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LAKE CATHIE KAI

This rather handsome robust young male koala was admitted to the hospital at the end of October this year courtesy of a dog attack (Staffordshire Bull Terrier).

Unfortunately his big well muscled body was no match for a powerful dog such as a Staffi. It is not our policy or view to condemn the dog itself in these matters. How the dog has been trained, cared for, housed or whatever falls back entirely on the owner of the dog. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to ensure that any wildlife is not harmed (or domestic animal or human for that matter!!) - unfortunately even though the majority of dog owners are very careful and "do the right thing" - with other dog owners this is not the case and hence why these attacks occur.



Kai was in a very bad shape on arrival in that he had lost a fair amount of blood, had horrific puncture wounds to his groin and hindquarters and was in great pain.

We spent a number of hours getting him over the shock of the attack - lots of fluids, oxygen, pain killers and warmth. Once he appeared to have stabilized we then worked on his injuries. It also looked like he had a dislocation of his left hip joint as well.

As his injuries were quite severe and the fact he had lost so much blood we were not very confident of him surviving, but his big healthy young body more than likely helped him pull through.

Kai is improving day by day. He recently had X rays done of his hindquarters and thankfully the hip joint was not dislocated (koalas don't cope very well with repositioning joints as they tend to repeatedly pop back out again) but he had suffered a fractured pelvis probably from being shaken violently by the dog.

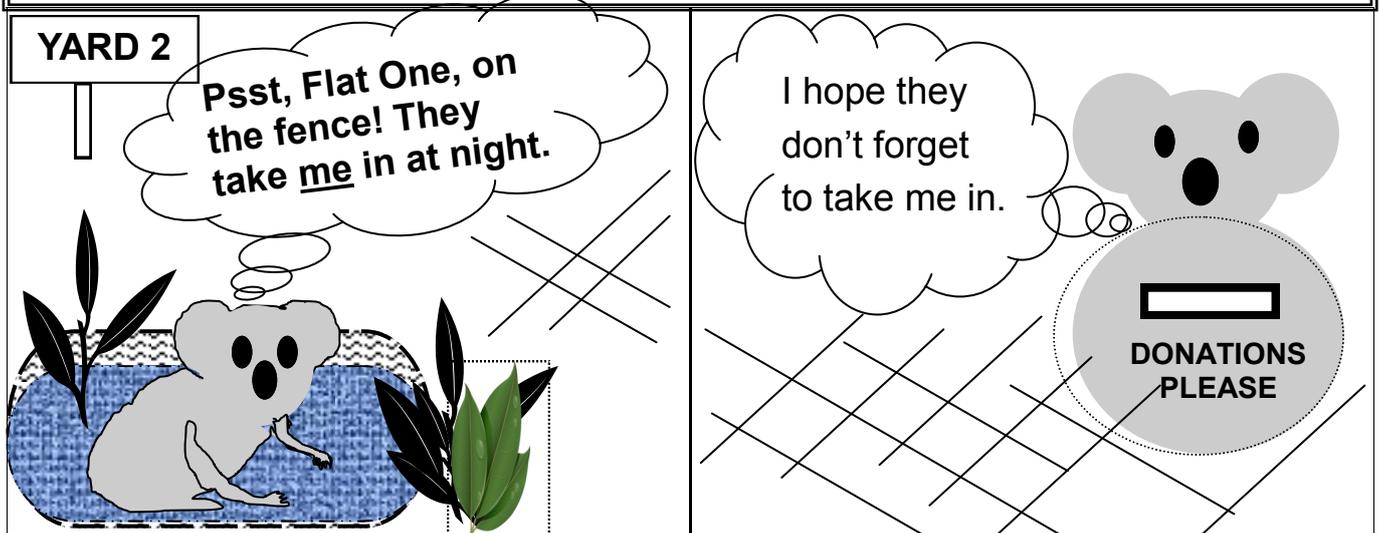
So "doctors orders" for Kai is to be rested in a confined area for 6-8 weeks to allow the fractures to heal along with the damaged muscles and tissues courtesy of the puncture wounds.

