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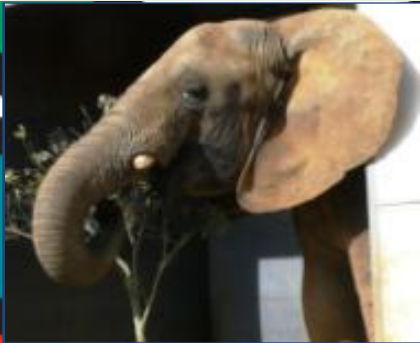
Gypsy & Queenie August 2009

Franklin Zoo and Wildlife Sanctuary is a very special place. It is a privilege to have you, our wonderful supporters, help us to make it possible to care for our special needs birds, reptiles and animals. The circus lions, and now Jumbo (Mila) the African elephant, have been able to retire and rehabilitate from circus life, because we - the sanctuary - exists. Providing sanctuary for these animals is not, and has never been, easy. The challenges finding funding, managing animal health & care and dealing with the political and human elements are very real and sometimes soul destroying. However we are here primarily for the transformation of these magnificent creatures and it is so very worthwhile. They are an absolute joy!

A year ago we said a sad farewell to Gypsy and Queenie the last circus lions ever in NZ. We had been nursing Queenie with her Feline aids for 7 months and the time had come. Gypsy, totally blind and dependant upon her sister for everything, was euthanized at the same time. It was a dignified and kind end. Our priority when taking over the sanctuary in November 2005 was to facilitate the retirement of the exotic mammals from the circus. In 2006, at our expense, we retired the circus lions Eddie and the girls. What followed was a transformation of the three lions from sadness and inactivity to active and fun loving lions. Once the girls had passed, it was then time to think about Jumbo (Mila) again!



Gypsy & Queenie June 2009



First day out in new enclosure
Eddie & the girls July 2006

In this newsletter we will update you on Mila's progress and tell you what is new in the zoo.

The Charitable Trust is urgently seeking donations and sponsorship for three projects.

1. Mila's internal enclosure (steel works, floor, lighting and doors)
2. Tony the Chacma baboon urgently needs an enclosure so he can return from Auckland Zoo
3. Spider Monkey enclosure so that Barda can have friends (we used all our funds to provide sanctuary for the elephant!)

Donations can be made at www.franklinzoo.co.nz ; or by direct credit BSB: 060401 Acc: 0327303 00

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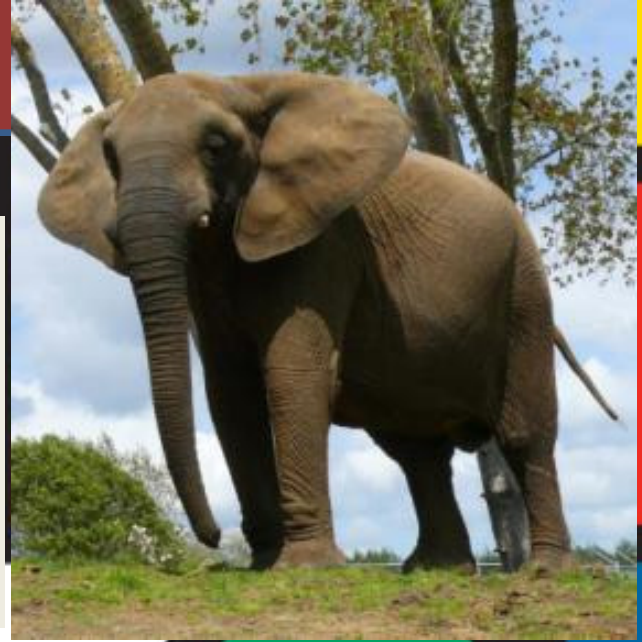
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The Franklin Zoo and Wildlife Sanctuary was able to retire the elephant Mila (Jumbo) after she spent 30 years in the circus because of the mission and purpose of the Franklin Zoo Charitable Trust and generosity of its supporters. Very special thanks to **Ms Florence Davies** (Otaki) and **Roseanne Hosken** (Drury) whose financial support made the building of Mila's enclosure at short notice and under challenging conditions possible. This diverted funds set aside for the building of The Sanctuary Vet hospital, the Chacma baboon enclosure and new Spider and Capuchin monkey enclosures.



The preparation for the building of Mila's elephant barn has been possible due to the generous donations from **William Robins** (local artist) and **Mark and Jo Fenton** (MJ Earthmovers Ltd.) Mark and Jo have also returned often to rework the enclosure to make it interesting and safe for Mila.

Franklin Zoo Charitable Trust would like to thank **Neil Graham** (Mainfreight) for his support and love for the elephant by providing the very very generous donation of the Elephant Barn. This Barn will enrich Mila's life further by providing a large under cover space, a sand pit, heating and warm water for wash downs!!



Mila continues to develop confidence in herself, her keepers and her environment. Her muscle mass has increased and she is moving fast around her weatherproof tracks in her enclosure, often spending all night out playing, grazing and bashing around the variety of toys and enrichment. She also talks a lot to us in a variety of purrs and enjoys her training. The barn construction has been held up by all the bad weather, however the concrete has been poured this week and, all going well, the roof and 3 walls will go up soon. Mila will be able to watch all the construction, with the final wall near her area to be filled in last. After starting off wanting to charge the diggers, she now seems to enjoy all the activity and is coping well with trucks, diggers and concrete deliveries.





