



● Back: Glamorgan Spring Bay Cr Bertrand Cadart, APT tour operations manager Todd Cornford, Natureworld owner Bruce Englefield with APT's sponsored Tasmanian Devil Delilah, APT product manager Janelle Musilli and Tourism Tasmania Tina Mangels. Back: Tourism Tasmania touring marketing manager Maria Pate, APT tour operations manager Maureen Styles and Glamorgan Spring Bay Mayor Howard Harris.

# Sponsors secure future of the delightful Delilah

**D**elilah is one lucky little devil!

The one-year-old resident of East Coast Natureworld has been sponsored by Australian Pacific Touring as part of the company's charitable and conservation foundation that was established in 2003 to support the protection of endangered species around Australia.

APT's Tasmanian product manager Janelle Musilli said the donation would help support Natureworld's devil breeding programme.

APT believes it is essential to preserve endangered Tasmanian wildlife for future generations as a devastating facial tumour disease is sweeping through the

Tasmanian Devil population, she said.

APT will support Delilah the devils' feeding, keeping, health and breeding programme to ensure the growth of the Tasmanian Devil population in a protected environment.

Natureworld owner Bruce Englefield said APT's \$3000 sponsorship would greatly assist the devil programme.

He said that the park was dedicated to combating the devil facial tumour disease through the breeding programme.

The devil was named by Tom and Judith Howe of Brisbane from a competition conducted among APT Tasmania tour customers who visited the park in January.

## DEVIL FUNDING

The Federal Government has announced additional funding for research into the Tasmanian Devil facial tumour disease.

Minister for Environment and Water Resources Malcolm Turnbull announced an extra \$1 million would be allocated in an attempt to save the devil from extinction.

The devil is an icon to all Australians, he said.

The funding will be used to fund breeding programmes and research into the genetic causes of the disease.

The facial tumour disease has now infected over 59 per cent of the devil population on the Tasmanian mainland.

The Federal Government has so far invested a total of \$3 million into devil research.