That's a big ask of a sexually active young male koala!!! So far he is complying with this but once he feels much better this is going to be difficult to do as Kai is not exactly a "laid back dude" who happily accepts human contact and is definitely not keen on his daily antibiotic injections!!

Nonetheless it's a good news story for a change where dog attack injuries are concerned, and we are now very confident that Kai will be ready for release either around Christmas time or early into 2011.

KOALA KAPERS featuring *Birthday Girl*

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Settlement Point Bea

Here at the Koala Hospital we have experienced many euphoric and sad occasions but for me one of the most gut wrenching of all was on Sunday 3rd September when we lost our little Bea. Bea's story has been documented before but just to refresh Bea came into our lives on 18th December 2008, 4 months old and weighing just 445 grams. She had fallen approximately 20 metres from her mother to the ground.



She remained in home care for almost a year until she was deemed ready to take her place in the "kindergarten" yard at the koala hospital. Bea shared her yard with two other joeys but she always seemed 'different'. She did not mature as the other two, she wouldn't climb very high in the tree and she was very fussy about what type of eucalypt leaf she would eat which eventually became a problem. If she didn't like the types of leaf brought in for the day she just would not eat and as a result she had to be taken back into home care on two separate occasions because she became dehydrated.

It was thought that Bea may have suffered some brain damage in her fall so in order to keep her healthy we decided to build her her own special yard (The Bea Hive) with a smaller tree and our leaf collectors made sure she had at least one of her preferred type of leaf each day. She absolutely



loved her milk formula and as soon as she saw a volunteer heading her way with a container in hand she would immediately climb down her tree onto the gonyah waiting and then with one hand would hold onto the container whilst being fed.

Bea was always a concern for us as she just wouldn't thrive as she should. Her weight fluctuated around 4 kilos. Our concern for Bea deepened the week of her death as her weight started to fall so blood tests were taken with the results proving negative but she continued to look unwell. This sudden illness unfortunately followed all the other problems Bea had throughout her short life – we simply could not come up with any concrete answers as nothing pointed to anything specific. By Saturday I knew she was in big trouble and I telephoned Cheyne our Supervisor and asked to bring her home to care for her but nothing could have been done to save our little Bea. A post mortem revealed she died very quickly of septicaemia, the cause unknown.

Bea was much loved by all and her passing has left a big hole in our hearts. She died at home with me for which I was grateful – that was where her journey began and where she needed to be for it to end.

Barbara Barrett



FAMILY FUN DAY OCTOBER 3RD 2010

It was with some trepidation that volunteers viewed the early morning sky on the day of the Family Fun Day at the koala hospital at Port Macquarie. Rain had fallen overnight and the darkening sky did not bode well for the day ahead. Nevertheless the undaunted volunteers got going with a will, and by 9am all was in readiness for the first visitors.

The threatening rain had held off so far, and there was an atmosphere of hope among the workers. The BBQ was fired up and was ready to go. This is always a great fundraiser for the hospital at any of the events held throughout the year. This one was to be no different and the volunteers who manned it during the day did a wonderful job. One of the BBQ helpers had come all the way from the Netherlands.

Carla is the representative for the Koala Hospital over there and she certainly worked hard while on her visit here.



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There were plenty of stalls to cater for the buying public; cake, craft, plants, and the white elephant stall, and wine raffles being drawn during the day. The main raffle was the money tree, with instant scratchies growing out of the branches, and a second prize of a beautifully crafted wishing well, with third prize being a family pass to Billabong Koala Park. All prizes were donations, and our thanks go to all those who contributed them. The most incredible draw took place, with the three winners being named White, Brown and Reid (almost red!)

There was morning tea for the adults, and face painting courtesy of Bunnings Warehouse for the children.



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The puppet show was supposedly for the children also, but watching the audience, it was apparent that the adults enjoyed it as well! The theme of the show was to educate children about road safety for the koalas. They sat enthralled as the puppets

told the story, and they would have returned home with a lot more knowledge about our little furry friends.

