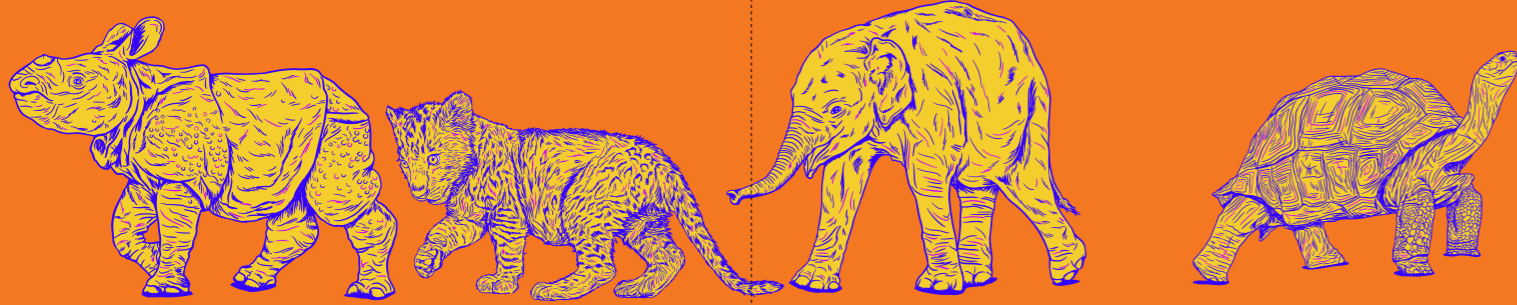


# THE SCULPTURES

Expertly crafted in bronze in exquisite detail, the 20 life-sized endangered baby animal statues range from one metre to more than three metres high.

The lightest animal, the Cheetah, weighs 108kgs and the heaviest animal, the Mother Gorilla weighs 940kgs and required two cranes to install her!

The baby animals took two years to make, and travelled across the ocean from Asia to Sydney on a container boat and then along the highway for 877 kilometres to their final home on the banks of the Yarra River.






# WHY MIRVAC & YARRA'S EDGE?

Mirvac have been reimagining urban life for 50 years, focusing on initiatives that will have a positive impact for future generations and creating opportunities for the community to come together.

The placement of the sculptures along the riverfront promenade of Yarra's Edge will encourage visitors to explore the great outdoors, while getting up close and personal with each endangered animal, and transforming them from bystanders to important participants in the mission for wildlife conservation.

Discover more about Yarra's Edge by Mirvac, visit [yarrasedge.mirvac.com](http://yarrasedge.mirvac.com).

# ABOUT WWF

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WWF is the world's leading independent conservation organisation and number one trusted voice on wildlife, nature, the environment, climate change and sustainability. Our mission is to create a world where people and nature can thrive together.

To achieve our mission, we're finding ways to help transform the future for the world's wildlife, rivers, forests and seas; pushing for a reduction in carbon emissions that will avoid catastrophic climate change, and pressing for measures to help people live sustainably, within the means of our one planet.

We are the first generation to know we are destroying the world. And we could be the last to do anything about it. We're bringing everything we've got to restore nature. We lead projects around the world to protect precious wildlife and habitats, creating a world for future generations.

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Wild About Babies is a celebration of the incredible diversity of the animal kingdom, and one of the largest public sculpture projects in the world. Designed to build awareness for vulnerable species everywhere, the exhibition includes a range of animals from across the globe, from the Bengal Tiger to Australia's Rock Wallaby. The centrepiece of the exhibition is the Mountain Gorilla, which rises more than three metres tall, and is seen as the animals' universal mother, inviting the public with open arms to come and explore the exhibition and learn more about protecting the baby wildlife. With a QR code on each animal's plaque, visitors can learn more about the animal and make direct donations to WWF to protect the species that the baby represents.

# THE EXHIBITION

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Gillie and Marc's innovative sculptures and paintings can be found in art galleries and public sites in over 250 cities across the world.

Both passionate eco-warriors, they have a spiritual connection to the world and its animals. Gillie grew up in Zambia and nurtured her love of art by sketching the wildlife that surrounded her. While in his twenties, Marc fell in love with conservation on a trip to Tanzania to see the chimpanzees. He gained a deep appreciation of all living things in their interconnectedness and the importance of protecting the delicate balance of nature.

