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UPDATE FROM CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY DURING COVID-19 CLOSURE

I write to give you a brief update on what has been happening here at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary during this unprecedented time and wish to provide you with a look into what lies ahead for the park in the coming months.

Like the majority of many businesses here on the Southern Gold Coast, the COVID-19 crisis and associated government health restrictions left no choice but to close the doors to the Sanctuary on 23rd March 2020. During this time of closure, we've had a small contingency of staff onsite to ensure that our animal collection remain happy, healthy and engaged, whilst also ensuring their safety remains paramount by increasing our security presence to provide 24/7 monitoring of our animals and park infrastructure.

Our Wildlife Hospital has continued to remain in operation as an essential service to treat and rehabilitate not only the Sanctuary's animals but also those from the surrounding areas that require care.

The downtime in business has also provided time to prepare for when we are in a position to re-open, with maintenance and upgrades occurring where possible to ensure that the Sanctuary continues to be a safe and welcoming environment for all.

With some government restrictions being eased over the course of the last week, I am pleased to advise that our Sanctuary Café and Natures Gifts retail outlet will reopen five days per week (Mon-Fri) operating from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Looking to the future, we are well-advanced in the preparation of our reopening plans for the wider Sanctuary and we envisage that it will be a slow process, operating in a very different way going forward, and of course subject to government advice as provided.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the Sanctuary always values and appreciates the continued support from our local and business communities to help strengthen our capabilities to provide our guests and community with a world class nature based and education focused experience. To show your support at this time you may wish to consider adopting an animal, making a donation, or even purchasing a membership so that you can visit when we reopen. For more information on how to help visit www.currumbinsanctuary.com.au

On behalf of the team here at the Sanctuary we look forward to a time where we can all get back to "normal". In the meantime, I hope you, your teams, and your family stay healthy, happy and safe.

Warm regards,

Michael Kelly
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Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary