Territory Wildlife Park opens new Nocturnal Nursery

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A new ‘Nocturnal Nursery’ exhibit has been setup in the Nocturnal House at the Territory Wildlife Park (TWP).

The new nursery aims to educate people about taking care of wildlife and making responsible choices (e.g. keeping your cat indoors and driving carefully on the roads).

Parks and Wildlife Minister Bess Price said: “This new facility at the Territory Wildlife Park is so important for young people, especially, to learn about wildlife and how to engage and be involved in its protection,” Mrs Price said.

The baby animals currently in the nursery are a baby tawny frogmouth, two wallaby joeys and a juvenile sugar glider.

Like many of the other animals in captivity at the Park, the animals in the exhibit have all been orphaned and handed into the park for care (many cannot be released due to their injuries).

Visitors can look at the animals’ ‘nursery profiles’ to learn the story behind each animal.

New baby orphan animals handed into the Park will be added to the Nocturnal Nursery once they have settled in.

There will be a paid experience available over the Christmas period where visitors can come in and bottle feed one of the baby joeys. Go to www.territorywildlifepark.com.au (http://www.territorywildlifepark.com.au/) for more details.

People entering the nursery will be allowed to bottle feed an agile wallaby joey and have a photo (on their own device) with each of the animals.

The previous exhibition contained a barn owl. Staff cleaned it up and put in a perch for the baby tawny frogmouth.

Nellie, the sugar glider was the victim of a cat attack. Nellie won't be able to be released back to the wild as she will never regain full use of her back legs and is not able to glide properly.

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