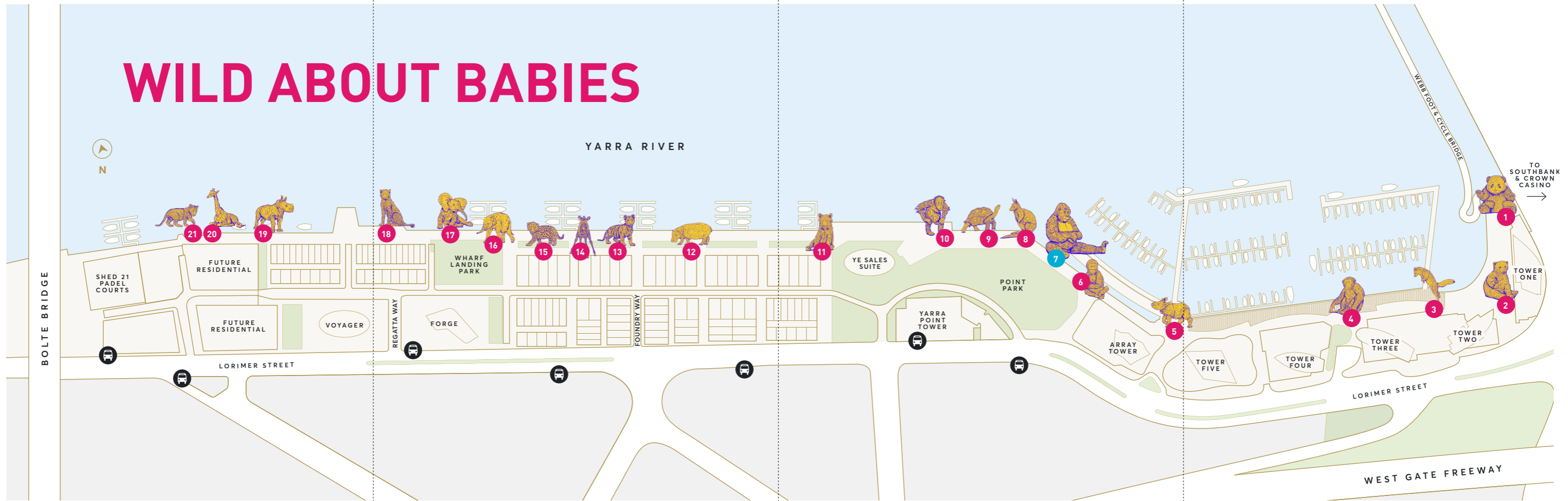
Their art pays homage to the importance of the natural world, as well as the magnificence of the planet we are in, and it is us.

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 and prolific creators  
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# WILD ABOUT BABIES



**1 BABY GIANT PANDA**  
This baby panda loves to roll and tumble with his mother. He has recently had his first taste of bamboo, the food he will only eat in the future, but prefers his mum's milk. He has outgrown one threat, being squashed by mum, now his biggest is the loss of his habitat when he eventually leaves home. There are less than 2000 of his vulnerable kind left.

**2 BABY POLAR BEAR**  
This cub is ready to explore his snowy home. He has been tucked in a den for winter and now it's time for him to play and get used to his legs before his long walk to the sea ice. His biggest threats are other polar bears who may try to kill him and habitat loss from the warming temperatures, leaving his species vulnerable.

**3 BABY ARCTIC FOX**  
This little ball of white fluff is very curious to peak out one of the many entrances of his warm den. He has lots to learn before he can head out to the freezing outdoors by himself but he dedicates his time playing with his siblings and fattening up. He must be on the lookout for his biggest threats, the red fox and climate change.

**4 BABY CHIMPANZEE**  
This endangered little boy is a very curious chimp. He loves chasing and playing with his older brother but will always come back to the safety of mum. He is busy learning important skills like termite fishing and climbing but has to watch out for hunters in case they snatch him to be sold as a pet.

**5 BABY JAVAN RHINO**  
This critically endangered baby rhino is happy to play in her forested home. She stays close by her mother, drinking her nourishing milk and learning what plants are good to eat. Her biggest threat was once humans, being poached so much there is now only 74 of them. Now they are protected, their biggest threat is finding food since the Arenga Palm is taking over the forest.

**6 BABY WESTERN LOWLAND GORILLA**  
This gorilla is just a baby but loves to explore! He enjoys playing, chasing his siblings and learning all the important skills he needs to be a proper gorilla. He's happy to venture but always comes back to mum. Critically endangered, he is most threatened by the bushmeat trade and human diseases like the Ebola virus.

