



Monarto Safari Park

Master Plan addendum 2023

**Zoos SA is a charitable
conservation society that
exists to connect people
with nature and save
species from extinction.**





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Monarto Zoo was renamed Monarto Safari Park in 2019.

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Zoos South Australia's 20-year Master Plan released in February 2015 outlined forward infrastructure plans for both Adelaide Zoo and Monarto Safari Park. The document was intended to guide our evolution and prepare us for the years ahead, offering our visitors a fun and rich experience, helping us lead the way when it comes to animal welfare standards, enhance our species conservation efforts, and ensure even greater impact in our delivery. Our longer term vision for Monarto Safari Park remains unchanged, with developments intended to reflect a feeling of space immersing visitors in an open range and evocative experience.

Delivery to date

In November 2017, the first major development at Monarto Safari Park under the current Master Plan was completed, with the opening of Lions 360. We are always looking for new experiences and innovative ways to engage people with nature, and this experience provides a reverse zoo experience, where visitors are in the cage and animals on the outside. Visitors walk through a tunnel before emerging into a dome surrounded by lions. A

360-degree view of the lions is enjoyed by the visitors as the lions explore their surrounds above, in front and on the side of the dome. The experience offers visitors an opportunity to connect with the lions at close quarters as keepers provide commentary on the species and how visitors can help protect them. The exhibit has proved a popular addition to Monarto's exciting line-up and has positively impacted return visitation to the park and income generation for us and our conservation partners in Africa.

Less than five years later, in March 2022 our new Visitor Centre was opened to the public. The new Visitor Centre is positioned on the northern boundary of the site and enables direct access to the park without queues spilling onto the main road.

The centre provides many amenities and facilities for visitors to enjoy whilst deciding the itinerary for their day in the park prior to purchasing admission and specific tours.

Other key achievements to date are the following:

- Enhanced walking tracks.
- Onsite Accommodation - a 78 room safari hotel is under construction at our Wild Africa precinct. Plans are being finalised for the more luxurious tented 'glamping' facility.
- New Black Rhino Bus Stop, walking tracks and viewing area.
- Wild Africa boundary and internal animal fencing has significantly progressed and some animals have been introduced into one completed area along with the construction of new off-exhibit facilities such as a White Rhino bull enclosure, a new giraffe house, a specialised tortoise facility and a new quarantine facility (960sqm undercover, over 2000sqm externally – predominantly for rhino but also for other ungulate species).
- Conversion of the old Visitor Centre into The Outpost and conservation learning centre.

- Completion of The Land of the Lemurs — a four hectare walkthrough animal experience.
- Enhancements for visitor transport with construction of a new Cheetah bus stop, a new bridge and 2kms of extra roads.
- More improvements to visitor facilities have been achieved in the delivery of Lions 360 and the new Visitor Centre along with numerous projects such as cooling Monarto, an extension of nature play at the old Visitor Centre, now named the Outpost, including water play, new playgrounds at the White Rhino bus stop and new Visitor Centre, new bus shelters at Windana, the Outpost, and the Waterhole, numerous drinking stations and new kitchen and amenities block at Indaba.
- Bushfire suppression sprinkler systems have now been installed on fifteen major buildings at Monarto Safari Park – this includes chimps, the Outpost, Kalibar (keeping staff facilities), vet facilities, rhino quarantine building and two rhino facilities, new giraffe facilities, lions, Waterhole, new native animal breeding facilities (three buildings) and two lemur facilities.





Changes to Master Plan

Whilst our Master Plan initially outlined our intent to develop private lodges on a portion of land sold to a private developer in the Wild Africa project area, a change to this plan has been made to deliver a product that will provide Zoos SA and the State a world class facility and experience.

In lieu of developing private lodges, a new 78 room safari hotel is now under construction alongside a planned 20 tent luxury glamping experience. This facility when completed will provide the following key benefits to the park:

- Better return on investment
- Continuous income
- Greater marketing opportunities
- Greater exposure of the Safari Park to the public
- Better opportunity to communicate our conservation messaging and connect people with nature
- Continuous pipeline of revenue to support our conservation activities
- Generate increased visitation to the park
- Support local economic opportunity and employment

Completion of the world class accommodation is anticipated in mid-2023 and will generate increased visitor numbers to Monarto.

Future Plans 2035

Next 5 years

The following projects are earmarked for development in 2023 and over the coming years.

- Completion of walking track upgrades, two new rhino facilities and quarantine facilities
- New male rhino holding habitats
- Addition of Spotted Hyena drive through experience at Wild Africa
- Exploring and expanding transport options
- Visitor bus stops, car parks and facilities
- Infrastructure improvements to reduce our carbon footprint
- Construction of hippo facilities, fencing and Nile Hippopotamus pool area in Wild Africa

- Completion of the Wild Africa Safari experience
- Meerkat experience at the new Visitor Centre
- Expansion of lion holding facilities
- Build of Asian elephant habitat and relocation of current Black rhino habitat

Beyond 5 years

- Hamadryas Baboon exhibit
- Expansion of Cheetah and rhino exhibits below new Visitor Centre
- Student accommodation
- New Animal Health Centre and keeper facilities



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