Our koala mascot, True Blue, entertained the crowd with some of his antics, and he was ably assisted

by another mascot, Wizzy the Water Drop. They were accompanied by the local Young Guns Youth Band, who performed throughout the day and brightened up the atmosphere with their music.



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“Walk and talk” volunteers took visitors on tours during the day, acquainting them with the details of the resident koalas and

explaining what the hospital was doing to help the sick and injured animals return to the wild. The public was very generous with donations, and the kiosk did a roaring trade selling koala souvenirs.

The Port Macquarie team from the NSW Fire Brigade brought one of their fire engines to the hospital and gave a talk on fire safety.



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The children were encouraged to ask questions and investigate the engine thoroughly.

Perhaps in a few years time, one or more of those children could be helping to keep the next generation safe from the hazards of fires.

Happily, the rain held off until almost the finish, and another successful event could be attributed to Robyne, who had organised the day so well. The volunteers did a wonderful job, and thanks must go to all who gave of their time to ensure the great outcome.

A special thanks to all those who donated so generously towards our recent Family Fun Day

Radio Tracking Story

There is always one isn't there???

Even though the recent radio tracking programme undertaken by hospital staff, RTA, NPWS and Dr Stephen Phillips was hugely successful (see June 2010 Gum Tips), one particular koala repeatedly evaded capture at the end of the tracking programme to remove her radio collar for the final time. All of the other koalas, eight in all, were easily captured, assessed and had their radio collars removed after six months of their every move being followed and recorded. All had gained weight, were looking spectacular and were doing all the normal koala behaviours we expected of them.

“RTA P.D.” as this young female koala was called, was an extremely difficult customer!! Steve Phillips made three special trips to the translocation site to find, and endeavour to capture “PD” to remove her radio collar. P.D. not only decided to surprisingly move location from where she had been comfortably positioned for the six month period, she actually had moved some two kilometres west of her original established area. This was totally unexpected, especially for a young female koala.

P.D. became increasingly “trap shy” and failed to be caught in the specially designed trap (which has a very high success rate for capture) which was a very frustrating thing.

So Plan B was enacted which was three able bodied rescue personnel, a tree climber well versed in koala capture and his observer on the ground. Finding P.D. was the first problem, which thankfully only took around 20 minutes of pulling up in the car, jumping out and using the radio tracking equipment (an antenna and receiver and focusing on the frequency that was specially configured for P.D. on her radio collar). We had to stop and zoom in three times but it was great to hear that “ping ping” noise. Poor Steve Phillips had taken four hours to locate her some 2 kilometres west of RTA Stevo two nights previously, and had flagged a couple of trees with pink flagging tape showing her last location – it made our job so much easier to find her. He had done all the hard work, not us.

Thank goodness we had Peter the tree climber as it would have been impossible to reach her some 40 metres above us in very thickly vegetated country. Peter very quickly

climbed a Swamp Mahogany that was adjacent to the group of Melaleucas P.D. was in, and using an extension pole began to encourage her down towards where we were. P.D. was pretty smart and jumped from tree to tree but was outsmarted by “poles and flags” coming from all directions!!!



We finally caught her in a rather non text book ungracious way, and decided not to prolong the stress on her by quickly weighing her, giving her a health assessment, removing the radio collar and getting her back up the tree as quickly as possible. P.D. had not only gained good weight



in her time in the bush, but looked magnificent with a soft, grey full fur coat. PD was certainly heading to be an alpha female in the pack!!

It was so relieving to know all the koalas in this translocation programme had been successfully released and established in their new location, utilising a set method that has proven to work very well. Following their movements for the last six months via radio tracking was invaluable and we learnt so much about koala social behaviour and social hierarchy.

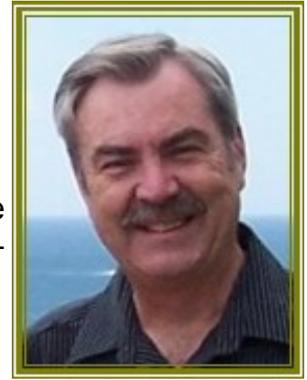
The methods employed will soon be published in various scientific journals and hopefully will become protocol for translocation projects in the future. It is definitely not simply a matter of “putting a koala in the bush” and hoping all is well. That does not work at all. Every koala involved in this project was meticulously placed in specific locations and under specific conditions and it worked extremely well, and this project is something the Koala Hospital is very proud to have played a major role in.

from the President's Pen

To the staff and local volunteers and especially the committee; for your tremendous commitment to the work of the Koala Hospital in 2010; thank you for a job well done.

