



# Gum Tips

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*Birthday Girl*



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# Birthday Girl – Mega star!



Even though Birthday Girl was the feature story not all that long ago we feel that she deserves a megastar mention in Gum Tips this issue.

The Koala Hospital would like to put out a challenge to see if anyone has a koala that is older than our grand old queen.

Lone Pine Sanctuary (Brisbane, Qld) holds the current Guinness Book of Records title for the oldest koala in captivity, a female called Sarah who died a few years ago at the ripe old age of 23.

As Birthday Girl's first admission to the Koala Hospital (for loss of habitat) was in February 1990 and according to her weight and measurements she would have been a three to three and a half year old female at the time, then this indeed at this point of time has her getting awfully close to 24 years of age.



If our calculations are correct then Birthday Girl has surpassed "Sarahs" milestone and is then possibly the oldest koala in the world alive today.

Could Birthday Girl even be the longest lived koala ever? We would love to know and welcome information that will shed light on this.

Old age is definitely catching up with Birthday

Girl who is definitely not as fit as she used to be, but she certainly still loves her tucker and loves her formula twice a day.

We are also very mindful of our mission and charter here at the hospital where the welfare of any koala is paramount. Once the time



comes where Birthday Girl is not happy with life in Yard 9 anymore, then we will have to make a decision. At this point in time, she is indeed still very happy with the daily routine of her life and is responding accordingly.

Nonetheless she is one very special koala and we feel she deserves recognition for reaching such a grand milestone of age.

We did consider applying to the Guinness Book of Records ourselves but could not justify the hefty price to enter. We felt the money would be better spent on more productive things.

So is there anyone out there who can verify or challenge that Birthday Girl is possibly the oldest living koala in the world??? Please contact us as we would love to know.

# Golden Anniversary

Can you imagine what it would be like to foster 50 children, not knowing for how long you would have each one in your care?

Fast forward to the end of August, when Koala Hospital volunteers, life members Joyce and Brian Westoby celebrated the arrival of their 50<sup>th</sup> koala. Walcha Julie was only staying overnight, but some of the koalas that Joyce and Brian have had in their care have been with them for months.

The lucky koalas have 24 hour, 5 star treatment when they arrive, as Brian has built a special "Koala Haven" accommodation unit which fits into the living area of their house. They also have a larger unit outside for koalas who are almost ready to return to the hospital for imminent release.



Joyce was asked if she could tell us about any of the more memorable incidents which her charges have entertained her with over the years. Here are just a few of them:

Butterball, whose name was actually Karelee Kit – who took to galloping down the hall to their bedroom at midnight one night. Acutely aware of the need for her beauty sleep, Joyce cleared the bathroom of any offending objects that might have caused problems, and put Butterball in there for the rest of the night. Imagine her astonishment next morning on opening the door and finding him clinging to what remained of her bathroom curtains. At least she had a good excuse to buy new ones!

Little Walcha Bill - who had his unit in the garage and climbed up a broom handle to reach the top of Brian's car, where he sat and looked very pleased with himself. Another time he climbed to the top of the garage roll-a-door and made himself comfortable there.

The 49<sup>th</sup> koala in care has become something of a celebrity. For the past fortnight Bonny Hills Dianne has featured in a host of photo shoots, including the Daily Telegraph and photographers from a French magazine. As a joey of less than 4 kilos, she is making a name for herself at a very early age.

Some of these animals were with Joyce and Brian for many weeks, and a few of them became very popular with the public when they finally arrived at the hospital after their stay in home care. One of these was a recent loss to the hospital. Tractive Golfer was unable to be released into the wild because of scoliosis and other injuries, and remained there for years as a very lovable favourite. As a result of the TLC he received there, he had quite a few more years than he would otherwise have enjoyed. He is only one of the many koalas who have been loved and looked after by two very caring people. We would like to thank Joyce and Brian on their behalf for a job done so well and so lovingly.



*Little Walcha Bill*

## *Chris & Tracy from Scotland*

### *Tracy's Story*

We spent two years backpacking through several countries, and whenever people ask me what my favourite place was I always answer "Port Macquarie". Specifically, my highlight was our one-month volunteer experience at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital. We knew about the hospital from when we attended a talk by a local in Scotland who volunteered at the hospital each year. We were so taken by the tales and pictures of his experiences there, we immediately thought of doing it ourselves when we set off for our own travels. As luck would have it, there was space for us during the month of April 2007. It was our first time to Australia, and we had no idea what to expect.

