

Children's University Learning Experience



1. When you have completed the activity in this booklet fill in your CU Passport with the date, for 1 hour with *wallaby observation* as the activity.
2. Take your CU Passport to the staff at the visitors desk and ask for a stamp.

Wallaby



If a staff member isn't available, take this sheet back to school and ask your CU coordinator to stamp your passport.

Scientists use research and field work skills such as *observation* to learn about animals.

In this learning experience you will be observing a wallaby



Go to
the **wallaby** enclosure
near the Monarto Zoo Visitor Centre.

Get started...

- ◇ Choose one wallaby to watch.
- ◇ Read the behaviour key (next page) and see what the code letter is for possible wallaby behaviours.
- ◇ Every 60 seconds (1minute) write down what you see (observe) the wallaby doing at that moment.
- ◇ Repeat 10 times (until 10 minutes have passed).

Your name (name of observer) _____

Date:

Time:

Species of study animal: Wallaby

Does your wallaby have any special colours or shapes (features)?

What is the weather like?

Sunny Cloudy Wet Still

Hot Warm Cold Windy

Every one minute (for 10 minutes) write down what you see the wallaby doing.

1 min	Code
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	

Code Behaviour

- R** Resting
- E** Eating
- D** Drinking
- Gs** Grooming self
- Go** Grooming other
- Bg** Being groomed
- H** Hopping
- Pc** Pouch cleaning
- X** Other

When you have completed an animal observations you can take your passport to the Monarto Tour Desk and get a 1 hour credit stamped in your Children's University Passport

Choose another animal observation activity for more credits in your Children's University Passport



Extension work if you choose...

You have gathered some interesting information about the wallaby. Can you turn your data into a graph? Present your data in different types of graphs.

Can you think of reasons the wallaby enclosure has been built like it has? Think about;

- Open space, rocks, trees
- Any other things you notice
- Why are wallabies threatened in the wild?
- What can people do to save wallabies from extinction?

