



Moon Jellyfish

Aurelia aurata

DID YOU KNOW?

Jellyfish are eaten by turtles!

At AQWA

Be mesmerised by moon jellyfish in AQWA's Perth Coast!

See-through animals

Jellyfish are cup shaped animals with one opening and a rim of tentacles. Their clear body acts as camouflage helping moon jellyfish to survive in the open ocean.

Brainless survivor

The body of a jellyfish is 95% water. They have no hearts, brains, bones or eyes and use their whole body to breathe through. Their simple structure has helped them exist for over 650 million years – that's before sharks and life on land!

Take 2!

Jellyfish have two main parts to their life; an attached polyp stage and a drifting medusa stage.

Paralysed

Jellyfish use their tentacles to catch prey of small fish, algae, and even other jellyfish. Tiny stinging cells in the tentacles, called nematocysts, paralyze the prey before it is drawn to the mouth and digested.

Free transport

Moon jellyfish are swept around by ocean currents. They can't swim against these currents but can swim up and down within them.

Smack!

A group of jellyfish is called a smack! Smacks of 1000's of moon jellyfish can be found all along Western Australia's coastline and in the Swan River.