What we found during that month was better than anything we could have expected. The hospital itself is smaller than I envisioned, but it was amazing to see first-hand all that is accomplished in that space. It was a real eye-opener to learn how many people are involved with the hospital, the many volunteers required to provide all the care necessary for the patients and permanent residents. It was also a sad but important realisation that the hospital has so many patients, that the koalas loved by people all over the world do not have the carefree life of ease so ignorantly attributed to them. Koalas need a *lot* of help, and it was incredibly gratifying to be part of such an inspiring effort to provide that help. The hospital is in a unique position to make a difference to the koala population in general and the lives of so many individual koalas who might otherwise not have a chance to survive. It is a huge, vital undertaking which I was thrilled to take part in.

Of course I loved the opportunity to get closer to koalas. That in itself made the experience worthwhile. It was heartbreaking to see koalas in pain but very rewarding to contribute to the efforts to heal them or at least make them as comfortable as possible. Getting to know the permanent residents and longer-term patients was amazing; we learned that they have personalities as individualistic as people do. All the volunteers and visitors alike fall in love with the koalas there, and I was certainly no exception. They are such love-

able creatures, even when they act grumpy, territorial, impatient or just plain perverse; again, their moods are no different from ours! They sometimes made it difficult for us, refusing to move so we could tidy up their enclosures, not wanting to eat or showing their impatience when we didn't feed them quickly enough. But I loved each and every one of them.

The koalas were indeed the star attraction, but the people added so much to our experience. The volunteers and staff at the hospital are like a family, and they welcomed us with open arms. We made friends during our time there who we're still in contact with, and in that way it's like a part of us is still there. I was so taken by these people who dedicate not only their time but their caring and whatever resources they can. From the casual volunteers who help out now and then to the people able to give more of their time – some of them even looking after joeys in their own homes – I was truly inspired by the level of dedication shown to the koalas. Everyone chipped in; even the most "menial" tasks (such as mopping the floors and doing countless loads of laundry) were accomplished with minimal grumbling. What needed to be done got done, all in the name of koalas.

The other aspect I appreciated so much about our volunteer experience was getting to know Port Macquarie itself. Most tourists get to Australia and go straight to the big cities and



beaches. Spending a month in Port Macquarie provided a glimpse of Oz which many tourists do not see. We loved the small-town feel, loved recognising people we passed in the streets. We were so taken by the wee cabin we stayed in for that month, near to the hospital but also to a delightfully uncrowded beach. We enjoyed our daily walk to the main part of town, where we could see the massive colony of fruit bats rise into the sky each evening. Port Macquarie is charming in

its own right, but the presence of the koala hospital, bat colony and unbelievably welcoming human population make it a worthwhile stop indeed.

I absolutely loved my time at the hospital, everything about it. I wholeheartedly recommend it to potential volunteers, and I take my hat off to everyone there making it all possible. Thank you for having us, and keep up all the great work!

### *Chris' Story*

We'd tried everything and were still no further forward. A small crowd had gathered to watch the show and weren't impressed so far. A koala had been reported wandering about in a Dunbogan car park so we drove out there for a closer look. It had been decided that it would be best to take the little fella back to the hospital for a check up. Coaxing the koala down from the tree hadn't worked so it was time for action. The onlookers stirred into life – action at last! Success or failure at least something was about to happen. Besides, it's not every day you get to see someone try to get a koala out of a tree. And believe me it's harder than it might appear at first sight.

Our target had seemed so docile when we arrived, lazily regarding us as one would a fleetingly interesting insignificance, but as soon as realisation dawned the cuddly bundle of fluff that had seemed so placid on our arrival suddenly began leaping between branches to escape our attentions, putting on a show of agility that would not have been out of place in a Jackie Chan movie.

Gradually though, it appeared as if we were getting the upper hand. The little grey ninja was being forced lower and lower – away from the escape routes afforded by the higher branches and towards the single trunk which brought our target closer and closer to the ground and our waiting clutches.

My palms were sweating as I ran through the instructions in my head. "Just grab it by the back legs and hold them away from the trunk. Keep a tight hold and we'll grab the arms. Just don't let go as otherwise we'll all be in trouble. A frightened koala will bite and scratch at anything within reach." Great. Nothing to it. Piece of cake. Grab its feet, don't let go. Easy.

