



Our Next Steps...

Stu and Joe are thrilled to share some exciting news with you, including the introduction of our brand-new indoor classroom!

We hope you've been enjoying a wonderful Easter break and soaking up the sunshine. As the holiday draws to a close, we wanted to reach out and update you on some significant changes happening at Cedars Nature Centre.

Since opening our doors in 2017, Cedars Nature Centre has been dedicated to providing affordable, enjoyable experiences for everyone, with a strong emphasis on education. Operated by Lets Talk Animals CIC, we function as a community interest company, meaning that all profits are reinvested into the centre to support our growth and development.

We operate entirely without council funding, shouldering all operational expenses ourselves. Despite the ongoing increase in costs, we remain committed to keeping our admission fees as affordable as possible for everyone.

We firmly believe that experiencing animals first-hand is essential for deepening our understanding of both the creatures themselves and the world in which we live.

Over the past few years, we have made significant strides in expanding our educational programme, welcoming hundreds of school groups to our centre while ensuring that access remains affordable for as many participants as possible.

In addition to traditional school visits, we offer a dedicated home education initiative and actively partner with local charities to provide personalised one-to-one sessions.

This approach helps us foster inclusivity across all our services.

Strengthening this commitment further, we launched our 'Zoo to You' outreach scheme, enabling us to bring captivating educational experiences directly to schools and organisations that are unable to visit our centre in person. Through these varied efforts, we strive to make learning about animals accessible and engaging for everyone.

Despite the success of these initiatives, limited indoor space has presented challenges—we are currently able to host school visits only during the spring and summer terms, using solely our outdoor classroom.





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After much careful thought and consideration of our space constraints, we have decided to make some changes to the species we house at Cedars Nature Centre.

This adjustment will also affect the animals you encounter during your visits, as we work to enhance both our educational offerings and the overall experience for all guests.

We're excited to announce that our tropical house is being transformed into a dedicated indoor classroom, equipped with heating to provide a comfortable space for school visits, experiences, and eventually parties throughout the year.

As a result of this change, the tropical house and its resident animals will no longer be accessible to general visitors after the Easter holidays.

While we understand this may be disappointing for some, we are confident that creating this classroom aligns perfectly with our commitment to education and our core objectives.

We believe the advantages it offers for learning opportunities will greatly benefit our community and foster our passion for inspiring future generations.

We're delighted to share that we've taken on board feedback from visitors regarding the animals at our centre—especially concerns about the difficulty of viewing certain species and the wish for more lively, daytime-active animals.

As a result, our skunk and reptiles will be moving to other collections or going off show, along with our white faced owls.

In their place, we're excited to welcome a range of new, energetic additions including guinea pigs, cockatiels, chickens, budgies, and more.

Rest assured, cherished favourites such as our kookaburras, the burrowing owl, rats, ferrets, fish, and meerkats will remain part of our animal family.

We hope these changes will make our centre even more dynamic and engaging, ensuring that animals are easier to see and creating a lively atmosphere packed with movement and sound—perfect for captivating visitors of all ages, especially our youngest animal enthusiasts.





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Cedars Nature Centre stands out for its distinctive location, rich heritage, and the genuine enthusiasm that drives its operations.

It is deeply disheartening to witness so many small animal attractions forced to close in recent years due to financial pressures and rising operational costs.

With only a modest portion of our revenue generated from admission fees, our ability to welcome more educational groups and offer year-round programmes is crucial to sustaining our mission.

By embracing this approach, we are confident that Cedars Nature Centre will continue serving and inspiring visitors for generations to come.

For those who have booked an animal experience with us, please rest assured—your session will proceed as planned, and you will enjoy exclusive access to the newly created indoor classroom and the animals residing within it.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support as we begin the next chapter at our animal centre.

The community remains central to everything we do, and your encouragement is truly invaluable to us.

Thank you for being the driving force behind our mission.

Team Cedars

