



Sydney Wildlife World and Sydney Aquarium are wonderful attractions for any visitor to Sydney.

**I CONSIDER MYSELF** blessed being a concierge in this wonderful city, however I am even more blessed to be a parent to two wonderful daughters. As a parent and concierge, I am always mindful of creating the right experience for families that stay at The Observatory Hotel. I like to think that if you keep the kids happy and entertained, the result will be a happy family holiday. Sydney Wildlife World has created a unique all weather showcase over three levels.

It's a wonderful resource that highlights not only Australia's diverse wildlife but also places them in their unique ecosystems. There is an amazing array of animal life on show from the giant rhinoceros cockroach through to a large saltwater crocodile affectionately known as Rex.

After recent renovations Sydney Wildlife World has now created areas where visitors can experience close personal interactions with a number of their exhibits. Adults and children alike have the opportunity to enjoy an

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By Michael Anderson, Secretary

educational journey that takes you through Australia's differing environments where you can learn about the bizarre habits many of these animals have developed to adapt to their environments. As an added bonus Sydney Aquarium is housed right next door, so by purchasing a Discovery Pass priced at \$49.95 for Adults and \$29.95 for children you can spend hours exploring the wonders of both attractions.

The members of Les Clef's d'Or Australia have sadly lost their last remaining link to our foundation members with the recent passing of Tony James, or TJ, as the members affectionately knew him. Tony was a consummate professional who in his role of Chief Concierge of the former Hilton Sydney was much loved by guests and staff alike. He was also a core figure in the establishment of the Australian Chapter in the mid 1970s. Although retired for many years, Tony was an active participant in the society. Being a regular attendee at the local Les Clefs d'Or bi-monthly meetings and National AGMs he provided a valuable link to our past. As a mark of respect and of the high regard in which Tony was held, Colin Toomey, the former Australian Les Clefs d'Or President

and current International 3rd Vice President was invited to deliver the eulogy at Tony's funeral service. The thoughts of our membership are with Tony's family and friends.

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