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SUPERCROC IS UNLEASHED

Stockland Green Hills roars to life with the arrival of an eight tonne pre-historic crocodile

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Stockland Green Hills will step back in time and transform into a prehistoric swampland this week as the centre welcomes a life-sized model of the mighty *Sarcosuchus Imperator* on **Friday 3rd July**.

Stockland has partnered with the Australian Museum to bring the one-of-a-kind model of a mighty prehistoric crocodile to the Maitland region.

Angela Vogt, Stockland Green Hills 'Centre Manager, said: "We are thrilled to be working with the Australian Museum to bring the SuperCroc on Tour exhibit to Stockland Green Hills and to offer customers the chance to get up close and personal with this life-sized model of an enormous prehistoric predator."

Affectionately known as SuperCroc, the ultra-realistic *Sarcosuchus Imperator* model was built in collaboration with a team of palaeontologists and scientists for the National Geographic documentary, SuperCroc.

The *Sarcosuchus Imperator* was one of the all-time largest crocodylians to have ever roamed the earth, ranging between 11-12 metres in length and weighing approximately 8 tonnes – about as heavy as a fully grown male elephant!

Following the documentary, National Geographic gifted SuperCroc to the Australian Museum where it has been exhibited alongside the museum's impressive collection of ancient fossils.

Kim McKay AO, Director and CEO, Australian Museum, said: "Visitors to Stockland shopping centres are certainly in for a treat when they encounter SuperCroc, the 11m long ancient African monster which is still clearly bigger than any croc known to have snapped its jaws in Australia.

"It is great to be working with Stockland giving communities outside of central Sydney the opportunity to see this prehistoric beast and learn about its habitat and life dating from 110 million years ago."

To provide customers with a true sense of what it would be like to step back in time, the centre will run a number of fun and educational activities* for kids to enjoy in conjunction with the SuperCroc tour.

Visitors to Stockland Green Hills as well as additional Stockland tour locations** will also have the chance win a family trip for four to the Northern Territory for a real life crocodile experience.

Angela Vogt continues, “With his fascinating history and impressive size we know SuperCroc will be a hit with young and old alike and look forward to launching this fantastic educational entertainment offering at Stockland Green Hills.”

SuperCroc on Tour will open at Stockland Green Hills on Friday 3rd July from 9:00am and will be available for customers to view for free every day until Wednesday 29th August.

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Notes to editor:

*Stockland Green Hills has organised a number of fun and educational activities to coincide with the SuperCroc tour including an exclusive SuperCroc Launch Party on Saturday 4 August and a Croc photo opportunity which customers can enter to go in the draw to win 50 x double passes to the Australian Museum. Customers can also take part in a Croc Scavenger Hunt throughout the centre for the chance to take home their very own crocodile toy valued at \$24.95.

***SuperCroc has also visited Stockland Merrylands, Stockland Shellharbour and Stockland Wetherill Park for shoppers to enjoy.*

About *Sarcosuchus Imperator*

Alive during the early to late Cretaceous period, this fascinating predator ruled over fresh water environments approximately 65.5 million years ago and is a distant ancestor of today’s modern crocodiles, alligators, gharials and caimans.

With its elongated snout, over 130 bone crushing teeth and a powerful tail designed to cut through water at great speed, the *Sarcosuchus Imperator* would ambush and prey on anything that entered the water, from fish to dinosaurs.

SuperCroc vital stats:

Name: *Sarcosuchus imperator* (meaning “flesh crocodile emperor”)

Alias: SuperCroc

Lived: Early – Late Cretaceous period (approx. 112 – 65.5 million years ago)

Regions: Fossils have been found in West Africa (including central Niger) and Brazil, South America

Habitat: Freshwater environments

Likes to eat: Pretty much anything it can ambush; from fish to dinosaurs!

First discovered: 1946 in the Sahara Desert

Size: One of the all-time largest crocodilians at 11 – 12 metres in length when fully grown. By comparison, a modern saltwater crocodile is only about half the size at 6.8metres.

Weight: 8 tonnes (comparative to an adult male elephant)

About Stockland: Stockland (ASX: SGP) was founded in 1952 and has grown to become Australia’s largest diversified property group – owning, developing and managing a large portfolio of shopping centres, residential communities, logistic centres, business parks, office assets and retirement living villages. Stockland is rated as one of the most sustainable real estate companies in the world by the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI). Stockland is also an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality, as recognised by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency www.stockland.com.au



About Australian Museum: The AM, founded in 1827 is the nation's first museum, and is an internationally recognised natural science and culture institution focused on Australia and the Pacific. As custodian of more than 18 million objects, the AM is uniquely positioned to provide a greater understanding of the region through its scientific research, exhibitions and public and education programs. Through the Australian Museum Research Institute (AMRI), the AM also has a leading role in conserving Australia's biodiversity through understanding the environmental impacts of climate change, potential biosecurity threats and invasive species.