km/h at full speed but only in brief spurts. Giraffes sleep less than two hours a day. In general, they sleep with their feet tucked under them and their head resting on their hindquarters, but they can also sleep for short periods of time standing up.

➢ How many Joey Scouts would it take to be as tall as a giraffe?
The Aussie Bush

Begin your Aussie adventure with the Southern Koalas as they snooze high up in the trees with a belly full of gum leaves. Then, take a walk through the captivating Great Flight Aviary and be amazed by the colours and sounds of Red-tailed Black Cockatoos, Wonga pigeons, Apostle birds and Jabiru just to name a few. Or try your luck spotting parrots, honeyeaters, pigeons, ducks and waders. The mischievous Tasmanian Devil awaits you at the next stop to say G’day. Take the time to learn the plight of these amazing marsupials in the wild and how you can help save them from extinction. Head underground to the Wombat’s burrow where you can discover the habitat of this incredible creature that can weigh over up to 32 kilograms!

Discover the secrets of how plants and animals survive the harsh conditions in Australia. Many have special adaptations to survive in this difficult environment. These are highlighted as you explore the exhibit. You’ll see examples of Australia’s 20,000 flowering plants: the Queensland Bottle Tree, Kangaroo Paws, the Grass Tree, the Emu Bush, Sturt’s Desert Pea, Eucalypts, Banksias and Waratah. Finally, head into an open bushland landscape which is home to kangaroos, wallabies and emus, and watch them near as they mingle, laze and hop about.

Wild sea exhibit

- Have your photo taken with this seal
- How many thongs are on this tree? Make sure you count all around the tree
- What kind of animal is hiding here?
- How many seals are there? Are you sure?
- What is this animal called?
- Where else can you find them?
Asian Elephant

The Asian Elephant was once widespread throughout Asia. However, loss of habitat and poaching has forced remaining populations into heavily forested, inaccessible regions in south and South-East Asia. Even in these areas where wildlife has long lived undisturbed, humans are beginning to move in. Trail of Elephants highlights the challenges of co-existence for humans and elephants. You’ll discover how conservationists are looking for solutions that will protect wildlife, without disadvantaging people.

- **How many Joey Scouts can you fit on the elephant sculpture at the entrance?**
- Have your leader take a photo

Gorilla’s

DID YOU KNOW?

- A baby gorilla was born on 13th of April 2015 and will be called Kanzi, which means 'treasure' in Swahili.
- All gorillas are critically endangered and are in need of further conservation action.
- When excited and pleased, gorillas giggle in almost the same way that humans do.
- Young gorillas are very playful, tickling and chasing each other. At the zoo they play with special ‘gorilla proof’ toys.
- Baby gorillas are quite similar to human babies and have the same needs, such as physical interaction, security and lots of opportunities to play.
- When gorillas are upset or threatened they show it by coughing.
- Melbourne Zoo’s gorillas are usually asleep by 7.00pm and wake at about 7.00am the next morning.
Platypus

Did you know?

• The Platypus makes a soft growling sound when disturbed
• Adult Platypuses do not have teeth, having instead horny plates in their mouth to crush the food. Young Platypuses have molar teeth, which they lose as they mature
• The Platypus is widespread in eastern Australia and common in Tasmania
• Platypuses don’t have teats, releasing milk through pores in the skin instead. They have grooves on their abdomens where the milk pools, allowing the young to lap it up
• Litter from humans, such as plastic bags or fishing lines, can trap and kill Platypuses

Sumatran Tiger

The Sumatran Tiger is classed as ‘critically endangered’ by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (on the IUCN ‘red list’), with numbers in the wild falling. The animals remaining in the wild may number in the hundreds. Threats include habitat loss as palm oil plantations are extended through their natural range, hunting for traditional medicine (although this is illegal in all countries), and loss of prey

➢ Can you see the tiger?
➢ What do tigers like to eat?
➢ What do the keepers put around the enclosure to help excite them?
Sumatran Orang-utan

Orang-utans are the largest living tree mammals in the world. They live in our neighbourhood, in nearby Malaysia and Indonesia (on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra). At the Orang-utan Sanctuary, you can visit the orang-utans in their treetop home. Walk the elevated boardwalk and watch them behave as they would in the wild: climbing, swinging, nesting and feeding high off the ground. Orang-utans rarely come down to the ground. They spend much of their time foraging for fruit in the upper canopy of the rainforest, and build nests out of leaves and branches each night. The tailor-made exhibit allows you to watch them up close (and up high) as they go about a typical day.

Conserving Orang-utans

Sadly, Orang-utans are highly endangered – and in danger of becoming extinct – as their rainforest habitat is increasingly lost to logging and palm oil plantations. They are also hunted as pets.

Can you find these?

- Can you find this?
  Where is it?

- Can you find this statue of Peter pan?

- What animal are you going to see when you see this sign?

- What animal is this sign warning is around
Ring-tailed Lemur

Discover what it’s like to be a lemur as you walk and play amongst these charismatic animals. Enter Lemur Island through a rainforest tunnel then head up along a boardwalk toward the ‘tree house’ to discover the wonder of the world’s rainforests. Stunning landscapes and soundscapes will transport you into the forests of Madagascar, home of the world’s remaining lemur species, and make it hard to believe you’re still at Melbourne Zoo! This is a free range exhibit with the lemur’s out in the open. So remember not to get too close to them or try to pat them.

- Like most Lemurs, Ring-tailed Lemurs are a female dominated society and move in large groups called troupes. (like Scouts)
- The Ring-tailed Lemur is one of 22 species of Lemur, all species are only found on the island of Madagascar
- On average, Ring-tailed Lemurs live between 18-20 years
- Have your photo taken with a Leama close by

Butterfly House

The Butterfly House offers one of the zoo’s most loved – and magical – experiences, inviting you to enter the world of Australia’s tropical and subtropical butterflies. This magnificent tropical glasshouse, heated to 28 degrees all year round, is home to hundreds of spectaculantly coloured native butterflies. As you enter, you’re instantly immersed, surrounded by these beautiful winged creatures and the lush vegetation that is their natural habitat.

- Can you get a butterfly to land on you?
- Where did it land?
- Get your leader to take a picture for you!!!!!
Act for wildlife

When balloons fly, seabirds die.
When balloons fly, seabirds die. We love balloons but when they’re used outdoors, they end up in waterways & oceans around Australia, harming wildlife.

Beads for Wildlife
Give a beautiful beaded gift that helps people and wildlife!

They're Calling on You
Gorillas are on the brink of extinction. You can help save gorillas in Africa simply by donating your mobile phone!

Wipe for Wildlife
There are two different types of Australians. Tree flushers and those of us that wipe for wildlife! Which group do you belong to?

Love your Locals
It isn't hard to fight extinction and save wildlife. You can declare your love for local animals

Don't Palm Us Off
You can help save wild orang-utans. This is the year to demand clearly labelled palm oil.

Seal the Loop
Melbourne Zoo is working to reduce marine wildlife entanglements by placing bins made from recycled plastic waste into Victorian fishing locations.

Zoo Day badges can be purchased for $2.50 each at pavilion 3 on the grassed area near the train station entry from 10am to 2pm.