

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Free entry at Moonlit Sanctuary for Accessibility Weekend

Moonlit Sanctuary are opening their doors for free this weekend 14 – 15 November to wheelchair users and their carers during Accessibility Weekend.

The Sanctuary is one of 30 Victorian attractions taking part in Accessibility Weekend hosted by disability organisation, Independence Australia.

Director of Moonlit Sanctuary Michael Johnson said: "We're incredibly proud to offer our support to Independence Australia by welcoming wheelchair visitors and their carers for a free visit."

Now in its 11th year, Accessibility Weekend coincides with Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week 8 – 15 November to create community awareness about spinal cord injury and the importance of an accessible and welcoming community for people with mobility issues.

Independence Australia Communications Manager Suzanne Ryan Evers said: "We're thrilled that Moonlit Sanctuary will be joining us to celebrate the importance of access and inclusion for this year's Accessibility Weekend.

"It's great to have such a popular attraction take part and demonstrate its commitment to providing access to people with physical disabilities."

Moonlit Sanctuary offer a range of accessibility features, providing ease of access into and around the park, in addition to and a range of facilities to make visits enjoyable and comfortable.

Leading up to Accessibility Weekend, [Rhiannon Tracey](#) visited Moonlit Sanctuary. She has an incredible story after being left a quadriplegic following an accident in 2009. Rhiannon is a Spinchat presenter and the founder of the Next Step Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Centre to help people achieve what they were once told was impossible.

[High res images available to download of Rhiannon visiting Moonlit Sanctuary.](#)

#### **Interviews available with:**

*Moonlit Sanctuary Director, Michael Johnson*

*Next Step Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Centre, Rhiannon Tracey*

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