**7 MOTHER EASTERN LOWLAND GORILLA**  
This mother gorilla is the symbolic mother of all infants. She cares and protects all the world's children as her own, fiercely defending them from every threat and showering them in love. With only 3,800 left she is critically endangered but she asks her cousins, the humans, to help her as a guardian to protect all wildlife.

**8 BABY LEOPARD**  
This vulnerable leopard is finally ready to follow his mother around. He has spent his life in his den with his brothers, playing and wrestling while his mother moves them from one safe spot to the next. He is completely dependent on her and will need to learn to hunt to be independent. His biggest threat is other leopards, habitat loss and loss of prey.

**9 BABY GIANT TORTOISE**  
This endangered baby is going to be very big. She has spent the first years of her life roaming around her island eating and sleeping. She never knew her parents but has been able to figure out what a giant tortoise needs to know. She is threatened by dogs and cats, and has to compete with cows who eat her food, all introduced by humans.

**10 BABY SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN**  
This baby is ready to explore the canopy with her friends. She loves to hang out with her friends but knows she always has to come back to mum. She is critically endangered with less than 200,000 left. Her home is being destroyed for palm oil, her mum is targeted by hunters, and if she is caught she will be sent to live as a pet.

**11 BABY MARSICAN BROWN BEAR**  
This critically endangered little bear is very special in Italy, there are only 50 of his kind left! He is very curious and loves to explore and jump on his mother, learning all good bear skills while playing. He has made it through his most dangerous time but now his greatest threat is humans, they might mistake his play for an attack and shoot!

**12 BABY HIPPO**  
This big baby loves being in the water. When it gets a bit too deep, she can climb on mum's back but can swim underwater if she gets hungry, mum is always ready with milk. She is threatened by predators such as crocodiles, lions, hyenas, and big male hippos, and her vulnerable species have humans to blame for their shrinking habitat.

**13 BABY BENGAL TIGER**  
This endangered Bengal tiger is completely reliant on her mother. She won't be able to hunt for another 6 months and will stay with the safety of mum until she is 2 or 3, playing and learning all she can. There are less than 2500 left of her kind with the main reasons being poaching, habitat loss and fragmentation.

**14 BABY GREVY'S ZEBRA**  
This endangered Grevy's Zebra is still very dependent on his mother and has just learnt her stripes so he doesn't lose her. He still drinks her milk but is watching what she eats and where she goes to learn what to do. He must stay close in case any predators are looming. His species has lost more habitat than any other African animal leaving only 2000 left.

**15 BABY ROCK WALLABY**  
This young joey is ready to explore her rocky world. She is starting to spend more time away from mum's pouch and exploring every crevice, learning to navigate her harsh home. But she is at threat from foxes and dogs that were introduced by humans leaving some of her species endangered, so she'll hide in mum's pouch whenever things get a bit too scary!

**16 BABY INDIAN ELEPHANT**  
This endangered little girl loves spending time with her mum and her many aunts. She loves feeling safe with her giant protectors, knowing that no predators can touch her as long as she stays close. But she always gets nervous when she comes close to where humans live because her aunts can't always protect her from them.

**17 BABY AFRICAN ELEPHANT**  
This little boy still doesn't know what his trunk is for. He loves swinging it around and sucking on it for comfort. He is completely dependent on his herd, needing lots of milk from his mum and protection from predators. If his mother is killed for her ivory tusks he will not survive. Because of poaching his kind is vulnerable with approximately only 415,000 left.

**18 BABY CHEETAH**  
This baby cheetah loves learning to pounce. She and her siblings have been following their mother everywhere she goes. Watching what she does and practising on each other in a fun game of rough and tumble. She is listed as vulnerable and must be careful, there are many predators like lions and the worst, humans.

**19 BABY WHITE RHINO**  
This baby white rhino has just started to be weaned from her mother. She is still very dependent on her and will run to her at the sign of any threat. No predator, except humans, can get past her mum. Human beings are her only threat and the reason there are only 2 of her critically endangered northern cousins left.

**20 BABY GIRAFFE**  
He may be the tallest animal in the world but this baby giraffe prefers to hide for now. At only 3 weeks old he is completely reliant on his mum who is his only protection to kick any predators away. Just like his species, he is very vulnerable with only 111,000 of them left with humans taking over his habitat.

**21 BABY LION**  
This lion cub is happy to be in a pride. She has lots of other cubs to play with and will sometimes dare to chase a flicking tail of one of the big males! She is learning everything from the lionesses but is at risk from outside males, leopards, hyenas and wild dogs. Listed as vulnerable, she will have one predator when she is older, humans.

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