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Sea World's Polar Bear Cub 'Mishka' Graduates to Polar Bear Shores

Polar bear Cub 'Mishka' has graduated to the world-class Polar Bear Shores main exhibit at Sea World after learning vital skills in her early development at Cub Kindy and Polar Pre School.

Polar Bear Shores features an array of amazing enrichment options including a cascading waterfall, a large main pool that is up to four metres deep, an array of climbing outcrops, fallen trees, shrubs and other structures providing a wonderful home for the inquisitive Mishka.

Polar Bear Shores Supervisor, Tacha Mulligan said the move gives Mishka a new area to explore with plenty of enriching features so she can continue developing her skills.

"Mishka has become a favourite of Sea World guests and the move to Polar Bear Shores marks a wonderful stage in her development," she said.

"At eleven-months old, Mishka is now weighing over 105 kilograms but remains her playful, cheeky and curious self and we are excited to see her graduate to the main exhibit.

"She has reached a stage where her confidence in exploring new things has exploded and like a typical little toddler she is into everything and we can't wait to see her explore the exhibit. This will also be the first time guests will be able to see her underwater.

"Liya and Mishka's daily food intake is about 20kgs and consists of red meats, fish and small amounts of fruit and vegetables.

The Polar bears at Sea World are ambassadors for their species and play a vital role in raising awareness of the effects of global warming. Current research indicates that Polar bear numbers in the wild are declining, with 20,000 – 25,000 bears remaining worldwide.

The best way to see the Mishka and Sea World's other Polar bears 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 or call 13 33 86.

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