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Crescent Head Jimmy



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Crescent Head

Jimmy

Two weeks before Christmas, a motorist travelling along Crescent Head Road noticed **a koala lying on the road**. It was a adult female koala who had been struck by a passing car. Unfortunately, the koala was dead, but nearby the female's body was a young joey. Although the joey was not in a good state, he was thankfully still alive. The motorist gathered up the **tiny joey** and took him to a friend who cares for injured wildlife. She then contacted us to let us know what had occurred. Next morning, we met the **kind lady** who had cared for the joey overnight and who, it turns out, was something of a **Jimmy Barnes fan**. She had named the little tot Jimmy and so "Jimmy" he was!

We brought him back to the Hospital for assessment and treatment. He was a mere **760 grams** and was unable to sit upright as he had been heavily concussed.

He was placed into home care for 24-hour intensive treatment and after a number of days he began to respond. Slowly with a lot of **tender loving care** he improved to the point where his brain function returned to normal and he also started to put on weight.

Since then he has become a typical inquisitive, adventurous youngster leaping around the place, voraciously eating (**what an appetite!**) and growing so well he is as round as he is long.

However, Jimmy has also turned out to be a **very handsome young animal**. His carer swears he will be "an alpha male for sure"; even

at his very tender young age he tilts back his head and **tries to bellow**, even though he emits only a small sound! Jimmy's home-carer, Barb, has reared a number of joeys and this is the first male joey she has known to try bellowing at this early stage of development. Perhaps he is just trying to live up to the lung capacity of his namesake, Jimmy Barnes!

Jimmy is allowed the run of the kitchen, lounge and dining room for a short time each evening at 7.30pm. This is his "**play time**" when he scampers around behind lounge chairs and climbs up the dining table chairs onto the dining table. He also **pushes a pillow around the room with his nose** and plays and bites a stuffed toy dog. After about one hour, he is ready for his night-time formula and off to bed on his gunyah. Morning reveals how active he is during the night as the state of his room will attest to! For a little fella, he sure knows how to make **a mess**.

It's so great to see a young koala, whom we all thought might not do well at all, come forward in leaps and bounds (literally!). In the not too distant future, he will be out there in the wilds of Crescent Head hooting and hollering as any good "**alpha male**" should.





But Mama Bear's chair was toooooo high....

I think I can...
I think I can...



The latest in stylish leg warmers?



***Koala Hospital
Open Day: Easter
Saturday 3 April***

Join us!

Fancy Being 'true Blue' guardians?

Hello, let me introduce myself, I am 'True Blue', mascot of the Koala Hospital at Port Macquarie. I am looking for a kind couple to become my new Guardians.

I would live with them and they would take me out when I am invited to schools (see pic, right), meetings and of course the Koala Hospital's 'Open Days'.

There are certain rules of etiquette that have to be followed whenever I appear in public. I need to have a minder to accompany me each time and my Guardians would have to be or become members of the Koala Hospital. I am very easy to care for; I don't talk, or eat, or make a mess, I am extremely quiet.



If you are interested in being my Guardian please email kiosk@koalahospital.org.au or phone 6584-1522 and leave a message for Hazell.

Education report

Now that Christmas and the **school holidays** are behind us, things are gradually getting back to normal.

My thanks to all the "Walk and Talk" personnel who were kept busy providing two guides for every afternoon tour through more than six weeks of holidays.

We have two more **Walk-and-Talkers** in training which should ease the burden in future.

Coach tour bookings are coming in on a regular basis. AAT Kings have lodged dates up until April 2011, and a new group from **New Zealand**, Terra Nova, is in with up to four tours each month for 2010.

During January, in conjunction with the "Friends" group, we had displays at Cassegrain Winery for "**Oysters in the Vines**" on 24th and at the Town Green for

Australia Day on 26th. Both functions were well attended by the **Hastings public** and provided good exposure for the Koala Hospital with several adoptions sold as well as enquiries by potential volunteers.



Geoff and Oxley Griffin

I also have a number of bookings to speak to **community groups** during the next two months at Bonny Hills and Port Macquarie.

A recent talk to seniors at **Garden Village** was very pleasant, with about 60 people attending for morning tea and the Koala Hospital DVD showing.

Geoff Best Education Co-ordinator

From the President

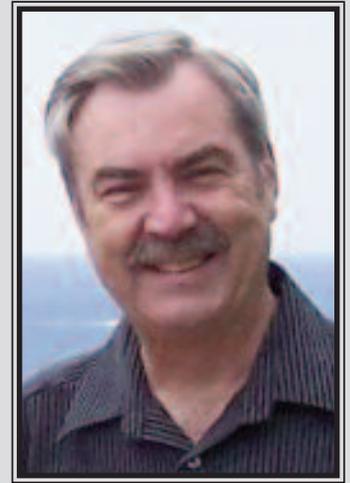
The Koala Hospital has been a hive of activity in recent weeks with callouts to bush fire areas, providing significant support to other wildlife organisations and keeping an eye on **local highway diversions**.

