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- Ropes Adventure Course
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12 PINT-SIZED PYTHONS HATCH AT CAIRNS ZOOM & WILDLIFE DOME



Cairns ZOOM and Wildlife Dome has recently welcomed the slither of tiny scales, with twelve baby Pythons hatching this week.

The mini serpents are a hybrid between a Jungle Python and a Darwin Carpet Python and have been delighting staff and visitors alike with their undeniable cuteness.

The first snake to hatch was Grungle, whose name is a hybrid of his parent's names, Grugg and Jungle. Grungle hatched on Monday morning, with his eleven siblings following suit on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Much to the delight of Harry Potter fans, many of these hatchlings have been named after members of Slytherin and the famous series' snakes. Names include "Slytherin", "Draco", "Snape", "Leviathan", "Basilisk", "Nagini" and "Malfoy".

Other snakes have more amusing names, including "Danger Noodle", "Nope Rope" and "Jugs", another hybrid of the parents' names.

The mother, Grugg, a Darwin Carpet Python, first laid the twelve eggs on the 12th of October. She patiently wrapped herself around the eggs and incubated them for 8 weeks.

The Cairns ZOOM team are delighted to see all twelve baby snakes emerge healthy and they are already growing fast.

Cairns ZOOM and Wildlife Dome Manager, Sam Gould, says that he hopes the snakes will be on display to the public soon.

"We will have to rearrange our enclosures in our new Python Pathway and move some of the snakes currently on display so that we can get these little guys out for our guests to see. We also hope to be able to use them in our reptile presentations soon."

Although they are tiny now, these little reptiles will grow up to a whopping three metres in length. To gain their strength, the pint-size Pythons will be fed pinkies, until they are old enough to be fed full sized rodents.

You can meet an abundance of snakes, including the hatchlings parents Grugg and Jungle, at Cairns ZOOM and Wildlife Dome's brand new "Python Pathway".

The series of new enclosures replicates the environments in which we would find these snakes in the Tropical North, including backyard cane fields, rainforest and dry creek beds.

One of the highlights of the "Python Pathway" includes a miniature Queenslander House, which is complete with its very own clothesline.

Cairns ZOOM & Wildlife Dome is an exhilarating Challenge Ropes Course consisting of zip lines, crossings and walkways in a wildlife park, allowing visitors to appreciate and be educated about our native fauna. For more information, please contact Digital and Media Manager Amanda Perry on 0437 724 529