



**Moonlit
Sanctuary**
the best way to see Aussie animals

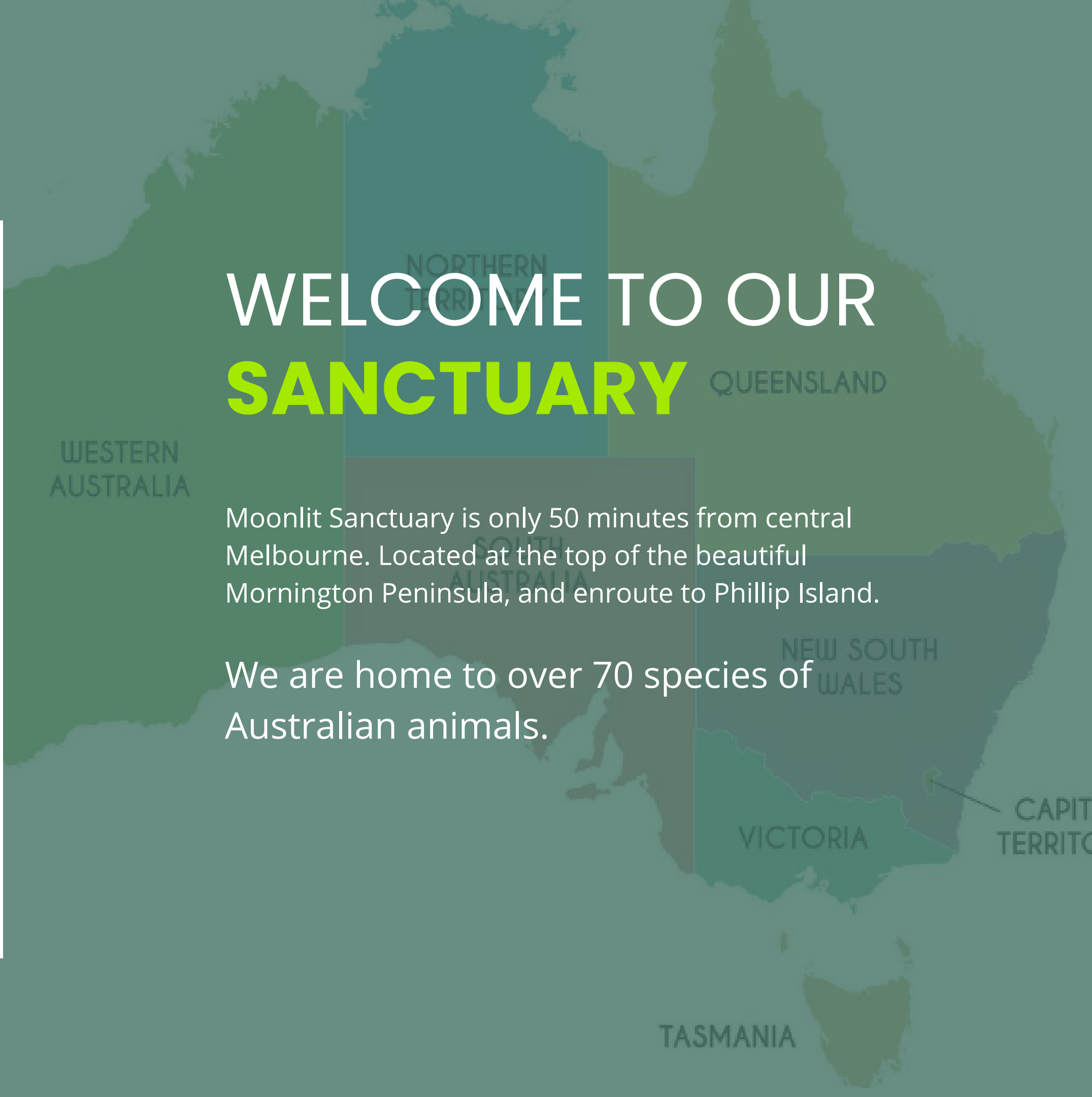




WELCOME TO OUR **SANCTUARY**

Moonlit Sanctuary is only 50 minutes from central Melbourne. Located at the top of the beautiful Mornington Peninsula, and enroute to Phillip Island.

We are home to over 70 species of Australian animals.



OUR STORY

A FAMILY BUSINESS

Moonlit Sanctuary opened in 2001 with 10 animal enclosures.

