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Nari returns to Tangalooma after near fatal shark attack

Tangalooma wild dolphin Nari is expected to return to his Moreton Bay home after several weeks recovering from a near fatal shark attack.

Nari was rushed to Sea World for emergency treatment in mid-February after Tangalooma marine biologists discovered severe injuries to the teenage male's body.

Resort manager Trevor Hassard said the news that Nari would return to Tangalooma on 7 April has thrilled everyone at the resort.

"Nari is a regular visitor to Tangalooma's nightly dolphin feeding program and part of our family. We are delighted to hear he will be back with us soon," Mr Hassard said.

"By the time he returns, Nari will have been away for almost two months and we are not sure how he will react to the other dolphins, or how they will react to him.

"We are hoping it will be a positive experience for both Nari and his pals.

"Echo, one of our other regular dolphins was often seen with Nari and they used special whistling calls to communicate with each other.

"Since Nari's attack, Echo has continued to call for him so we think that could be a sign that he is missed and remembered."

Mr Hassard said the team at Sea World had done a magnificent job in caring for Nari and nursing him back to full health.

"We are fortunate to have the expertise of Sea World so close at hand," Mr Hassard said.

"The next big step is to make sure Nari is reintroduced to his family and his Moreton Bay home in a gentle and supportive way.

"We will release Nari from where he was rescued and during the feeding program session.

"As it will be high tide we could expect to see his whole family coming in for the feeding program that night.

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“These are very familiar surroundings for Nari and our Tangalooma dolphin care team, together with Sea World marine staff, will be on hand to ensure the process is as smooth and comforting as possible.

“I’m sure there won’t be a dry eye in the house.”

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