Congratulations to two of our Team Leaders: **Wendy Mason** and **Peter Schulties** have upgraded their skills and were appointed relief Supervisors.

And while our busy staff continue to provide the essential treat-

ment to the koalas in care, we are also grateful to our **overseas volunteers** who spend time working with us on a day-to-day basis. Recently, we had working members from **Switzerland** and the **Netherlands** who have become regular visiting workers at the Koala Hospital.

Thanks also to Milicia McCosh who was recently appointed **Ecological Consultant** by the management committee. Milicia is our contact with developers, local



council and other government departments; she will work closely with Hospital supervisor Cheyne Flanagan.

Bob Sharpham President

Seaview Farida

When this juvenile female koala was admitted to the Koala Hospital in August 2009, she had been **savaged by a dog** and had sustained significant structural damage to her right front hand. She also had a severe infection in the wound.

Though she responded well to treatment, it was initially thought that **her ability to climb** (an essential requirement for a koala's survival in the wild) would be severely affected. With this in mind it was our original belief that she could not be released back into the wild and would remain a **permanent resident** at the Hospital.

She spent six months in smaller enclosures she was released into the large Yard 9 which contains a significant number of tall eucalypt trees. She immediately climbed high into the trees and has shown that **our fears for her climbing ability** had been unfounded.

After veterinarian advice, it was decided that Farida should be released. She is still quite



young and completely disease-free, so should be given the **opportunity to breed** and thus fulfil her role as a female koala in the wild.

In early March, Farida was **released** into a safe area notable for its many handsome male koalas. You go, girl!

Body condition

What is it and why do we check it? The body condition of koalas (also called muscle tone or condition score) is a means by which we assess the health status of the koalas presented for treatment at the Koala Hospital.

A fitness trainer's dream

Koalas are basically composed of lean muscle (a common marsupial trend). If they do carry fat, it tends to be located in their inguinal areas (groin), the axillary areas (armpits), or around their kidneys. Sometimes, in the case of infertile females, some fat is found at the back of their abdominal cavity. Nonetheless, on the whole, koalas are a fitness trainer's dream – all muscle and no fat!

A healthy, fit koala in his or her prime should exhibit well-rounded, firm (concave) solid muscles in both forearms and hind limbs. Good, solid muscle should also be evident over the scapula (shoulder blade) and on the bands of muscles found on the top of the skull.

An important point to note is that it is virtually impossible to assess the body condition of a koala without handling and feeling the actual muscled areas.

To conclude that a koala is in “good condition” simply by looking at the animal does not constitute good science, nor does it come close to performing a thorough assessment of the koala's physical condition. There are many other factors that can dispute a claim of “good condition” based on visual observation alone.

Looks can be deceiving

Koalas' appearance can be tricky and quite deceiving, especially in montane (mountain), Victorian or even many western NSW koalas. These koalas tend to have much thicker, fluffier and heavier coats than their coastal or Queensland counterparts, who tend to have shorter, finer fur that is not as thick.

Put a big, heavy overcoat on a skinny person, plus a thick hat and heavy pants, and it would be hard to tell how underweight that person is on initial observation. In the case of thick-coated koalas, the denser fur can give

the illusion of good condition yet all the while it is masking very poor body condition.

The same principle applies to other fluffy-coated animals. It is misleading merely to look at, say, a Husky dog, Pomeranian or English sheep dog and make the assessment, “that dog is in good condition without carrying out a physical examination to ascertain what body condition the animal's thick, fur is hiding.

Measuring

One method that helps to reach an accurate koala body score is to cross-check the koala's weight with other key measurements. The koala's skull is measured from front to back, then from the back of the skull to the tailbone – what we call the “crown–rump length” (CRL). Just as the body–mass index (BMI) provides an additional measure for assessing healthy body weight in humans, by cross-referencing the koala's

skull and CRL data against their current weight, it helps to indicate whether the animal's frame size corresponds to its weight and therefore whether the koala is good or poor condition.

Feeling

Feeling the muscle/body condition is the ultimate and best indicator of health status. This is usually scored 1–10, where 1 = virtually a skeleton and 10 = obese, although each is a theoretical extreme as we have never struck a perfect 10! Some researchers score, 1–5 but it's really ‘academic’ which method is used.

Some determinants of poor body condition in koalas

Whether a koala is in good condition or poor condition is as a result of a number of factors:

Tooth wear in old koalas

The teeth of old koalas in the wild—especially the pre-molar and the top teeth at the back used for grinding leaf—become worn down. Sometimes the teeth are worn to the gum line which prevents the grinding teeth from being able to break the leaves down small enough to be swallowed. Instead, a lot is spat out or is swallowed in large chunks. These old animals are

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Aged female with very worn molars & pre-molars.

in the koala



unable to obtain enough nutrients from the poor-quality leaf to sustain them and they begin to lose weight.

