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Glencore donates $10,000 for Billabong Sanctuary’s furry and feathered friends

Glencore is providing funding for Townsville’s Billabong Sanctuary to help the popular tourist destination recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

The donation of $10,000 from the company’s Copper Refinery in Townsville will provide food for the unique Australian wildlife that reside at the sanctuary.

Bob Flemming, Director Billabong Sanctuary said, “at a time when the Sanctuary is experiencing financial difficulties following its closure for 3 months due to COVID-19, Glencore has made a very generous donation to assist with feeding over 200 animals across 75 species with specialised dietary requirements.

“Glencore has been a long-term supporter of the Sanctuary and in 2016 they sponsored the semi-arid desert display featuring the threatened Greater Bilby.

“This support enabled a captive breeding program for this threatened species, contributing to a release program in the wild in an area protected from predators.

“Glencore has also assisted in upgrading and improving both the koala enclosures and the echidna display”, Mr Flemming said.

Billabong Sanctuary reopened in late June, in time for the school holidays after being forced to close for three months.

Paul Taylor, Manager of Glencore’s Copper Refinery said, “Glencore has been privileged to be able to continue to operate throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with mining identified by Government as an essential service.

“We are fully aware that this has not been the case for many Townsville businesses and we feel a responsibility to give back to the community that has supported us for many years,” Mr Taylor said.

“Partnering with Billabong allows us to help a long-established and popular local Eco Park to move forward after an extended closure; a venue that we have been proud to partner with successfully on a number of occasions in the past.”

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About Glencore’s Copper Refinery in Townsville

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Left to right: Paul Taylor, Manager - Copper Refinery & Bob Flemming, Director Billabong Sanctuary with *Skwimm*, the Tawny Frogmouth Owl.