I had never considered "able to capture a wild koala" would ever feature on my resume - and

even a few months previous to that moment I had not really given it much prior consideration, but now it was suddenly an incredibly important skill to have learned. I felt like I was just about to sit a very important test in a subject I had never learned.

Our quarry backed down the tree trunk until it was within our reach and the team sprang into action. Despite my nerves, once the moment came it all went like clockwork. Following some initial resistance, the feisty animal eventually succumbed to its incarceration in a plastic animal box without seriously injuring any of the hospital team.

Back at the hospital and a quick health check later, our newest arrival was given a clean bill of health. The little blighter maybe just fancied a free night's accommodation with dinner and breakfast thrown in. The next day, fully fed and with a rather fetching tag in her right ear we said goodbye to our new friend hoping (for all the right reasons) that we wouldn't be seeing her again at the hospital.



# *Supervisor's Report*



Admissions to the hospital over the last three months have been a bit like a roller coaster with peaks of koalas coming in thick and fast and then days of nothing at all. Sadly we have had a number of motor vehicle impacts and dog attacks which is not unusual within the first few months of breeding season. Sexually active males seeking "love" are crossing busy roads and into backyards and getting themselves into a lot of bother. Its particularly hard to take when the victim of a dog attack is a young healthy mother with a joey.

Even though our new ecological consultant Milicia is doing a mighty job in tree planting, dealing with the local council and tackling developers we are still losing eucalypt trees at an alarming rate. Treating and caring for koalas with the view of release is getting harder and harder as viable habitat is to sustain healthy populations is vanishing on a daily basis. The more these trees are removed the more pressure it places on the existing koalas of both urban and rural Port Macquarie and the Hastings area and of course throughout their ranges in Australia generally. Pressure on koalas manifests in expression of diseases, motor vehicle impacts and the myriad of other reasons why koalas come into the hospital. That old saying "no tree no me" says it all.

In Australia we have the highest rate of extinction of mammal species in the world. That is something we should hang our heads in shame over. When are the "powers that be" going to learn?

Preservation of habitat and restoring habitat is critical to ensure the survival of not only koalas but all the other native species that share the same environment.

We need a lot more people who are willing to plant eucalypt trees, and we need to continue to educate the general public that habitat is so important to the survival of so many species. We need to educate a person that a bit of shed bark and a few branches on their lawn is not the end of the world that we need to plan new developments around existing vegetation and not remove it all to replace it with bricks and exotic palm trees (which by the way cockroaches absolutely love to breed in).

We also need to change the mindset of those in power that ripping all the trees out for big con-

crete resorts is not the answer. And we need to educate them that ripping out the trees and "planting koala food trees" somewhere else does not solve the problem. What do the koalas (and every other species that relies on these trees) eat for the next ten years until they have grown enough to sustain them?

The vast majority of the visitors to this town come because they want to experience the natural beauty this area offers which includes of course the wild urban koalas and other native fauna. How many places in this country have wild koalas sitting high in trees in backyards and in parklands for everyone to observe and enjoy.

It gets very frustrating here at the Koala Hospital continually battling with developers and bureaucracy to try to keep the vegetation that exists and we continually endeavour to replant trees that have been lost wherever possible (thank goodness for our wonderful tree planting team!).

So will get off my soap box now.

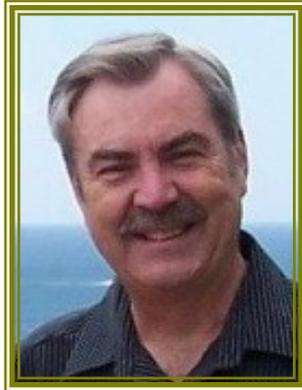
We will be hosting a new research student from the Koala Infectious Diseases Research Group from the University of Sydney in October for another season of field work which will be great.

We have been (and will continue to be) hosting and training TAFE students studying captive animal management – zookeeping which we find a very rewarding task. These students (along with other animal work experience students from other fields) we feel are the wildlife warriors of the future. At the Koala Hospital we certainly encourage young people wishing to work with wildlife as a career move.

Life is never dull at the Koala Hospital.