The resulting poor body condition can be observed in old koalas in the wild if they have a short fine fur – their spine, pelvis or skull can be quite sunken. If they are thick-furred, it only takes a quick feel of the muscle condition to detect that the koala has very little muscle at all.

Old wild koalas tend to get pushed out of their home ranges and end up living on the margins of the other koalas' home ranges. Because they cannot masticate the leaf properly, they are constantly hungry and spend a lot of time moving from tree to tree, struggling to get enough food. They can also spend more time eating in a 24 hour period than their younger counterparts just in order to get adequate nutrition. Alternatively they just give up and literally starve.

An old koala is thus at great risk of being killed by a predator. Also, having less nutrition makes them less able to cope with disease and often they succumb to illness in a short space of time. Of course, old koalas in a captive environment have the luxury of extra care, in being fed optimal quality leaf, receiving supportive nutrition and constant veterinary assessment. For this reason, captive koalas tend to live so much longer than their wild counterparts. Our koala "Birthday Girl" who is almost 23 years old (we believe she is the oldest koala in the world), is still in very good condition and has maintained the same weight for the last three years – a testament to the devoted care she receives here at the Koala Hospital.

Downward disease spiral

Poor condition in koalas can also occur because of a disease

process that saps the koala of vital nutrients and causes their body condition to deteriorate. Diseases such as advanced chlamydiosis, various cancerous conditions, renal failure, etc, cause the koala to lose weight rapidly. When a koala is admitted in an emaciated condition, the immediate focus is to carry out blood tests, ultrasounds, etc, to rule out the many different possibilities in order to narrow down the cause of emaciation.

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Beta males competing for habitat

Poor body condition can also be observed in lower-ranking animals particularly young males who move away from their mother's home ranges and end up living in marginal country on the periphery of the colony. Young males also try to exist below the radar of higher-ranking males, particularly the alpha male. The last thing a juvenile male needs is to run into a big-muscled alpha male! These young males are often seen running up and down roads in distressed states, or exhaust themselves by travelling great distances to locate some unoccupied habitat, a situation exacerbated by increasing habitat loss. Young dispersing males have a high mortality rate as a result.

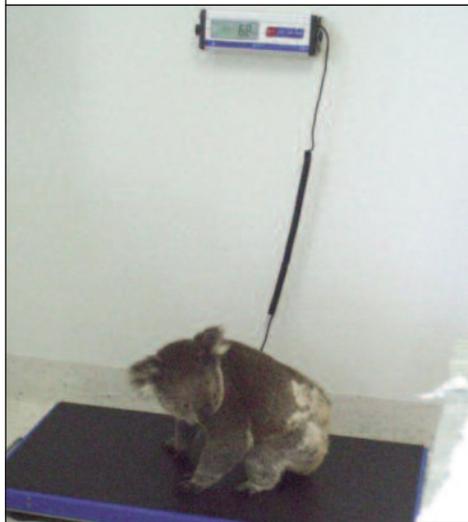
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We hold great store here at the Koala Hospital (as do all wildlife rehabilitators working on all species of native fauna) on a koala's weight and muscle score. All of our team get very excited with weight gain and improvement in their patients' muscle mass – it's a great sign that the health of the koala is on the mend. And when we come across a big, healthy, full-bodied koala out in the wild, it's a pleasure to see.

Cheyne Flanagan Supervisor



Unlike older koalas in the wild, those living in captivity like "Birthday Girl" often maintain excellent weight and body condition...



...thanks to optimal leaf supply, supportive nutrition and regular veterinary care.



Supervisor's Report



Since December, it has been very quiet admission-wise, until about mid-January with an increase in numbers after that. The main causes for admission have been Chlamydia-related which is normal during hot periods. Not having a lot of admissions has given us time to sort out other jobs that have been put aside. Then, as many of you know, this got rather busy!

We have started **collecting pathology samples for Sydney University** which was a little confusing at first, but we now have it all sorted out. Either we do the work, or they have to send up a student, so obviously it's easier for us to do the work for them. It can take a bit of time when you have more than one koala to do in one sitting, but we are mindful that every sample taken is one step further along the research track.



Cheyne Flanagan and former permanent resident, Ocean Therese.

The **Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) work** is well underway, with koalas being captured from the Oxley Highway deviation site ahead of removal of the trees. We will be holding the koalas here for approximately one week—giving them all a full screening, etc, then they will be radio-collared and taken to the release site. They will then be released after a period of time, and that is when we will commence the tracking programme. Thankfully we have a few volunteers from the Hospital who have put their hands up to assist in the tracking (we held the training day last week) as it is very time-consuming (6 hours/day), it's good to share the load. It will also give us plenty of experience for doing our own tracking in the future. Imagine the useful information that will come from recording where the urban koalas go after being treated here for some time.