This is where teamwork pays off and we see the results of our efforts to rescue and rehabilitate koalas, to increase habitat and to edu-

cate and influence the local and greater communities.



Supervisor's Report



The last three months have been quite different to the norm with very few admissions to the hospital. Unfortunately those that have come into the hospital mostly have not been in good shape with a number of motor vehicle injured koalas who have not survived and a small number of dog attack admissions who also have not fared too well. Thankfully we have one dog attack patient (see story) who is doing extremely well especially when we didn't think he would make the first twenty four hours.

So the list of patients has been quite low. Nonetheless we have had quite a high number of calls based on sightings and "relocations". These koalas have mainly been super healthy, in good condition and simply are just finding themselves in dicky places such as near dogs, up power poles or heading down main roads into the CBD. This certainly indicates that there are indeed good numbers of koalas out there in "koalaland" and all is not lost.

We recently had Lisa Black from Sydney Uni-

versity working on her PhD with us which has been good - Lisa will be back early next year.

As things have been so quiet, we have had double the amount of volunteers to the amount of koalas - the koalas have certainly got the "extra" royal treatment.

We successfully completed our radio tracking programme with Dr Stephen Phillips and RTA with the last collar coming off a small female koala in late October. All of this work will be published shortly.

We also have successfully released four hand-raised joeys into some excellent habitat in the Dooragan National Park (south of Port Macquarie) with the view of establishing a new koala colony there.

We hope things continue to remain quiet and we wish everyone a wonderful peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Adopt a Wild Koala



The Tiller Noah

is ideal for those who are especially difficult to buy for, and with the rising cost of postage to overseas family, this is the perfect gift.

For just \$50, your adoption package consists of a photo and story of the koala you have chosen from the many available, plus a book and sticker. A copy of our quarterly newsletter is also included. All the koalas on the adoption list have been admitted at some time to the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and released after receiving the relevant treatment.

With Christmas getting ever closer, now is the time to think about gifts for friends and family. By adopting a wild koala, you can give the lasting gift of helping our much loved marsupials. It

Some of the koalas available for adoption are seen here; other photos may be accessed on our website www.koalahospital.org.au, or you can visit the hospital, where the complete range can be seen in book form.



Crescent Head Jimmy



Bonny Hills Dianne



Roto Mikki

Special Thanks

Dennis Van Mill is certainly doing his bit for koala habitat. He has donated over 100 solid stakes to Milicia McCosh, our ecological consultant, which she can use for the food tree planting she is heavily involved with. These trees are necessary to help replace the ones



which have been removed due to housing developments and for other reasons. The young plants are highly vulnerable, and need to be protected until they are a reasonable size. These stakes will increase their chances of reaching maturity.

GUM TIPS KIDS' CORNER

The Adventures of Bruce and Macca.



At the end of the last episode, we had left Bruce and Macca talking to their new friend, Will the wallaby, who was concerned about some strange happenings in the area near Port Macquarie in which he lived with many other Australian animals.

“This used to be such a quiet place, with plenty of food for all of us”, Will told the two koalas. “Now the trees are being cut down, and humans are taking over our habitat. It’s becoming more difficult every day to find enough food to keep us going. The grassy areas where the kangaroos and wallabies grazed are getting smaller and the eucalyptus trees the koalas live in are disappearing at quite a frightening rate”

Bruce was a bit worried about hearing Will’s story. “This will affect us too, Macca. We need the gum trees for food and shelter ourselves. We will have to arrange a meeting with some of the other animals to see if we can find a solution to this problem. Can you do this, Will?”