## from the President's Pen

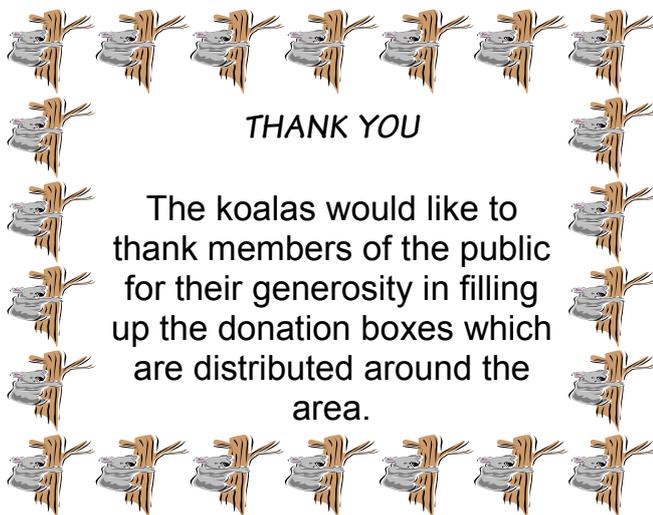
Three months ago we welcomed Gwen to the Management Committee and who also volunteers in our kiosk each week. A special thank you to Beth who retired as Secretary but continues to volunteer entering data into our extensive koala information database. Hazell, our kiosk co-ordinator, has taken on the position of Secretary and Mary is now the new Editor-in-Chief of the Gum Tips newsletter, with Marilyn as Assistant Editor. Thanks go to Sam, our previous editor, who did such a great job.



Our many volunteers do an exceptional job whether directly with the koalas, collecting leaf, general hospital maintenance, fund raising or doing the necessary paperwork.

Being part of the Koala Hospital is an experience not to be missed, and I thank each and every one of them for the work they do.

This month we celebrated 20 years since the opening of the John Williamson wing that houses our 8 intensive care units. Another milestone achieved with some exciting plans currently in the pipeline; more about them next time.



### **HAVE YOU SEEN BARRY?**

He has packed his bag and left the Koala Hospital and they are keen to find out where he is. A reward could be arranged with photographic evidence. See what facts are required on our website

[www.koalahospital.org.au](http://www.koalahospital.org.au)



### **Newest Walk & Talker**

Volunteer Marilyn Lees, joined the koala care ranks in March 2009 and has proved to be a valuable asset to the hospital. Marilyn works in koala care, is training to be a rescuer, and has just proved her efficiency as a "Walk and Talker".



As if this wasn't enough to keep her out of mischief, Marilyn has volunteered to assist in editing "Gum Tips" and Chief Editor Mary Stewart is very grateful for her computer skills.

# GUM TIPS KIDS' CORNER

## *The Adventures of Bruce and Macca.*

There was an air of great excitement at the koala hospital in Port Macquarie. Two of the joeys in the nursery yard were about to be released into the wild. They had been living in this yard for a few months now, learning to live as wild koalas after being in home care.

Bruce had been brought into the hospital when his mother had been killed in a motor vehicle accident. He had been very tiny and one of the volunteer carers had taken him into her home and looked after him until he had reached a size which would give him a good chance of survival in the bush.

Macca's mother had been the victim of a dog attack and he had been found in his mother's pouch when she was taken to the koala hospital. He also was too small to survive on his own, and had gone into home care with another of the volunteers.



In the nursery yard, they had received the minimum amount of handling, climbing the tree there, and just doing what koalas do in the wild. Now the big day had arrived when they would go out into the world on their own. It had been decided to release them together, in a safe area just outside Port Macquarie.

The two had become friends over the time spent at the hospital and were looking forward to getting out on their own, not realising the perils which were in store.

The koala ambulance had driven them to the outskirts of Port Macquarie which had a forest of eucalyptus trees suitable for them to find plenty of food and shelter.

The two were sitting in one of the gum trees, chatting about how good it was to be free. Bruce said "This excitement has been a bit tiring for me, I think I will have a snooze, what about you,

Macca?"

"Just what I was going to suggest, Bruce. It has been a big day, but it's great to be out where we belong".

They settled down on two forks of the tree near each other and went to sleep. Suddenly they were awakened by a loud scuffling noise at the bottom of the tree. Looking down they saw an animal with a large tail standing beneath them.

"Who are you?" cried Bruce, feeling a bit frightened.