The **Limeburners Creek bushfire** which Peter Schulties, Amanda Gordon, two members from FAWNA Nikki and John

Edwards, myself and Mandy Smith from National Parks attended was thankfully free of burnt koalas. For that matter, we did not find any burnt animals of any description. It was an extremely hot fire, so anything in the fireground would have been cooked. Most of the area was not koala country anyway. Incidentally, the ambulance performed beautifully in four-wheel-drive mode except when Peter hit his head on the roof in the backseat when we went through some hairy holes up the Plomer Road. We also played Good Samaritan to two sheepish people who were not thinking

and drove a small convertible sports car up the Plomer Road and of course after going through a water hole that was waist deep—the car conked out. It's definitely a four-wheel drive road that one.

All our **joey**s are doing really well, and growing nicely, especially after some of them were so ill on admission. It's also great to see **Seaview Farida** come along so well—from looking like being a permanent-care animal to a koala that is climbing so expertly we felt she should be released after all. These animals never fail to amaze us.

We have plenty of volunteers on board at present, although the Sunday morning shift could use another regular. The maintenance team have been working overtime doing all sorts of wonderful things for us which is great!

Cheyne Flanagan Supervisor

Adopt-A-Wild-Koala report

Adoptions staff has been busy processing over 1,000 adoptions during December—this compared to 2,500 the previous December. There were 231 during January and 81 to 9 February.

We arranged for a similar press release to the one in 2008, but due to some communication problems, it didn't go out until early December. As overseas Christmas mail closed end November, we placed a notice on our website advising people of this fact. This may have accounted for the fact that we processed less than half as many adoptions this December compared to the previous year.

Seaview Farida has been added to our list of koalas available for adoption, and already has 149 adopters—as a permanent resident, she has become very popular with our visitors wishing to adopt a wild koala.

We now have a new volunteer—Alvina Dark, who is gradually learning the processes involved in the adoption production line.

At present Jan is away for 6 weeks overseas, and I have been ably assisted by Robyne, Marilyn and Alvina during this time.

As soon as Jan arrives back in Port Macquarie, I will be off for 6 weeks having an operation on my foot. As this will involve my foot being in plaster for 6 weeks, I will not be spending a lot of time at the Hospital during that period. However, I am confident the Adoptions team will be able to manage very well during my absence.

Lorraine Best AAWK Co-ordinator



Media & Comms Report



Local media

- Radio Interview by Geoff Best.
- *Focus Magazine*—the new Tourism Chairman gave the Koala Hospital a mention in his report.
- *Express* article and photo regarding Australian Hearing adopting 5 koalas.

National media

- *TravelTalk Magazine* featured an Adopt-a-wild-koala story with a photo of Cheyne.
- *Coffs harbour Advocate*—a full-page story about the Koala Hospital and Adoptions.
- *Newcastle Herald*—an Adoption feature.
- *Australian Home Beautiful Magazine* featured an article on Port Macquarie which included the Koala Hospital.
- Koala Hospital included in feature story of the region—13 local papers.

Overseas media

- Japanese TV filmed in December.
- Three different French TV and documentary media groups filmed at the Koala Hospital during January.
- Italian media also filmed during January.
- Thank you to Barb and Judy for always being available to introduce their home-care joeys to the media.

Adopt-A-Wild-Koala Campaign

- PayPal included an article on their proforma.
- SBS Foundation Application 2010—which includes free advertising for community groups (need to prepare own add). This was decided to be held over until 2011 when we can use film from Susan's National Geographic story.

Open Day: Easter Saturday

- We shall contact the media regarding this.

Helen Meers Media Co-ordinator

Kiosk report

Once more we have survived the busiest period in the calendar. There have been 8,524 visitors to the Hospital since November, based on those who have signed the visitor's book (there are many who don't sign). **New faces** have been wonderfully helpful, melding in with those who always do a sterling job. (I have nicely avoided saying **OLD faces**, but you know who you are).

The telephones have been busy along with emails reporting sightings of koalas in the district, hopefully within the next few months. There will be a new telephone system that will accommodate all calls coming in and not have anybody hanging up. Another 'letter box' drop may be in order, if you are interested in **helping in your street**, let me know.

The response to sightings has been very good although it has slackened off during January; people are hearing them but not actually seeing the koala. This information is being transferred to an Atlas of Wildlife; anyone who would **like to help** with this task is most welcome to contact me.

I am always seeking **items made in Australia**; they take a bit of finding, but there are a few more added to Kiosk stock.

Jewellery from Wooden Craft has been our best seller this season. Products from

Visit: pewter pin; **Sundowner:** key rings, pins, ornaments; **Road Sign:** stickers & signs; **Planet Earth:** t-shirts; **Sapphire:** stuffed koalas with our Bandaged Koala logo, sun visors,



coolers for water, wine and wine glasses all with the 'Australian Made' tag. All are very light weight and ideal for posting. Maybe, just maybe, there is a resurgence of manufacturing in Australia. The Koala Souvenir Kiosk will continue to support these producers, who in turn give us their best wholesale price. Look out for our **Easter Saturday Open Day show bag**, great value as always.

