

TASMANIA ZOO



HAVE A DEVIL OF A TIME

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Meet some new arrivals



Tasmania Zoo - Baby Tasmanian Devil

TASMANIA ZOO has had a bumper breeding season.

It all started in late November with the successful first year breeding of the endangered swift parrot and ever since there has been a steady arrival of babies of all sorts of species, from bird to kangaroos and sugar gliders to devils.

It has been an exciting breeding season and the zoo is still awaiting some new arrivals.

During the next two months the captive group of little blue penguins is set to expand. One female has laid eggs and the remaining females will hopefully nest shortly. Some fluffy new additions will be waddling around after an incubation period of 36 days.

The ever-popular sugar glider is another species with several offspring. These can

be seen enjoying their new enclosure within the recently opened nocturnal building.

In this new building you will spot several species in a nocturnal setting, including eastern and spotted-tailed quolls, ring-tailed and brush-tail possums and the sugar gliders.

Following all this success inbreeding there are still further babies. Tasmania Zoo's devil breeding program "Devil's Heaven" has had a bumper breeding season.

Unfortunately, visitors can not view these babies as they are located within a secure quarantine facility sponsored by Richardson's Harley Davidson.

However, visitors to Tasmania Zoo can still view a large collection of devils within the zoo. There are three devil interpretation and feeding displays every day at 10.00am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm.

Visitors can also view the penguins feeding daily at 10.00am and 4.00pm, and can also purchase animal food and hand feed the

kangaroos, wallabys, emus and domestic animals anytime.

While you are visiting Tasmania Zoo, you will also find a large selection of Tasmanian native species and exotic wildlife, including six species of primates, crocodiles, alligators and snakes. There is also a very large collection of feathered friends with 80 species of birds from every continent.

Tasmania Zoo has a free BBQ facilities and a kiosk.

Tasmania Zoo is located just outside of Launceston at 1166 Ecclestone Road, Riverside. It is open seven days a week from 8.30am to 5.00pm. For details phone 6396 6100 or visit www.tasmaniazoo.com.au

Highlights

- Tasmania Zoo's devil breeding program "Devil's Heaven" has had a bumper breeding season.
- Devil feedings and interpretation times: 10.00am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm
- Opening hours: 7 days a week 8.30am to 5.00pm

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