"I'm Will the wallaby, I just saw you arrive and wanted to say hello" he answered. "There are a few other animals living here, and we hope you will join us. There have been some strange things happening lately and we need more help to find out what's going on. Will you help us?"



"Well, Macca. I thought we were going to have a nice quiet life out here, but it seems that's not the case. I think we should help these animals if we can, don't you?"

"Yes, Bruce, I agree. If we're going to live here we must be a part of everything. What is happening that you're worried about, Will?"

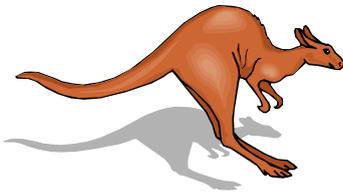
"Our gum trees are disappearing and we don't understand what's happening", said Will. "Perhaps you may be able to help us to find out as it is getting harder and harder to find food. You have arrived from another area and may have a better idea of what's going on".

To find out what is happening in their world, read the next episode in the December 2010 issue of "Gum Tips".

Here are the animals that Bruce and Macca will be helping in future episodes. See if you can find them all in the puzzle below.

Kookaburra  
 Crocodile  
 Eagle  
 Wombat  
 Parrot  
 Emu  
 Sugar glider  
 Lizard

Koala  
 Potaroo  
 Cockatoo  
 Galah  
 Platypus  
 Kangaroo  
 Tawny frogmouth  
 Wallaby



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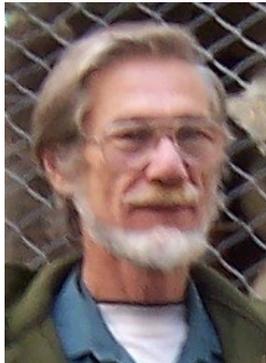
# Looking to the Future

The demand for new housing in Port Macquarie has grown very quickly in the past few years, which has meant the loss of many koala habitat areas. With so many food trees being cut down, the future of our local koalas is in jeopardy.

To help ensure the survival of those koalas, the Koala Preservation Society is promoting the planting of koala food trees in many of the areas where they have been depleted.

With the help of a band of dedicated volunteers, our ecological consultant, Milicia McCosh, and habitat co-ordinator, Chris Rowland, have gone into battle to protect and replenish the trees necessary for our furry friends to find sustenance.

Chris is at the helm of generating a seed bank, and is supplying Landcare with the appropriate seeds to grow the trees required by koalas. Estelle Gough from Landcare has already been involved with the planting of over 27,000 trees, some of which are in Wayne Richards Park. Unfortunately, many of these trees do not reach maturity due to various reasons.



Milicia has been tirelessly campaigning for the koalas, especially in the area of food tree replacement planting, and her efforts were rewarded when she was recently awarded a Council grant for the koala hospital to aid in the plant-

ing of koala food trees in our area. At the Glasshouse, Port Macquarie, on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, Milicia was presented with a cheque for \$5,000 from Port Macquarie Hastings Council which will help her to continue with her work.

Milicia is also involved with school children in Port Macquarie, helping to educate them on the value of preserving and planting koala food trees for the future of our Australian icon.



*Milicia accepting the grant*

*adopt*

*Jim Beam*



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## Koala in My Garden



There's a koala in my garden,  
I hear him in a tree.  
But when I go outside it's dark  
And difficult to see.

His cry is loud and plaintive  
When calling to his mate.  
She pretends she doesn't hear him;  
She just sits there and waits.

If I could only see him,  
It's easy to explain.  
Don't yell and shout but sidle up,  
Make your intentions plain.

Tell her she's cute and furry,  
Her claws are sharp and long.  
She'll be like putty in your paws,  
Just don't come on too strong

And when you've had your way with her,  
Don't leave her in heap.  
Offer her some gum leaves,  
Before you go to sleep!!

Anon



Oxley Highway Matt"; **'in full flight'** - from his gnyah towards the gate of yard 9. He seems to *do this jump* when he knows it's 'feeding time' in the mornings!

Gerry Walsh

## R.I.P. 'SAM'

I always thought it may happen. Our old man, "Pacific Sam", was hit and killed by a car on the sixth of May 2010. He was often seen walking down the middle of the road.

He was well known in Tasker's Village; easily recognized by his pronounced limp, [due to a fall from a tree], and scruffy looking and oh so gentle.

