

Resource

Read through the resource which explains how the staff at Mogo Zoo in Australia managed to keep the animals safe amidst the devastating fires. Were you surprised by their actions?



A recent Tweet from the zoo.

How do you think the keepers felt knowing a fire was approaching their zoo?

During the fires, the animals had to be locked up inside as much as possible and the sprinklers were keeping the wildlife park wet, a spokesperson for the zoo said. A local resident said that staff at Mogo Zoo were heroes. "They're doing a pretty heroic job, making sure that the animals are being kept safe."



Mogo Zoo

South coast of New South Wales, Australia

Mogo Wildlife Park is a privately owned zoo that supports an amazing collection of endangered and exotic animal species.



Pictured: Giraffes grazing very close to the fires.

Right now, in my house there's animals of all descriptions in all the different rooms, that are there safe and protected... not a single animal lost.

What Zoo director Chad Staples told reporters during the fires.

Zoo director Chad Staples said the situation had been felt like Armageddon. He said the zoo survived because there'd been a detailed plan in place, first the zookeepers moved everything flammable from the area and then turned to the animals themselves. The larger ones like the lions and tigers were moved into secured night enclosures to keep them safe, but the smaller animals needed extra shelter. Chad decided to take them to his own house!