

Donkey Serenade

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Welcome to 2019 and to the eagerly awaited birth of Truffle's foal Tilly, born at Highfield Reserve on Friday morning 11th January 2019. Clever mum, Truffle, delivered early in the morning, all by herself.

The picture shows Peter Caccia-Birch, Donkey Manager encouraging the little one to feed - much needed for her to gain in strength.

The first Tilly at Highfield was named by Alison Roberts, 50 years ago. So....perhaps this Tilly could be Tilly Two or Tilly 11?

We were all disappointed that our Christmas 2018, Function in the Park with the donkeys had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather. The gale force winds were so strong, they would have blown our shade tents away plus everything else, let alone the rain.....all too dangerous, better luck for us all next Christmas.



And from our Donkey Manager, Peter Caccia-Birch.....

Little Tilly II is progressing really well now, after three days of helping her to latch onto Mum, which she was quite reluctant to do.

I can add here that I had very valuable help from Claire Anstett, (wife of Mike who is one of our Tuesday volunteers).

Claire had a real motherly instinct and I am indebted to her for her persistence in getting the foal to the right level.

Truffle and Tilly II are in the front paddock now, with plenty of grass so treats should be kept to a minimum.

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