He had 14 trips to the Koala Hospital. Half of them were R & R. Because of his appearance people thought he was sick so into the hospital he came. 2 days of R & R with love, leaf and formula, then released again.

On a few occasions I was contacted, telling me there was a koala walking down the middle of the road in Ocean Street – maybe "Sam"? I would go out, and yes, it was "Sam", and I would just walk him home to Taskers.

He is sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Pam Whippy

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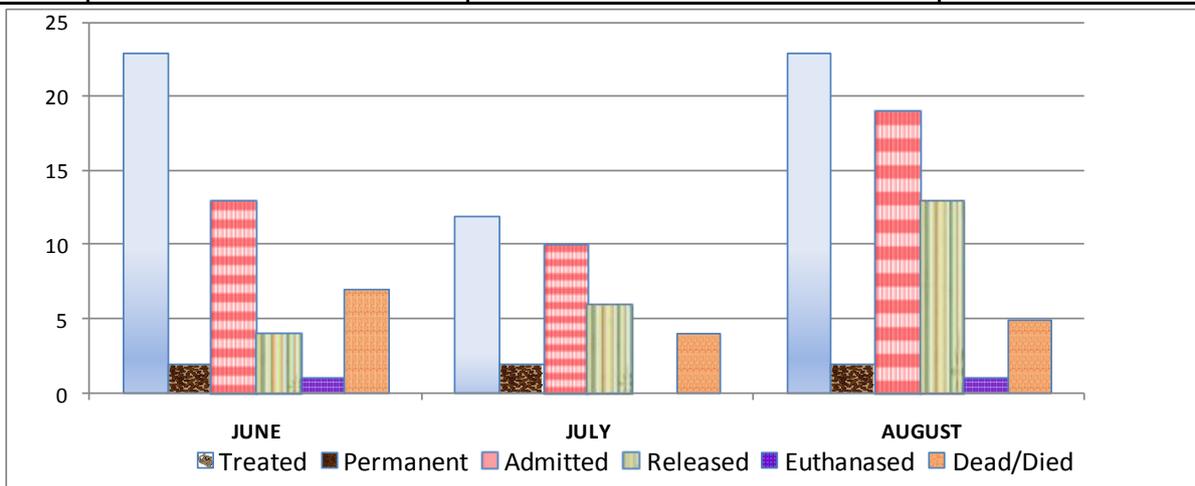
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# Hospital Activity Report



ADMISSION	NAME	REASON	RESULT
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	
26.09.09	Oxley H'way Kaylee	Hind leg injury	
23.10.09	Oxley Matt M	Chlamydia	
02.11.09	Hastings Grace	In yard with two dogs	Released 09.06.10
02.11.09	Hastings Noah M	Joey of Hastings Grace	
16.12.09	Crescent Head Jimmy Joey	Mother killed MVA – Jimmy in Home Care	Released 01.07.10
20.01.10	Roto Mikki F Joey	Abandoned – Home Care	
12.03.10	Emerald Downs Barbara	Blind R. eye, limited vision L eye	
19.03.10	Hamlyn Daniel M	Fall from tree – split lip	Released 12.06.10
24.13.10	Bellevue J.D. F	Abandoned joey – home care	
26.03.10	Oxley Carl M	On ground drinking water	22.07.10
03.05.10	Barton Glen M	Left eye conjunctivitis	Released 07.06.10
23.05.10	Bonny Hills Di F Joey	Abandoned – home care	
28.05.10	Lighthouse Noni F	Suspect Chlamydia	Self release 01.07.10
28.05.10	Lake Innes Luke M	Conjunctivitis Right Eye	Released 18.06.10
30.05.10	Amira Ruby F	Injured Front Right Foot – Poss. Dog attack	
05.06.10	Roto Bill M	In felled tree - observation	Released 07.06.10
05.06.10	Colonial Charlie M	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
06.06.10	Bonny Hills Vard	Chlamydia/conjunctivitis	Died 12.06.10
13.06.10	Crescent Head Gone M	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
14.06.10	Walcha Riso	Moribund	Died 18.06.10
15.06.10	Mathew Flinders Sam M	Found on ground	Died 16.06.10
19.06.10	Shoreline Dead M	Decomposed on ground	Dead on Arrival
20.06.10	Davis Lighthouse M	Debilitated	Died 27.06.10
20.06.10	Marbuk Sue	Conjunctivitis	Released 13.07.10
22.06.10	Hibiscus Brian M	Found on ground - debilitated	Euthanased 23.06.10
22.06.10	Lake Cathie Robyn F	Suspect Chlamydia	Released 25.06.10
30.06.10	Kamona Andre M	Running on road – checked	Released 30.06.10
30.06.10	Anderson Daniel M	Suspect Chlamydia - conjunctivitis	Self release 03.07.10
01.07.10	Koala St. Damien M	Dog attack	Dead on Arrival
01.07.10	Kennedy Luke Juv M	Dog attack	Dead on Arrival
07.07.10	Bellangry Allan M	Moribund	Died 10.07.10