“That won’t be a problem, Bruce. Give me until tomorrow afternoon and I can contact as many of the animals as possible that are being affected by this situation. There are other koalas here as well as yourselves, but we thought you would know more about the outside world than they do. We can meet here under your tree in the late afternoon, as like you, most of us rest during the day. If we all stick together, we might be able to find a way out of this.”

Next day at the appointed time, Bruce and Macca climbed down from their tree to find

quite a gathering of animals waiting for them. Will introduced them to everyone, but the one Bruce was most interested in was the George the galah.

“George, you can be of great help to us”, he said. “Can you fly to the edge of the animals’ habitat and bring us the news of whatever is happening over there? If you leave now, you can be back here before dark”.



All the animals waited expectantly for George to return. At last the whirr of his wings was heard and he alighted on a tree branch just above them.

“There are many trucks and tractors cutting down trees and digging up the land where our trees and grass were”, he announced. “There isn’t going to be a lot of space left here for us soon”.

“This is what we were afraid of”, cried Will. “What can we do?”

“Well”, said Bruce, “I think we really only have one option, and that is for us to move further away from the problem humans are creating for us. If we go in the opposite direction, there are more trees and open spaces there, so we will just have to make a home in another area”.

“It will be very sad for most of us” replied Will. “We have lived here for so long, it’s difficult to imagine being anywhere else. I realise that there is no alternative if we want to survive, but it won’t be easy”.

“Right” said Macca. “I know it’s not going to be so hard on Bruce and me because we’ve only just arrived here, but I think we should make a start on moving as soon as possible. We must try to get as many animals together as we can and go together”.

**News clipping from
Port Macquarie Express**
dated 27 October 2010

Will spoke to the gathered animals about this plan, and they all agreed they would have to travel further afield to have a chance of survival. As well as losing trees and habitat, there was the danger of the dogs that always arrived with the humans when new houses were built.

It was arranged that many of the kangaroos, wallabies and other koalas would leave the next afternoon. The birds were not so badly affected by the new buildings as they had more freedom, but George the galah and some of his mates said they would travel some of the way with the animals so they could help them from the air. George had noticed that there was an area to the west with trees and grasslands that would be perfect for them. There was also a flock of white cockatoos and some water birds who decided they too would move further west, where fresh water would be more freely available. Some of the wetlands they had previously inhabited had now been drained and filled in and the land used for homes.

Port Macquarie is certainly suffering from the loss of some of its animals and birds. Progress is a good thing, but sometimes there can be too much, too soon.

Bruce and Macca will continue their story in the next edition of Gum Tips, when they make their way to another area and a new way of life.



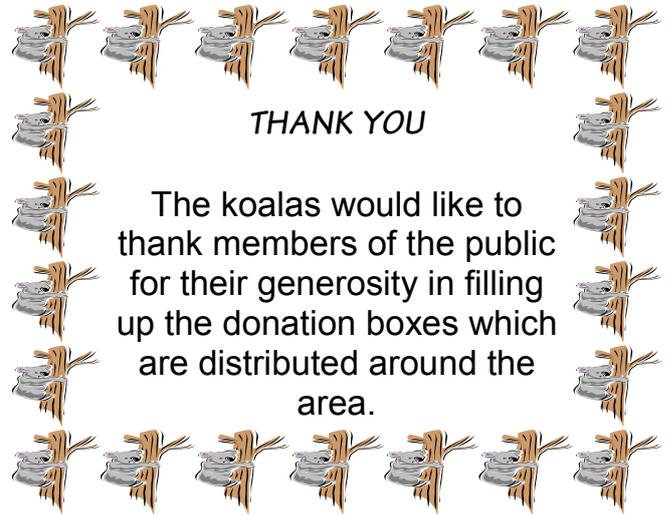
■ Rachel Anne Huggett

**Spend
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My name is: Rachel Anne Huggett
I live in: England, but I'm here volunteering at Port Macquarie Koala Hospital for four weeks.
When I woke up this morning, my first thought was: The sun is out at last.
My worst habit is: I sleep too much ... like a koala.
My favourite food is: Scampi and chips
My most precious memory is: Completing my university course and my parents cried.
I just can't resist: Chocolate
My first job was: A butcher's assistant
I've never been brave enough to: Hold a spider or snake.
If I could, I would: Find a cure for cancer.
When I was little, I always wanted to: Be an air hostess and travel.
If today was the best day of my life, it would be because: I was working as part of a team here at the koala hospital and continuing to rehabilitate these wonderful animals.
One day I will: Win the lottery and spread the money between family and charities.

