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Close Encounters of the Whale Kind at Killalea

A fluke might be a rare thing, but not when it comes to whale watching along the NSW South Coast with surfers, beach-goers and guests at Killalea currently being treated to the playful sight of whales *fluking* and *breaching* as they undergo their annual migration.

These daily sightings come as the 2017 Whale Census hosted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and ORRCA is reporting record numbers and the east coast will see as many as 30,000 of the gentle giants in migration mode this year.

Killalea Park Manager Nathan Cattell said Whale Season had hit the Illawarra Region in a big way with visitors to the park captivated by the gentle giants as they swam in their family units and enjoyed the water.

“I have seen more whales than ever heading north this year and there are many great vantage points on the coast, though none as spectacular as Killalea,” Nathan said.

“This year it has felt as though they have only been an arm’s length away. There have been so many passing by the park this year, we can’t believe the explosion in population numbers.

“I was anchored on the water last week and was literally surrounded by the peaceful creatures; I can’t describe what an incredible experience that was for me.

“Surfers, day visitors and park guests are getting a daily birds-eye view of the whales which never ever gets old.”

Killalea is part of South Coast Holiday Parks (SCHP), which is managed by the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSWCHPT). Committed to providing unforgettable holiday memories in iconic destinations across NSW, NSWCHPT also manages the operations of Inland Waters Holiday Parks (IWHP) and North Coast Holiday Parks (NCHP).

NSWCHPT CEO Steve Edmonds said the Group was dedicated to providing guests with unique experiences not found in other holiday destinations, noting the opportunity to see Whales in their natural habitat as a particular example of this.

“We pride ourselves in the fact our parks are located in some of the most idyllic tourism hotspots in NSW,” Mr Edmonds said.

“The Trust’s Group of Parks can offer experiences that may not be found on your typical holiday and we always look forward to welcoming anyone hoping for the opportunity for a spot of Whale Watching.

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Photo and link to whale video attached

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“Our goal is to be recognised as a leading provider of recreational destinations in NSW and we certainly see our parks’ vicinity to Whale Watching as a strong example of our ability to offer our guests exciting and exceptional experiences.”

A Winter getaway in the Illawarra provides the perfect prospect to scout out the Whales. Situated in one of the best vantage points on the coast, Killalea is the perfect camping option for your animal adventure.

To share Park Manager Nathan’s recent experience with Whales while anchored on his boat at The Farm visit <https://youtu.be/cdtAnBWTVFc>.

Book your next holiday at South Coast Holiday Parks today! For a full list of parks head to <https://www.southcoastparks.com.au/>.

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