Now we are the home for over 400 animals and are open 364 days a year, welcoming thousands of tourists from throughout the world.



MICHAEL JOHNSON - FOUNDER/DIRECTOR

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

2026 marks Moonlit Sanctuary's 25th anniversary!

We are marking the 25th anniversary year with a packed calendar of conservation initiatives, new habitats and community events.

Including:

- New Aquatic Fauna Conservation Facility
- Community Day in March
- New Backyard Bird Aviary
- New habitats for threatened species (Spot-tailed Quolls and Tasmanian Devils)
- Upgraded Bush Food Garden showcasing the connection between native plants, culture and wildlife.
- Friends and Founders Gala Night





OUR **FACILITIES**

- Cafe and deck with seating for 250
- BBQ and picnic tables
- Gift shop stocking a wide variety of souvenirs
- Ramps throughout buildings for easy access
- Three modern toilet blocks
- Large carpark with bus area
- Education unit

GIFT SHOP

Our gift shop sells a great variety of souvenirs, including many Australian made products.

DINING

As well as our cafe and deck, we have picnic tables where you can enjoy lunch and BBQs available for hire.



ACCESSIBILITY

With wide, flat pathways and ramps to all buildings, we are accessible for people in wheelchairs and parents with prams.



OUR ANIMALS

Some of our Iconic Aussie Wildlife



Bettong



Eclectus Parrot



Quokka



Boyd's Forrest Dragon



Wombat



WELCOME TO THE **WALLABY WALK**

Meet our free roaming kangaroos and wallabies



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WALLABY WALK

Six species of kangaroos and wallabies
Over **80** individual kangaroos and wallabies





OUR
**CONSERVATION
IN ACTION**
SHOW

Learn about conserving our native wildlife as you watch their clever antics in this 20 minute display in our Show Arena.

Watch animals such as dingoes, barn owls, barking owls, cockatoos or tawny frogmouths as they go about their training and are rewarded for their natural behaviour, such as climbing, or flying point to point.

KEEPER TALKS

Keeper Talks take place every 30 minutes



PRIVATE TOURS

Bespoke private tours can be arranged during the day or for our night tours.

An engaging keeper will be your personal guide.



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CHLOE GRACE MORETZ



REN MIN



NEHA SHARMA



CHARLIE SHEEN



TEDDY SWIMMS



CHRISTINA AGUILERA



OSCAR PIASTRI



MICHELLE OBAMA



MEET & GREET

A new product designed for Incentive and Tour Groups

A more intimate performance in our Show Arena.

Alongside a private tour, Keepers arrange a Meet and Greet session with 2-3 animals in our Show Arena. This is an excellent opportunity for private groups to interact with Australian wildlife and discover their unique characteristics.



Close up encounters are available with our Koalas, Quokka, Wombats, Dingoes, Emus, Kookaburras, Koalas, Barn Owls and Goshawk.

CLOSE UP ENCOUNTERS



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NEW!

QUOKKA ENCOUNTER

Our new Quokka Encounters offer you the chance to step inside the habitat and share a magical 10 minutes with Gus, our adorable resident quokka.

Learn all about this iconic Aussie marsupial from our knowledgeable keepers as you snap selfies and discover what makes quokkas so special.





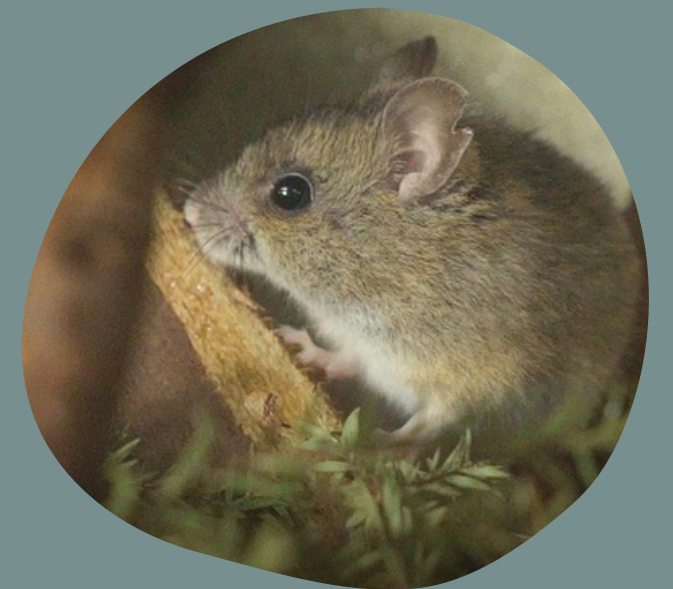
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KOALA ENCOUNTERS



NEW Koala
Discovery
Experience
Coming Soon



ENDANGERED SPECIES

Moonlit Sanctuary runs both conservation breeding and conservation education programs. You will have the opportunity to meet animals here that you are unlikely to meet anywhere else.