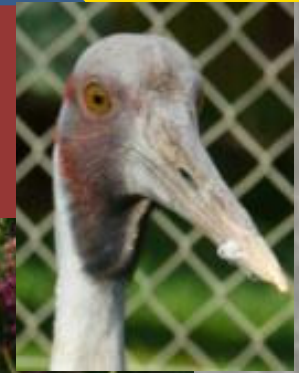
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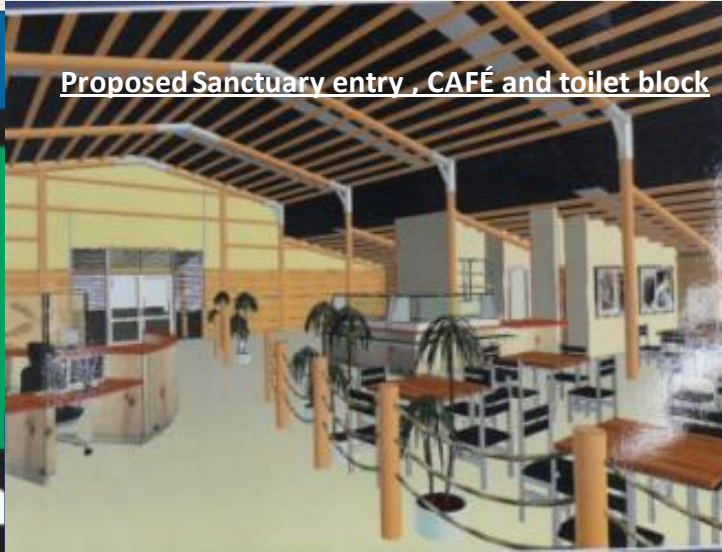
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Who's new? We said farewell to Zoo Keeper Anuradha, who has moved to Australia Zoo working in the Africa section. Anuradha started here at the Sanctuary as a UNITEC student and has gone on to finish his Bachelor degree in Animal Management. We wish him well. Bingarra (Aboriginal for creek) the Brolga crane has joined us. Born at Auckland Zoo, then moved to Hamilton Zoo, he has joined us and is living next door to Eugene the wallaby. He is a great bird and loads of fun, enjoying any toys or enrichment and tolerating visits from the peacocks. The zoo also welcomed four sun conures and a female mandarin duck. Plus the inevitable 17! Ducklings, the mother very clever at hiding her eggs. Robert the feather plucking sulphur crested cockatoo, Charlie the short billed corella and Molly the long billed corella have all moved into a new upgraded aviary together –they all look so happy!



Proposed Sanctuary entry , CAFÉ and toilet block



Sue Fox and Jenny have been working with architect Grant Jenkins of de Lisle Jenkins Architects Ltd designing and applying for grants for the new entry, cafe and toilet block. This will mean we get back full use of the Education Centre and generate more revenue for the sanctuary.



The September school holidays provided the opportunity for children to experience our Junior Zoo Cubs and Keepers holiday programs and Wild Encounters. Yvonne ,our registered teacher, zoo keeper and author has been busy with school groups through the term. There are many ways in which the Sanctuary's Education Centre is helping primary school teachers to meet curriculum goals. We tailor lessons to meet specific interests. Topics covered include Science & the Living World, Arts, Technology, Mathematics, Social Sciences: The role of zoos in society – differing views, ethical concerns. Lessons at Franklin Zoo can be tailored to focus on values such as innovation, inquiry, creative and critical thinking, ecological sustainability and respect.



Caitlin, Rachel and Emily





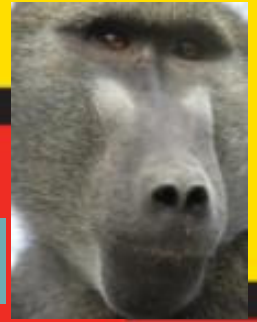
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Current urgent projects



The elephant! Grumpy's Barn -Mila's indoor area is progressing well. Jeff Green from Kiwi Concrete has created the concrete floor and will return to build her sandpit once the roof is up. Mila seems to have fallen for Jeff and was greeting him each day with purrs, which is a bit special! Over the last 4 weekends Cameron DeLacey from GGE Ltd. Papakura has manufactured and installed the internal steel bollard enclosure. Once the shed is up and doors are on, we need to install lighting, heating, water heating and erect the race into the barn. Then it will be time to remove the Circus Van and create the entry way. We just cannot wait until this happens as Mila's management will improve even further. We have managed to get generous discounts on the steel and galvanizing, and other work however **The Charitable Trust still needs to raise \$80K to complete the facility**

The Baboon! Tony was born at the Franklin Wildlife Sanctuary approximately 10 years ago . His mother died when he was young and he lived with Shamus (famous for a telecom advert) his father, until Shamus died when Tony was 4 years old. When we took over the running of the sanctuary Graeme put Tony on a busy enrichment program with puzzles and activities. It was a joy to see his mental and physical health improve. In March 2007, Auckland Zoo kindly took Tony for us to improve his quality of life. At the time they had 2 males and 1 female. Tony was successfully integrated with the old Chacma Baboons (who have all since been euthanized) and Auckland's wonderful team of keepers have kept him stimulated and healthy. Tony has been living beside Hamadryas Baboons, however he is finding it stressful watching this group of breeding Baboons and is urgently required to return to Franklin Zoo and Wildlife Sanctuary. We have depleted our funds put aside for him to ensure the elephant Mila's welfare. We are asking for help to build a purpose built enclosure central in the sanctuary so he has a lot of stimulation and involvement in daily activities. Tony will live until he is about 45 years old and is big and very smart! We plan to find company for him, which will not be easy as there are not many Chacma Baboons in captivity in the region.. **The Charitable Trust needs to raise \$85K to create his home**

The Spider Monkey! Barda is such a lovely monkey. He has a great relationship with his neighboring capuchins but he will be much happier once we can adapt the pigtail macaque enclosure creating more space, especially height so that a friend can come and share it with him. **The Charitable Trust needs to raise \$25K to refurbish this enclosure**

