

RESOLUTION NO. 2210

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND ACCEPTING A DONATION OF THE WALLABY AND EMU EXHIBIT AS PART OF THE DISCOVER AUSTRALIA EXHIBIT FROM THE DELMARVA ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR THE SALISBURY ZOOLOGICAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Salisbury is interested in supporting the acceptance of a donation of the Wallaby and Emu Exhibit at the Salisbury Zoo;

WHEREAS, the Delmarva Zoological Society would like to donate to the City the material and labor necessary for providing animal shelters, viewing stations, fencing, landscaping and site improvements for Phase 1 and 2 of the Australia Exhibit at the Zoo;

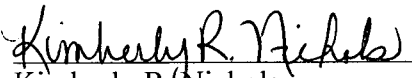
WHEREAS, the Delmarva Zoological Society will secure and donate the materials and its installation necessary to create the Wallaby and Emu Exhibit to serve the needs of the animals and to create safe viewing for the visitors to the Salisbury Zoo; and

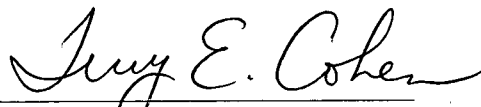
WHEREAS, the Delmarva Zoological Society wishes to donate the necessary material and its installation to create the Wallaby and Emu Exhibit as outlined in the proposal presented to Council during the Work Session on Monday, October 1, 2012, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland does hereby accept the donation of equipment, materials and labor necessary for the creation of the Wallaby Exhibit at the Salisbury Zoo, as outlined in the Work Session on October 1, 2012, and as set forth in Exhibit A, to be received from the Delmarva Zoological Society, with a maximum value of approximately \$200,000.00.

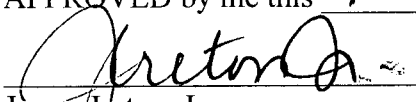
THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on October 8, 2012 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

  
Kimberly R. Nichols  
CITY CLERK

  
Terry E. Cohen  
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED by me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2012

  
James Iretton, Jr.  
MAYOR, City of Salisbury



# Phase I and 2 Wallaby and Emu Exhibit

Presented by: Department of Public Works  
Salisbury Zoological Park

Funded through: The *Renew the Zoo* Capital Campaign  
Delmarva Zoological Society

September 2012



## Background

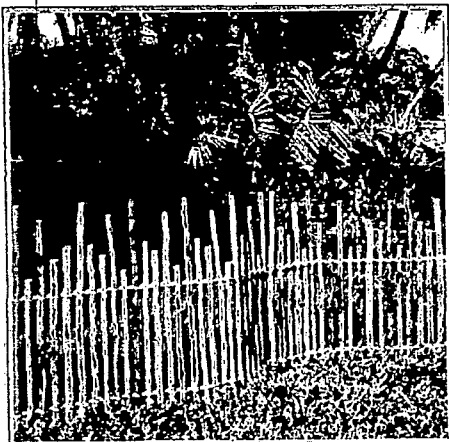
Connecting our visitors to nature is a common goal among zoos. As time moves on, more and more people are becoming disconnected from the world around them. This point is the most prevalent among our youngest visitors. A vast amount of knowledge can be gathered through computers and the internet but it is through hands-on interactions that experience is gained. One of the goals of the Discover Australia! Exhibit is to help people reconnect with nature through new exhibits, new animals and new experiences.

Today, the Salisbury Zoo features animal species native to the Americas, but when the Zoo's Master Plan was being developed, there was a lot of interest in adding an area that highlights the natural wonders of Australia. The Discover Australia! Exhibit is an interactive exhibit that would be unique in creating those connections between humans and animals. Our walkabout includes wallabies, a small type of kangaroo, and birds. Many different birds are found on the continent of Australia. A number of people have heard the melody about kookaburras in the old gum tree. Now our visitors will be able to laugh along with the kookaburras' raucous calls. Australia is also known for its variety of parrots. From the elegant lorikeets to the common budgerigars, the Salisbury Zoo will provide its visitors a chance to get close, very close, to some of these birds. A walk-through aviary with controlled feeding will allow visitors to have a "hands on" experience with these animals!