ORANGE BELLIED PARROTS

EASTERN QUOLLS

REGENT HONEY-EATERS

BUSH STONE-CURLEWS

POOKILA

TASMANIAN DEVILS

SQUIRREL GLIDERS

BARKING OWLS



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Thank you
for visiting



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EXIT

THREATENED SPECIES TOUR



NIGHT TOURS LANTERN-LIT GUIDED TOURS

Join one of our small group tours or book a private session

Night Tours commence at sunset and last for 90 minutes.

Transfers from Melbourne are available.



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Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia

Positive animal
welfare accredited

Moonlit Sanctuary is committed to providing the highest standards of animal welfare and husbandry for its animals.

Under the 5 domains of welfare we will ensure:

- all animals are monitored daily
- all animals have access to suitable housing and nutrition
- all animals receive access to healthcare
- all animals be provided with training/conditioning and enrichment programs
- accurate records are kept and stored accordingly
- compliance with regulations, legislation and standards set by governing bodies
- all staff have access to training and education
- all procedures undertaken in this policy are done so with the highest levels of occupational health and safety
- maintain biosecurity protocols to ensure the health of all persons and animals
- In doing so we aim to provide each individual with above the best care for their physical and mental state in all circumstances.



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The Zoo and Aquarium Association (ZAA) Accreditation involves a thorough process where zoos, aquariums, sanctuaries, and wildlife parks must provide compelling evidence on their operations, policies and the experiences of their animals.

This assessment goes beyond the minimum legal government requirements placed on zoos and aquariums, using the Five Domains model to reach a higher standard and continuously support positive animal welfare.





We're certified through Ecotourism Australia's world leading ecotourism certification program - ECO Certification.

This means that when you visit us, you are supporting a business that is backed by a strong, well-managed commitment to sustainable practices and provides high-quality nature-based tourism experiences.

Our ECO Certification demonstrates our commitment to:

- Looking after our natural environment
- Offering quality interpretation and educating guests
- Supporting and engaging our local community
- Reducing our carbon footprint
- Protecting our unique wildlife and endangered species
- Making real contributions to conservation
- Helping to preserve and respect Australian Indigenous cultures
- Providing an unforgettable, high-quality guest experience



We have achieved Ecotourism Australia's Hall of Fame status for 20 years of certification.



OUR CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

ORANGE-BELLIED PARROT

The Orange-bellied Parrots (OBPs) faced a devastating plummet with just 17 individuals recorded in the wild in 2016, dropping their status to a critically endangered species.

To help save the species from extinction, Moonlit Sanctuary has bred the one of the largest OBP populations in Australia, with more than 350 birds bred and over 150 birds released as part of the Tasmania and mainland release program.





ORANGE-BELLIED PARROT
CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Floribunda

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POOKILA

Pookila have been in decline since their discovery in Victoria in 1970.

These native mice play an important role in our ecosystem. Their burrowing helps rejuvenate the soil, while their role in dispersing seeds and fostering beneficial fungi is invaluable for maintaining biodiversity in the area.





OUR **KOALA** **CORRIDOR** PROJECT

Establishing 'corridors' of trees aids koalas in moving between locations, fostering genetic diversity.

These tree pathways provide safe routes for koalas to travel, facilitating mating with a varied gene pool and enriching genetic variability within the population.

CONSERVATION REPORT

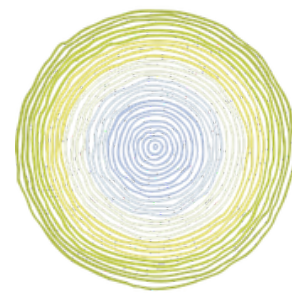
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We produce a Conservation Report each Financial Year. Let us know if you would like to receive a copy.





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