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## Help the Santa Barbara Zoo Name a Wallaby!

***The public is invited to participate in a naming contest for one female wallaby in the new Australian Walkabout!***

(February 22, 2022) Santa Barbara, CA - The public is invited to help the [Santa Barbara Zoo](#) choose a name for one of the female Bennett's wallabies living in the new [Australian Walkabout](#). The Santa Barbara Zoo staff along with the wallabies' care team have narrowed the names down to four contenders to choose from:

**Inala** (in-AH-la): a suburb of Brisbane, Australia, also means "rest time" or "night time" in the Bundjalung language of the northeast region of New South Wales and the southeast region of Queensland

**Lowanna** (loh-WAH-na): means "woman" in the Palawa language of Tasmania

**Coral:** for the famous Great Barrier Reef in Australia

**Kalina** (kaa-LEE-na): means "to love" in the Wemba Wemba language of Victoria

Voting begins on Tuesday, February 22, and ends on Tuesday, March 1. To vote, the public can click here <https://bit.ly/name-wallaby> where a poll will be tracking the public's opinion! Voting closes at 5 PM on March 1, and the winning name will be announced on the Zoo's social media channels on March 2.

The Zoo's Bennett's wallaby is a medium-sized marsupial found along the eastern coast of Australia and on the island of Tasmania. Adults can weigh between 30 and 40 pounds and stand about three feet tall, with males being slightly larger than the females. Their native habitat ranges from eucalyptus forests to open areas adjacent to forests. While one female will soon be named through this contest, the other three of the Zoo's wallabies are available to be named, click here for the sponsorship opportunities: <https://sbzoo.pivvit.com/bennetts-wallaby>

The Santa Barbara Zoo's new Australian Walkabout recently opened in January of this year and features a 15,000 square-foot habitat designed to transport guests "Down Under," where they can walk among the wallabies, kangaroos, emus, see native birds, and develop a deeper understanding of and connection to wildlife conservation.

The Australian Walkabout is free with Zoo admission, no additional reservations are required. Online tickets purchased in advance are currently required for ALL guests, including Santa Barbara Zoo Members (member tickets are free of charge). For reservations [click here](#).

### **About the Santa Barbara Zoo**

The Santa Barbara Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. for members and 9:30 a.m. for general admission until 5 p.m.; general admission is \$19.95 for adults, \$14.95 for children 2-12, and free for children under 2. Parking is \$11. The Santa Barbara Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). AZA zoos are dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great visitor experience, and a better future for all living things. With its more than 200 accredited members, AZA is a leader in global wildlife conservation and is the public's link to helping animals in their native habitats. Visit [www.sbzoo.org](http://www.sbzoo.org).

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