The **Christmas Get Together** at the Port City Club was well received, the Club providing the venue free of charge. With members' permission, I will tentatively book for this year. The Club are pleased to support the Koala Hospital, when requested, if other activities do not intervene.

Members are always welcome to **join the Kiosk roster**, meeting and talking to visitors from all over the world, talking about the koala. **Job satisfaction is great**, pay lousy; would you think about it please, short shifts are available.

Hazell Sellers **Kiosk Co-ordinator**

adopt
Cathie
Vikki



www.koalahospital.org.au/adopt/

Friends of the Koala Hospital

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. We had been very busy prior to Christmas as I'm sure you all were. Since our last meeting we drew our Christmas hampers and I am happy to say they were well received. Without the help of our volunteers, I could not have made it the success that it was: we raised over \$200.

Sunday 20 December. We had a stall at the Laurieton markets where we made over \$200 that includes adoptions as well.

Saturday 23 January. We assisted with a sausage sizzle at the request of Harvey Norman, the proceeds we received was \$94; I would like to thank Jack, David, Marilyn & Gwen for helping me out on the day.

Sunday 24 January. We had our stall at Cassegrain Winery we raised over \$240 thanks to Geoff, Noeline, Margaret & John.

Tuesday 26 January (Australia Day). Wow, the heat. We made over \$215, thanks Geoff for your donation of books it brought people to our stall.

Sunday 28 March. Brian has again been asked to be a team leader for the Triathlon. Anyone who can help out on 28 March, please contact Brian.

Saturday 3 April. Not a lot happening at the moment, so I am having a break and already trying to plan for our next **Open Day** which will be over Easter.

Robyne Leadbeatter **Friends Co-ordinator**

A visit to Lake Cathie Children's Cottage



On the 18/11/09, I visited the kids at the Lake Cathie Children's Cottage. They were told how important it is to **protect our trees for the koalas**, to keep dogs inside at night, and to place a rope in the pool if they have one at home so the koala can climb out easily.



They were very excited to help in **planting three koala food trees** on the site. All the kids involved in planting were given a hand-painted stone with their name and year on it. These were placed in their yard as a reminder of the event should they ever return in the future. Hopefully by then their trees will be feeding koalas.

The plan is to do this with the next group of children every year to get our **wildlife warriors of the future** involved in our program of tree planting and caring for our precious native animals.

Milicia McCosh Ecological Consultant



Dear Milicia,

I just wanted to let you know that our koala food trees are powering along. They are all getting **nice green shoots**, and the children love being able to come out and water them.

We have been **very excited** to witness a koala in and around our preschool again this week.

On Tuesday he was sleeping in a tree right beside the back playground.

Today we saw one in a tree near our car park. He was a bit of a **'show pony'**...when he realised all the children were watching he climbed down the tree, walked across the driveway to another tree and then climbed his way up the tree to settle in and eat lunch! What an amazing opportunity for the



children to witness native wildlife right before their eyes.

One girl just happened to bring in a toy koala that day and she jumped with excitement, exclaiming **"I have never seen a real Koala!"** How special!

Thank you again for sharing your time with us, and for enriching the lives of the children at Lake Cathie Children's Cottage.

Denielle Dietrich



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Help us to compile the koala 'atlas'!

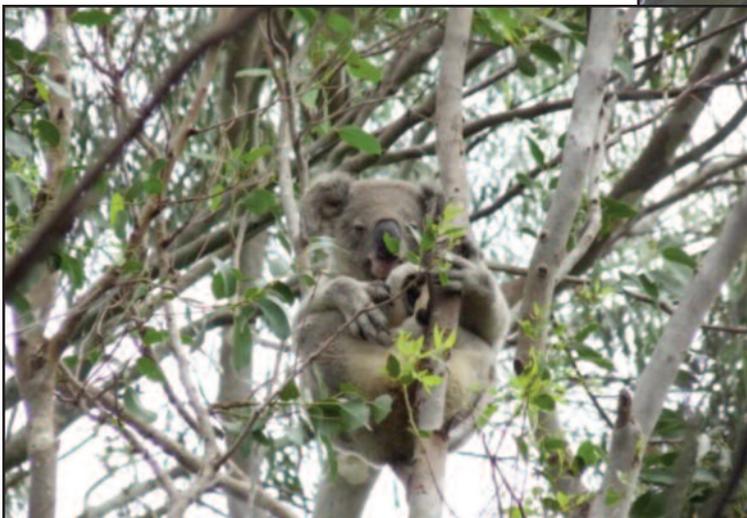
Have YOU seen a koala today?

“We spotted this little one (below) last Friday in a tree at the ferry end of Park Street at 6pm.”
~ Annette, 19\7/12/09.



“Sighted koala (left) high in eucalypt tree with tag in left ear [signifies koala is male—Ed.] in grounds of Port Macquarie Primary School on Clarence Street.” ~ Chris, 28/12/09.

● “At the back of Grandview parade, she (below) is not our usual visitor.” ~ Mark & Lesley, 18/12/09.