Solution to puzzle in Sept. issue

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THANK YOU

The koalas would like to thank members of the public for their generosity in filling up the donation boxes which are distributed around the area.

A VOLUNTEER'S STORY

Shirley Manchek – overseas volunteer

Thank you, Cheyne and volunteer staff, for allowing me the privilege of returning to the Koala Hospital as an international volunteer in August 2010.

As I drove through the nature reserve that first day and parked my vehicle near Yard 2 of the koala hospital I observed a silence never felt before. Yard 2 was empty and serene. Koala Golfer had reigned supreme over Yard 2 for quite a while, but in May 2010 he lost his battle with spinal scoliosis and other problems. Golfer was loved by all, but I will always remember his angelic sweet personality and his comic ability to entertain all visitors and staff.

Koala Birthday Girl still reigned as “the Queen” in Yard 9. Her love and excitement for morning formula and leaf was amazing. At age 24 she still continues to ambulate proudly and she remains the beauty all visitors hope to capture with their cameras. A special home in Yard 9 is also the home for Koala Bea. It was nicknamed the “Bea Hive”. Bea is a very young and delicate koala who fell from a tree onto rocks and her release is still uncertain. When approached with morning formula she rapidly descends her tree branch and sparkles with joy as she grabs for that first taste.



(Editor's note: unfortunately, not long after this was written, Bea died from an internal infection).

One morning I heard Peter call to me that a koala was near the gift shop. Apparently a koala from the nature reserve nearby came to purchase a gift for his sweetheart. I saw the koala standing in front of the gift shop but it was too late for a “Kodak” moment.

Yard 10 was the home for four male koalas with unique and dominant personalities. Koala Daniel with wet bottom and conjunctivitis was a quite handsome koala with a gentle personality that warmed your heart and soul. I enjoyed watching Peter gently pat his furry coat after giving him his daily injection. I shall always admire and salute Peter's dedication to the Koala Hospital and the love and attention he gives each and every koala.

Permanent resident of Yard 10 is Koala Barry who carries out his daily activities proudly with his spinal scoliosis. Barry would never win a “Mr Personality” award but under his serious demeanour lies a heart of gold.

Life in Yard 10 would not be the same without Koala Matt. I would always find him enjoying the morning sun high within his tree. By mid morning he would descend backwards from the tree and make a quick beeline for the ground. He would then make numerous circles around me, hugging my legs until I gave him his morning formula. Matt will be truly missed when Cheyne locates a permanent home for him.

I can not forget the magical and supernatural ways of Koala Steve. He was admitted to ICU after colliding with a car, and suffered a head and leg wound along with a nose and eye abrasion.



After Steve was stabilised he was moved to Yard 1 where he quickly observed the beauty of Koala Ruby in Yard 3 and Koala Kaylee in Yard 4. After magically ma-

nipulating his wounded self into their yards at night to socialise, Romeo Steve was quickly re-assigned to a more secure environment.

Participation in koala return missions created feelings of both sadness and happiness within me. Sadness was seeing Koala Samson leave the hospital. Happiness occurred when we reached his home site at Lighthouse Beach. Samson seemed to delight in his independence as he carefully selected his tree and began eating leaf. Another successful mission was completed but a new admission would be arriving shortly.

Needless to say, I'm already looking forward to my 2011 return to the koalas that have made my life richer. Cheers to Cheyne and her dedicated staff of volunteers who have created a safe and loving environment for all sick and wounded koalas.

I dedicate this article in memory of Tractive Golfer whose unconditional love will be remembered by everyone he touched.

My goodness.....koalas get themselves in some odd places.