09.07.10	Lighthouse Noni F	Recapture	Released 25.07.10
12.07.10	Greenmeadows Alex M	Right Hind Leg - arthritis	Released 20.08.10
15.07.10	Pacific Drive David	On ground – checked	Released 16.07.10
19.07.10	Sherwood Robyn F	In dangerous area – checked	Released 19.07.10
19.07.10	Anderson Daniel M	Recapture	Released 25.08.10
27.07.10	Newport Bridge Gloria F	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 22.08.10
29.07.10	Birchwood Sally F	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
01.08.10	Belinda Bella Lily F	Trying to gain entry to house – checked	Released 02.08.10
02.08.10	Calwalla Bill	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
04.08.10	Dunbogan Gumnut M	Found on ground - moribund	Died 06.08.10
04.08.10	Morrish Casey M	In dangerous area – checked	Released 08.08.10
05.08.10	Lake Daniella F	Dog attack	Died 05.08.10
09.08.10	Commodore Jack Juv M	In yard with dogs - observation	Released 13.08.10
09.08.10	Moruya Richard M	Chlamydia	Euthanased 17.08.10
12.08.10	Coastlands Steve M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 25.08.10
12.08.10	Oxley Robyne F	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 20.08.10
12.08.10	Herschell Bully M	Dog attack	Release 13.08.10
12.08.10	Regatta Lanaye F	Motor Vehicle Accident	
13.08.10	Walcha Julie F	Moribund	
14.08.10	Bay Palm M Juv.	Possible Motor Vehicle Accident – observation	Released 20.08.10
14.08.10	Summit Samson M	Dog Attack – checked	Released 16.08.10
17.08.10	Marbuk Sue F	Suspect Conjunctivitis	Released 19.08.10
18.08.10	Oxley Kathie F	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
20.08.10	Lake Private M	Sitting on ground - observation	Released 24.08.10
26.08.10	Jupiter Cheryl F	In dangerous area – checked	Released 26.08.10
28.09.10	Kundabung Balls M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival



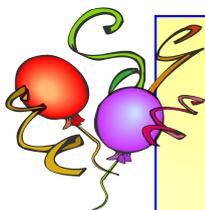
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Macquarie Nature Reserve

## FAMILY FUN DAY

### 2 OCTOBER 2010



Stalls — Cakes/crafts/jewellery; plants, books; white elephant and much much more!!

#### The Young Guns Band

Sausage sizzle

Devonshire Tea

Puppet show

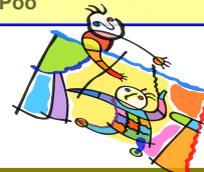
Races and Games

Face painting

Walk and Talks

Raffles

Guess the Poo



## ***Hair Yesterday Gone Today***

Our Education Co-Ordinator, Geoff Best who has shaved his locks off twice before for "Shave for a Cure" (for international readers we Aussies raise money for cancer research by shaving hair/beards off and get people to sponsor us) decided he would do it again, but this time with a dual role. Geoff's goal was to raise as much money as possible for cancer research but to also make people aware that koalas suffer from various cancers also.

So on Friday 28th August, Geoff lost all of his long locks and his very long white beard under the trusty hands of the Hospital Supervisor (that was a very brave thing to do Geoff!!). Geoff raised just under \$1800 which

was amazing - all of which will go into cancer research. As we have got so used to his long white beard and silvery locks its been a real shock seeing this totally different person walk into the building!! Well done Geoffrey.



