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### Breezy days ahead for Tangalooma's newly named dolphin calf

The latest addition to Tangalooma's family of wild bottlenose dolphins has been named Zephyr.

The name was chosen from nearly 4,000 entries, with the winner receiving a five night all inclusive family holiday at Tangalooma.

The adorable new addition is calf to Shadow, one of Tangalooma's resident dolphin mums and cousin to Nari, Australia's favourite dolphin who beat the odds earlier this year, surviving a serious shark attack.

Tangalooma Marine Education and Conservation Centre supervisor, Aleisha Consten said Zephyr was the perfect name for the lively youngster.

"Zephyr means a gentle westerly wind or breeze and perfectly fits this little guy given he was born last September, in the middle of our season for westerlies on Moreton Bay," Ms Consten said.

"Zephyr is also the name of the Greek God of the west wind, who is considered the most pleasant of the winds and the bringer of light spring and early summer breezes," she said.

Ms Consten has been monitoring Zephyr's progress since his arrival at Tangalooma and believes he will survive the most vulnerable first three years of life.

"The calf has grown to be quite an adventurous and cheeky dolphin, zipping in and around the feeding area while playing with the other dolphins," Ms Consten said.

"One second he's calm and suckling at his mother's side and the next he's taken off like the wind, showing off his latest tricks and hunting skills.

"He has already demonstrated his ability to catch fish on his own and has been practising his inverted hunting techniques while at the nightly feeds.

"We have no doubt Zephyr will grow to be a strong and healthy bottlenose dolphin and will have many easy and breezy days to come," she said.

Tangalooma's Dolphin Care Team will continue to monitor Zephyr's progress and behaviours in conjunction with its dolphin research initiatives before introducing the calf to the provisioning program in two years time.

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