Even though the situation can often be quite comical, the fact that koalas can find themselves in some odd and very unusual places is mainly because they are struggling to find a home range to live in, or they have come across some new "obstacles" within their existing territory, or too many trees have been removed within their home ranges. The more habitat we remove, the harder it is for them to survive.

Over the years, the Koala Hospital has been called out to such events as:

- A young male koala was found clinging to an oyster pole on the Hastings River at low tide. Was he endeavouring to swim across to the North Shore in search of some unoccupied country, or had he simply fallen into the river by accident?
- A security guard filmed, on his mobile phone, a male koala repeatedly going in and out of a set of automatic doors in the industrial area of Port Macquarie. Was the koala trying to get from A to B by the quickest route, got forced out of his normal travels by too much traffic and too many people and become confused, or did he find those funny trees (the doors), amusing and were moving just for him?
- A young female koala was curled up asleep on top of a hydraulic ram inside a concrete manufacturing works in the industrial area. (Thank goodness it was turned off). This young female failed to establish herself in any habitat we put her in after this, and was continually rescued from all over the eastern part of the Port Macquarie township until she was unfortunately found dead some eight months later.
- A young male joey koala found himself almost anaesthetised by the alcoholic fumes of a very inebriated young man late one night. He found the joey sitting on the side of the road, picked him up, wrapped him in his jacket, lay in the gutter with him, and cuddled him until help arrived. We were very appreciative of the loving care this young man bestowed on the joey but we are sure the joey had an awful hangover the next day.
- A mature male koala decided that he would go for a "gumleaf smoothie" at the Port Central Shopping centre as he was found sitting on the stairs of the escalator heading up to the first floor food court. How he had got so far into the centre without being spotted is a mystery.
- A family watching television in their lounge,

were suddenly faced with a big male koala wandering through the open back door. He then walked straight past them, past the TV set, and marched down the stairs and out the front door, wandering off across the road to the nearest tree. That's what you call getting from A to B by the shortest route!!!

- A mature female koala was found sitting in the driver's seat of a parked car with her hands on the steering wheel, (the passenger door was open). Was she waiting for a lift to the next stand of eucalypt trees or was she just going from A to B via the open car door?
- A mature female koala who lives in the CBD of Port Macquarie decided to spend the day in a non eucalypt tree right at the traffic lights at the intersection of the main street (a very busy spot). How she managed to get there in the first place, without being seen is amazing. A rescue attempt was undertaken by hospital staff, the local fire brigade and their extension ladder, (with a very large crowd watching) which very embarrassingly failed miserably as the koala just simply jumped from branch to branch (she was fit and healthy). Eventually the koala trap was set and she was unceremoniously captured by one of our staff just on dark that night and relocated to a safer location.
- A young male koala had a first class seat, camped in a tree on the edge of a major park in the centre of Port Macquarie just as the Olympic torch relay procession came past prior to the Sydney 2000 Olympics. The koala was surrounded by literally a couple of thousand people, flashing cameras, film crews and loud speakers, and was observed munching away on leaf during the whole proceedings, then curled up and went to sleep.
- A young male koala was found sitting on top of a diesel pump at a local marina boat ramp. The poor animal was having difficulty finding some habitat to occupy and had been pushed out and displaced to this awful location. His fur was all greasy so he had to be cleaned up before being released.

WHERE'S A CAMERA WHEN YOU NEED IT, EH?