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## Koala Hospital worldwide websites

Netherlands—Carla Sluiter  
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<http://www.koalaziekenhuis.nl>  
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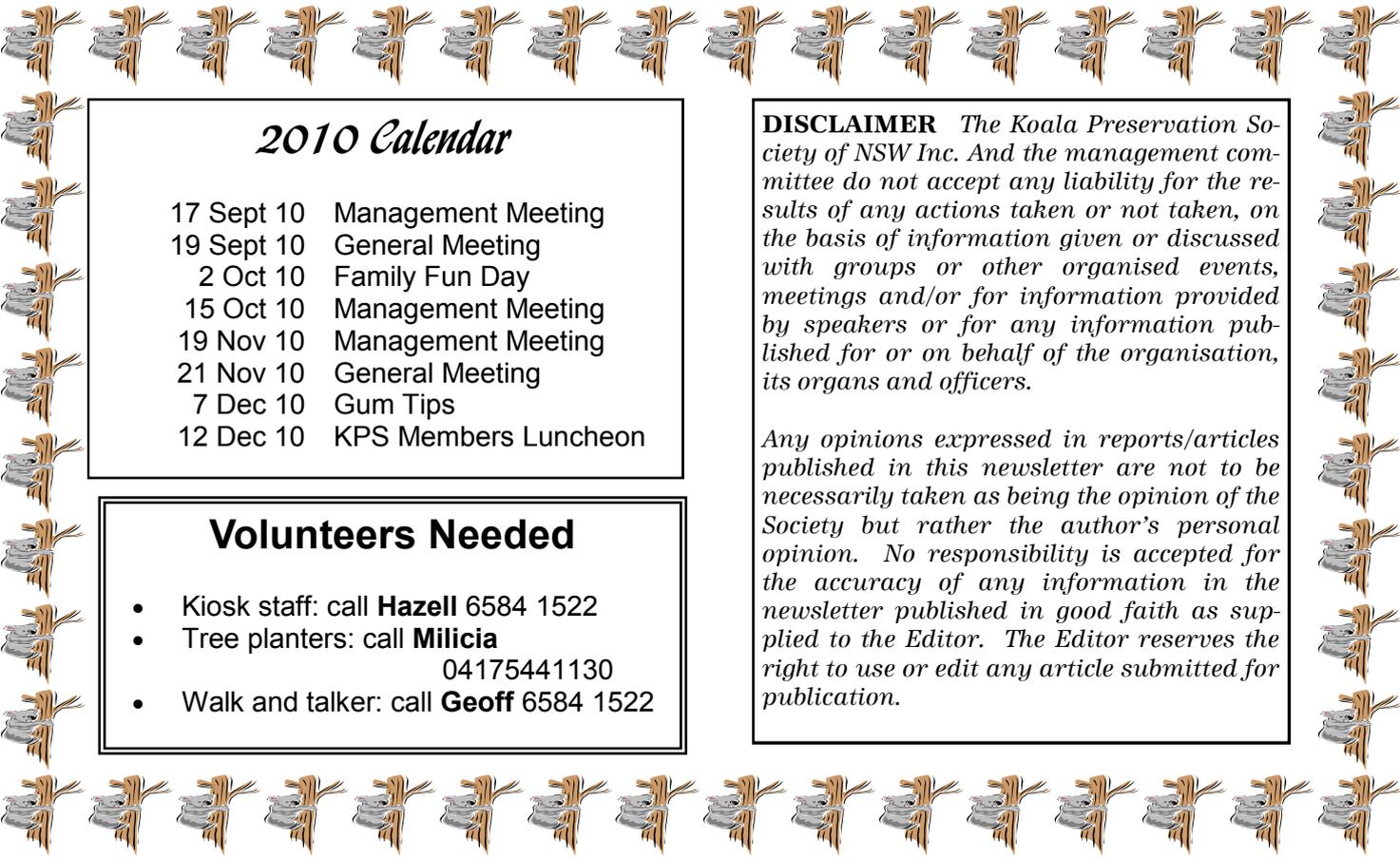
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## 2010 Calendar

17 Sept 10	Management Meeting
19 Sept 10	General Meeting
2 Oct 10	Family Fun Day
15 Oct 10	Management Meeting
19 Nov 10	Management Meeting
21 Nov 10	General Meeting
7 Dec 10	Gum Tips
12 Dec 10	KPS Members Luncheon

## Volunteers Needed

- Kiosk staff: call **Hazell** 6584 1522
- Tree planters: call **Milicia**  
04175441130
- Walk and talker: call **Geoff** 6584 1522

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