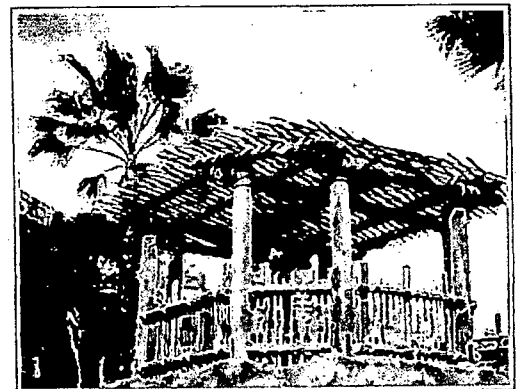
The first phase of this three-part improvement will be building the wallaby and emu exhibit. Kangaroos are unique to Australasian area of the world. There are an estimated 40 million kangaroos in Australia, more than when the continent was first settled. Among those animals are 51 species and more than 90 subspecies. Kangaroos fill a similar niche in Australia as deer do here on the Eastern shore – they are the primary natural browser in the forest. This new exhibit will introduce Bennett wallabies to the Salisbury Zoo and may also include emus, a type of flightless bird from "down under". Phase 3, the walk through aviary, will be developed later as additional campaign pledges come to fruition.

## The Exhibit

The new exhibit is located in an unused area of the Zoo between the bobcat exhibit and the public restroom building. Because this area is on a slight incline rising up to the restrooms, this space is not functional for our events and has become overgrown through the years. The overhangs of the existing building will be remodeled to house the birds from the aviary and the wallabies during inclement weather; thus, no major structures will have to be built for these animals. The wallaby exhibit will improve the overall conditions of this area of the Zoo, bring a new exhibit to the Zoo and bring some new animals to the Zoo.



The exhibit has been designed to include a number of new planting spaces that will be filled with grasses to help create the feel of the Australian outback. New pathways, covered with brick chip, will give the idea of the red dirt that is well-known in Australia. Viewing stations and back fences built of rustic eucalyptus poles will add to the ambiance of the exhibit.

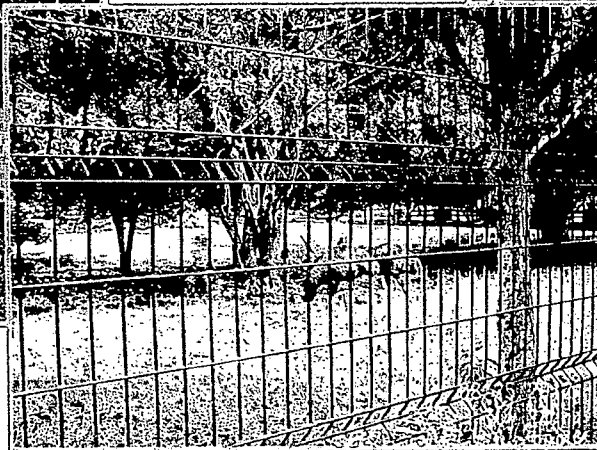
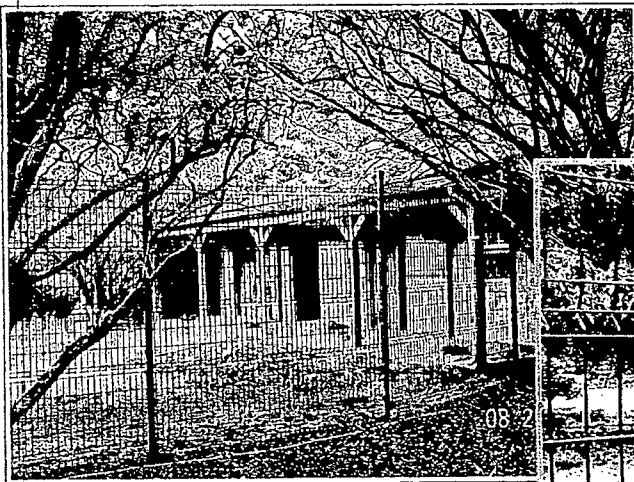