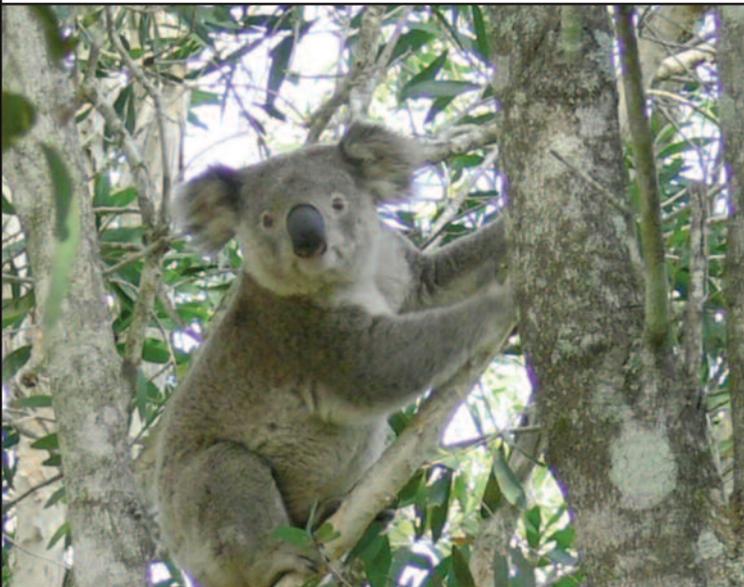
“This koala (left) seems to have made his home up the trees behind 17 & 19 Burrawong Drive in Port Macquarie. He is very noisy at night, grunting like a large pig! I don't know if he has found a girl-friend yet or not. He looks OK and is not distressed in any way.” ~ Nicky, 5/01/10.

Sightings

“Just to let you know that this gorgeous koala (below & right) was in our tree yesterday at Boonamin Road.” ~ Brenda, 21/12/09 .



“I have been taking pictures of the birds and koalas in Dahlsford during the last 2 years. This one (below) was taken on the walking track to show that I had seen 2 different koalas in one day—isn't he a nice boy! This koala (right) was sighted in tree in garden on house opposite the display map of the Dahlsford Grove Lifestyle Village. ” ~Julia, 06/12/09.



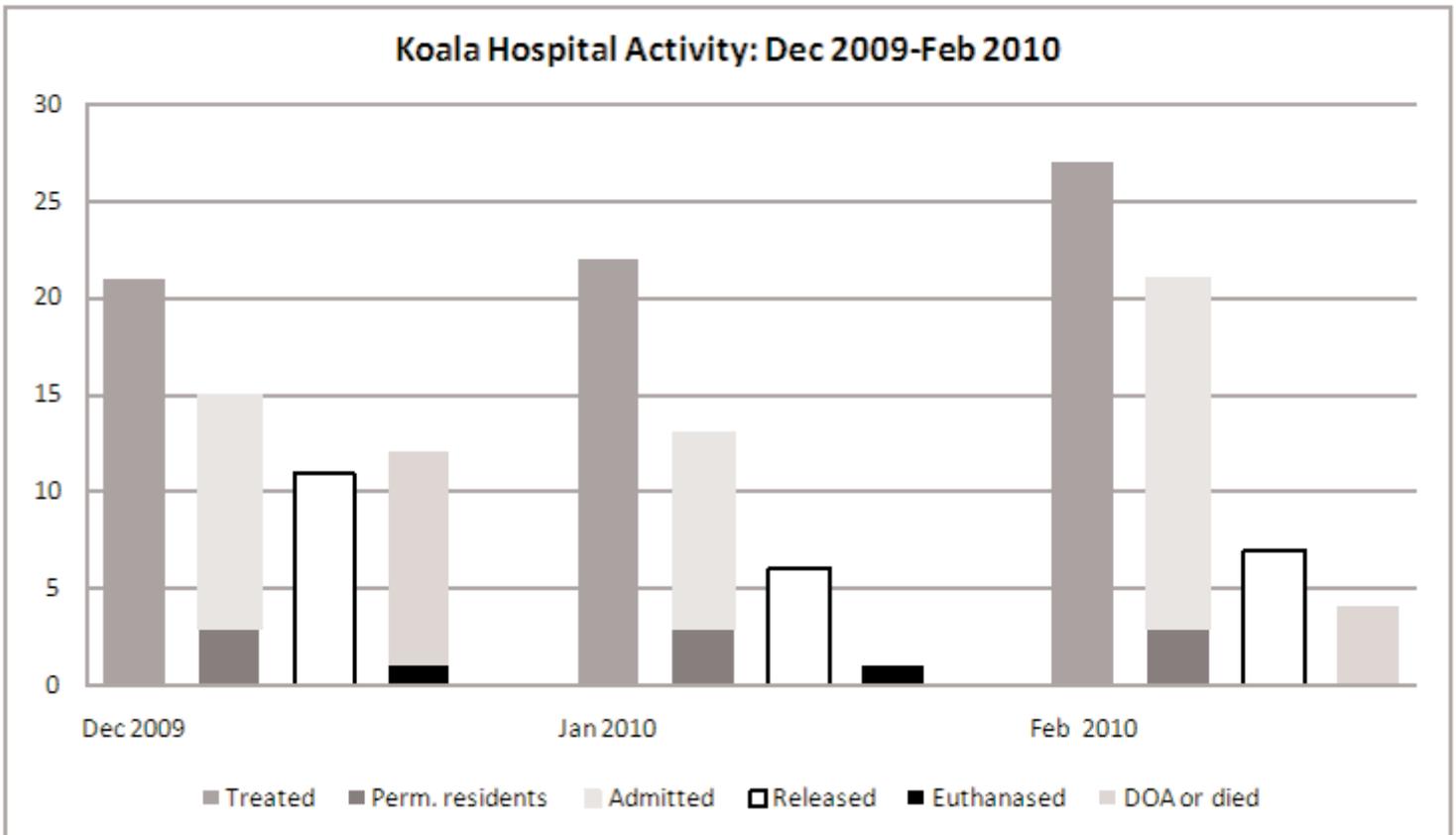
We want to hear from YOU every time you **SIGHT A KOALA** in the Hastings. Please **EMAIL** details (time, place, sex, condition, whether eartagged), plus a photo if you like, to: sightings@koalahospital.org.au or **CALL** in your sighting to 6584-1522. We are compiling an 'atlas' of koala habitat areas in the Port Macquarie-Hastings district. Thank you!

