

Excursion Risk Management Plan: Taronga Zoo Animal Display

Excursion details			
Date(s) of incursion	16/01/25	Address:	66 Burwood Road Concord 2137
Time of Activity	11:00am - 1:00pm		
Proposed activities	Animal Display and Education	Water hazards? NO If yes, detail in risk assessment below.	
Name of RPD	TBC	Contact Number of RPD	
Number of children attending excursion	Estimated: 27 Actual:	Number of educators/parents/volunteers	Estimated: 3 Actual:
Educator to child ratio Include whether this excursion warrants a higher ratio? Please provide details.	1:15 Ratio as per normal excursion staffing ratio. No higher staffing requirements needed.		
Educators on Incursion (Names): * TBC	Educator Training: * TBC	Educator's Contact Details (to be completed on staff copy of RA only): * * * * *	Educators to sign once they have read and understood the Risk Management Plan: * * * * *
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Additional Venue Information:	No		
Reminder: Monitor the effectiveness of controls and change if necessary. Review the risk assessment if an incident or significant change occurs.			

Risk assessment					
Hazard identified	Risk assessment (use matrix)	Elimination/control measures	Who	When	Residual Risk Rating
Animal bites or scratches	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure children follow instructions from zoo staff regarding safe distances and handling protocols - Only trained staff handle the animals - Educators supervise at all times 	Educators/Zoo Staff	During activity	Low
Allergic reactions to animals	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents/guardians to notify staff of known allergies - RPD to run child info listing before session - Ensure a first-aid kit, allergy management plan and medication are on-site 	Educators	Before activity	Low
Fear or anxiety among children	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide an area for children to move to if they are overly uncomfortable with the animals - Inform children in advance about the animals they will see 	Educators	Before and during activity	Low
Tripping hazards (e.g.,	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep pathways clear of zoo staff equipment 	Educators/Zoo Staff	Before activity starts	Low

equipment, enclosures)		- Use barriers if enclosures or displays are set up.			
Animal escape	High	- Ensure all enclosures are secure and supervised by zoo staff - Stop the activity immediately if an escape occurs and follow emergency protocols	Zoo Staff Educators	During activity	Low
Spread of diseases	Moderate	- Ensure children and staff wash hands after the activity - Provide hand sanitizers	Educators	After activity	Low

Risk	Benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Animal bites or scratches ● Allergic reactions to animals ● Fear or anxiety among children ● Tripping hazards (e.g., equipment, enclosures) ● Animal escape ● Spread of diseases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learning about wildlife, animal behavior, and conservation efforts ● Encouraging curiosity, respect for animals, and engagement in group learning ● Building confidence through positive animal interactions and overcoming fears ● Enhancing knowledge of biodiversity and ecosystems ● Opportunity to practice fine motor skills during supervised animal handling (if allowed) ● Providing a memorable and exciting experience for children

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	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Almost certain	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
Possible	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	High
Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High