

## Power Outage at Taronga Zoo

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Last night at Taronga Zoo, there was an unexpected power outage, which led to the escape of some of the animals. The incident caused panic among the local residents as the animals wandered into the nearby streets.

At around 9pm, all the lights suddenly flickered and shut down, plunging the zoo into complete darkness. A powerful storm was raging over Sydney when a lightning struck a large tree causing it to collapse onto a power pole and electricity to the zoo. This triggered a malfunction of the electronic locks on the animal enclosures. Then within minutes, some of the animals including an elephant, kangaroo and a cheeky, mischievous monkey snuck out on the streets.

"I was startled when I saw an elephant roaming around the gas station while I was topping up my car with gas," spoke a local resident, Jack Smith, still shaking from the incident. "It just stood there staring at me before disappearing into complete darkness."

Zookeepers and emergency services rushed to the scene with equipment such as flashlights and tranquilisers. Battling the heavy rain, they worked together tirelessly to capture and guide the animals back to safety. The elephant and kangaroo were lured with buckets of grass. The monkey, however, proved to be most difficult and was coaxed down from a tall palm tree with a bunch of bananas.

The zoo director, John Adams, apologised for the incident and assured the public that a thorough investigation will be undertaken to determine the exact cause of the malfunction. He also confirmed

that the zoo will instal back up generators to ensure that this type of incident does not occur again in the future.