Hospital Activity Report



Admission	Name	Reason	Result
22.10.04	Tractive Golfer M	Underweight – scoliosis of spine	Permanent resident
11.07.08	West Haven Barry M	Scoliosis of spine	Permanent resident
	Birthday Girl	Severe Arthritis Right Hip	Permanent resident
10.10.08	Settlement Point Bea	Fell 20 metres from tree onto oyster rocks	
23.08.09	Seaview Farida F	Dog Attack	
04.09.09	T.A.F.E. Cody M Joey	Abandoned	
26.09.09	Oxley Highway Kaylee	Hind leg injury	
26.09.09	Oxley Twinkle F	Joey of Oxley Kaylee	
27.09.09	Armidale Frosty M	Hyperkeratosis (skin disorder)	Died 10.12.09
23.20.09	Oxley Matt M	Chlamydia	
02.11.09	Hastings Grace	In yard with two dogs	
02.11.09	Hastings Noah M	Joey of Hastings Grace	
11.11.09	Kennedy Tristan M	Motor Vehicle accident – head trauma	Released 09.02.10
21.11.09	Armidale Bundy M	Conjunctivitis both eyes	Released 12.12.09
21.11.09	Oxley Carl M	Found on ground	Released 02.12.09
24.11.09	Dunbogan Larry M	Found on ground – debilitated	Euthanased 30.11.09
26.11.09	Skye Pat F	Chlamydia	Euthanased 09.12.10
27.11.09	Granite Murray M	Moribund	Died 29.11.09
28.11.09	Ocean Chelsea F	In yard with dogs – checked	Released 30.11.09
29.11.09	Moruya Huggy F	On road – checked	Released 30.11.09
01.12.09	Marsden Marg F	Suspect chlamydia	Released 02.12.09
01.12.09	Marsden Jamie joey M	Joey of Marsden Marg	Released 02.12.09
12.12.09	Emerald Hazie M	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
14.12.09	Crescent Head Tiffany F	On ground– moribund	Died 14.12.09
16.12.09	Crescent Head Jimmy Joey	Mother killed MVA – Jimmy in Home Care	
16.12.09	Newport Bridge Gloria F	In dangerous area – checked	Released 15.12.09
17.12.09	Calwalla Munchkin M	On ground – checked	Released 18.12.09
18.12.09	Kennedy Bidy F	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 24.12.09
18.12.09	Kennedy Nuala Joey	Joey of Kennedy Bidy	Released 24.12.09
18.12.09	Fitzroy Tim Tam M	Drinking from swimming pool – observation	Released 22.12.09
18.12.09	Lake Danni F	Conjunctivitis	Euthanased 03.01.10
23.12.09	Waniora Coastline F	Chlamydia	Released 22.01.10
02.01.10	Highfields Zac M	Injury R Hind Leg (old injury)	Released 01.01.10
06.01.10	Jupiter Cheryl F	In dangerous area – observation	Released 08.01.10
06.01.10	Koala St. Laura F	In dangerous area – checked	Released 06.01.10
10.01.10	Reading Nettie F	In yard with dogs – checked	Released 11.01.10
12.01.10	Lighthouse Paul M	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Released 04.02.10
14.01.10	Seamist Joyce F	Dog attack	Released 18.01.10
20.01.10	Roto Mikki F Joey	Abandoned – Home Care	
24.01.10	Regatta Lanaye F		Released 19.02.10
29.01.10	Somerset Sabrina F	Lethargic – observation	Released 04.02.10
31.10.01	Calwalla Bill M	Low in tree – observation	Released 04.02.10
01.02.10	Pacific Sam M	In fight with another male – observation	Released 03.02.10
04.02.10	Woodvale Gemma	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
05.02.10	Waterlily Sweetpea F	Chlamydia	
08.02.10	Wyandra Jewels F	Moribund	Died 08.02.10
13.02.10	Emerald Oz M	In dangerous Area – observation	Released 17.02.10
13.02.10	Kooloonbung Girl Joey	Unknown	Dead on Arrival