As we work through the Master Plan, the bobcat exhibit will be relocated elsewhere and that space will be opened up to function as additional event space. Once this process is completed, the wallaby exhibit will provide a backdrop to one's view as you enter the East Gate of the Zoo. To give the animals a sense of protection and to control the viewing of the exhibit, the entire front side (facing the East Gate) of the exhibit will be planted with grasses and some perennials. This will continue the butterfly and hummingbird gardens started at the front of the Education Building. Once finished, these plant beds will extend from the Education Building to the main walkway near the flamingos.

The fence material on the East side of the exhibit will be an easy to see through metal fence. Through a double fence system the visitors will be kept back from the exhibit along this side and promoted to view the animals from one of the two viewing stations. The wallaby containment fence will be a 6' high metal fence. The second fence keeping the visitors back away from the exhibit and out of the plant beds will be a 30" high post and cable fence.



Photos of the Kangaroo and Emu Exhibit at the Virginia Zoo using the same type of metal fencing



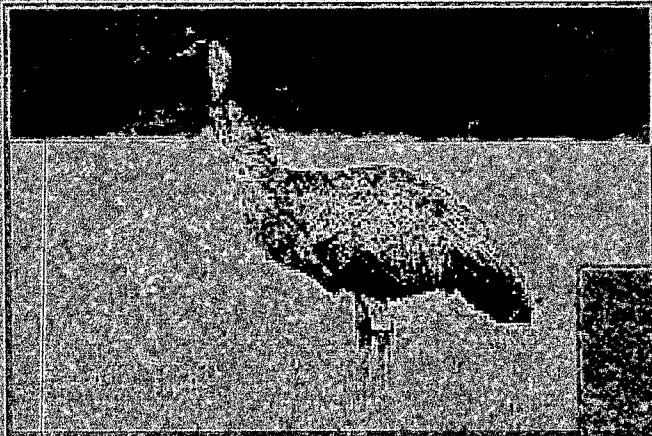
### Funding and Cost

The community support towards the efforts of the Delmarva Zoological Society and the Salisbury Zoo to raise funds necessary for capital improvements at the Zoo has been phenomenal. The success of the *Renew the Zoo* campaign was highlighted by the children of Wicomico County who raised an additional \$31,000 to help bring wallabies to the Zoo. The success of the *Just Zoo It* initiative provided the funding to move forward with the construction of the wallaby exhibit as the first phase of creating Discover Australia!

The Delmarva Zoological Society will be funding the costs for materials, supplies and services to create this exhibit. In some instances, City services will be utilized to help the construction process. Items such as, the removal of existing asphalt, utility connections and the re-painting of the restroom building, will be done by City staff. This camaraderie and community cooperation makes the Zoo a success. The same type of collective approach will make this exhibit a success too.

It is estimated that this exhibit can be completed for less than \$200,000.00. The Delmarva Zoological Society has these funds currently available and is ready to begin acquiring materials and arranging the services necessary to complete this exhibit.

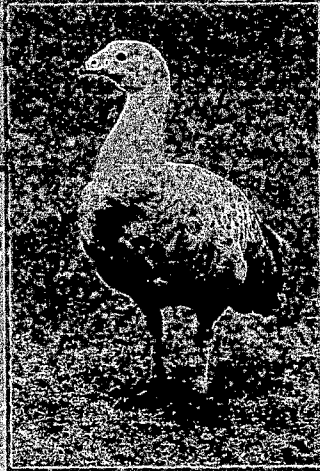




Emu



Bennett Wallaby



Cape Barren Goose

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**Discover Australia!**

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