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Taronga Zoo's baby elephant named

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Taronga Zoo is celebrating the birth of Australia's first male elephant calf to mum Thong Dee. Footage shows the baby staying close to mum, wearing a harness to keep him out of harms way. NO AUDIO

THE first elephant calf born in Australia now has a name - Luk Chai, which means son or male child in Thai.

More than 30,000 entries were received for the naming competition run by Sydney's Taronga Zoo. Ten offered the name finally chosen by keepers.

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The male Asian elephant calf has become a major drawcard at the zoo with visitor numbers more than doubling from 4500 a day to about 12,000 since it was born on July 4 to Thong Dee, a former Bangkok street elephant.

NSW Premier Nathan Rees announced the winning name at the zoo's elephant enclosure today.

"Communities across NSW have embraced this competition and I would like to thank everyone who participated," he said.