Admission	Name	Reason	Result
16.02.10	Ellenborough Paul M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
16.02.10	Crestwood Princess F	Conjunctivitis	Died 27.02.10
17.02.10	R.T.A. 1	Capture for re-location	
17.02.10	R.T.A. 2	Capture for re-location	
22.02.10	R.T.A. 3	Capture for re-location	
22.02.10	Roto Bill M	Dog Attack	
23.02.10	Links Rob M	In dangerous area – checked	Released 23.02.10
23.10.08	Hastings Jerry M	Possible Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
24.02.10	Calwalla Kylie F	Chlamydia	
26.02.10	Waniora Jonah M	Chlamydia	
26.01.10	R.T.A. 4	Capture for re-location	
27.02.10	R.T.A. 5	Capture for re-location	



Barbara Barrett



The **Christmas hamper** was drawn on 17/12/09 by Cheyne Flanagan, Hospital Supervisor, in the presence of many witnesses. The winners were:

1. Vicki Aarjes
2. Max Starr (who donated his prize for re-draw)
3. Jean Bartlett



Volunteer needed

for regular Sunday morning yard shift 8.00-10.30am. Please call (02) 6584 1522 and leave a message for Peter Schulties.

DONATION BOX GUARDIANS

The project to produce and distribute the 2010-style donation boxes throughout the Port Macquarie area is continuing. Close to **50% have been allocated** and we anticipate that the remainder will be in place by mid March.

The Koala Hospital has many supporters, such as Friends of the Koala Hospital, our volunteers, our Adopt-a-Wild-Koala sponsors from Australia and overseas, as well as a large number of **benefactors** who provide much needed financial assistance.

But there is also another band of supporters, those that allow us very **valuable counter space** in their shops, businesses and offices. These are the Guardians of our donation boxes, which are there to encourage donations and also to provide valuable information on our activities from our leaflets to customers—locals and visitors alike.

From time to time in **Gum Tips** we will select and highlight a number of these organi-



First batch of new donation boxes before allocation.

sations to recognise our appreciation of the role they play in the overall support provided to the Koala Hospital by the local business community. We ask all our friends to **support these organisations** when shopping or requiring services.

The Guardians **we acknowledge** in this issue are:

- **Amcal Chemist** 6583 4888
Shop 10, Settlement City Shopping Centre
- **Bakers Basket** 6534 9590
Shop 2/37, Munster Street Shopping Village
- **Beach House Holiday Apartments**
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Brian Crisp **Donation Box Co-ordinator**

A different way to help the Koala Hospital



The easiest way to support the Koala Hospital is to save! Go to your closest BCU branch, open a Community Saver Account (CSA) and **nominate the Koala Hospital as your recipient organisation**. Not only will you earn a great rate of interest, but each year BCU will donate the equivalent of 1% of your average annual savings to the Hospital.

One local organisation received \$450 at the end of their first year. The next year, they increased the number of members who held CSAs and received over \$3,500 from BCU. Fundraising for the Koala Hospital, fund saving for you.

Put simply, the more supporters we get to open CSA accounts with BCU and who nominate us as their recipient, the greater the donation we receive from BCU each year.

For details, see: http://www.bcu.com.au/personal/savings_accounts/community_saver_account



"Brollies (donated by Bunnings and ANZ) are free to use by visitors to the Hospital during inclement weather or hot, sunny days.

One particularly wet day, the umbrellas were put back into the bucket after 'Walk & Talk', but they were so damp that Lorraine and I opened them all again to dry outside the kiosk.

Of course, I could not resist a picture. It is a humorous look at some of the daily goings-on at the Koala Hospital." ~Beth

2010 Calendar

19 Mar 10	Management Meeting
3 April 10	Open Day, Easter Sat
16 April 10	Management Meeting
21 May 10	Management Meeting
16 May 10	GM 3rd Sunday 10am
23 May 10	AGM 4th Sunday noon
15 June 10	<i>Gum Tips</i>
18 June 10	Management Meeting
16 July 10	Management Meeting
15 Aug 10	GM 3rd Sunday 10am
20 Aug 10	Management Meeting
15 Sept 10	<i>Gum Tips</i>
2 Oct 10	Family Fun Day 9am
21 Nov 10	GM 3rd Sunday 10am
15 Dec 10	<i>Gum Tips</i>

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