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# **Penguins at Sea World Celebrate World Penguin Day**

The King and Gentoo Penguins at Sea World have kick-started World Penguin Day celebrations in-style by enjoying a delicious fish ice cake and a collection of their favourite toys and treats in the world-class Penguin Encounter exhibit.

World Penguin Day is on the 25<sup>th</sup> April and marks the annual northward migration of Penguins and is day dedicated to the flightless birds and raising awareness of ocean rubbish, which is a serious threat to all coastal birds.

The World Penguin Day celebrations at Sea World included in-park activities such as educational presentations, arts and crafts at the Plaza and a Discovery Quest.

Sea World's Penguin Encounter Supervisor, Katrina Krygger said World Penguin Day is a special occasion for all the penguins in the park.

"The King and Gentoo Penguins are instinctively curious and the fish cake, toys and treats provide colourful and dynamic enrichment for the birds," she said.

"However their inquisitive nature can be detrimental to the birds in the wild when they choose discarded fishing line and rubbish as their new toys which can result in entanglements which is why it is important to use events such as this to raise awareness about the effect ocean rubbish has on Penguins.

"The Penguins at Sea World are also ambassadors for climate change and the amazing Penguin Encounter exhibit allows our guests to gain insight into Penguins in an environment which provides a unique educational experience where they can learn about the effects of climate change in the Antarctic region."

The best way to see the King and Gentoo Penguins is with a Village Roadshow Theme Parks One Pass which provided unlimited entry to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast and Paradise Country for 12-months. For more information visit [seaworld.com.au](http://seaworld.com.au) or call 13 33 86.

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