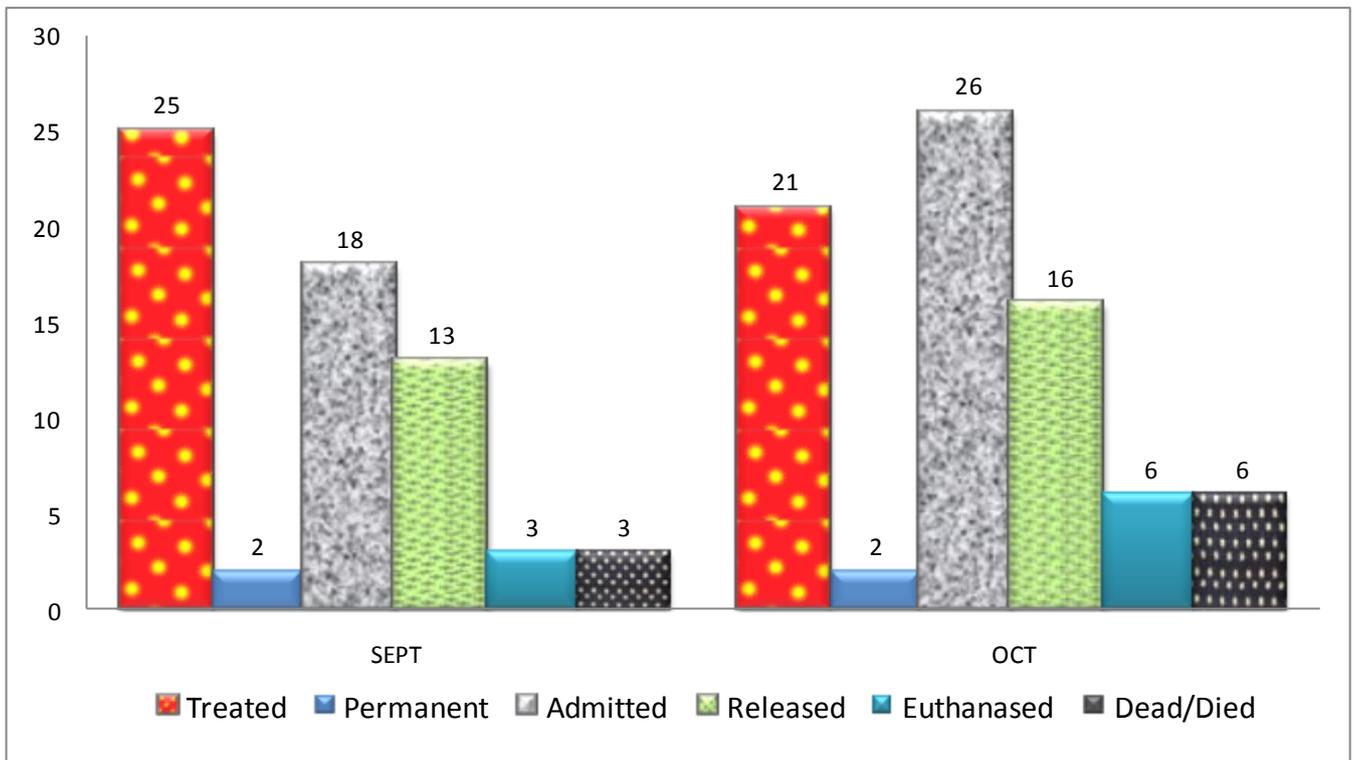
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Hospital Activity Report



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	Died 03.10.10
26.09.09	Oxley H'way Kaylee	Hind leg injury	
23.20.09	Oxley Matt M	Chlamydia	Released 20.10.10
02.11.09	Hastings Noah M	Joey of Hastings Grace	
20.01.10	Roto Mikki F Joey	Abandoned – Home Care	
12.03.10	Emerald Downs Barbara	Blind R. eye, limited vision L eye	
24.03.10	Bellevue J.D. F	Abandoned joey – home care	
23.05.10	Bonny Hills Di F Joey	Abandoned – home care	
30.05.10	Amira Ruby F	Injured Front Right Foot – Poss. Dog attack	Euthanased 05.09.10
12.08.10	Regatta Lanaye F	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 22.09.10
13.08.10	Walcha Julie F	Moribund	Died 01.09.10
30.08.10	Grassmere Bubby F	Suspect Chlamydia	Released 01.09.10
02.09.10	Brindabella Lilly Juv F	In dangerous area near pool	Released 02.09.10
05.09.10	Warrego Joe M	Sitting on road – checked	Released 06.09.10
07.09.10	Highfield Zac M	Sitting on road – checked	Released 07.09.10
07.09.10	Warrego Joe M	In dangerous area – in tree with dogs below	Released 10.09.10
11.09.10	Cathie Bravo M	In dangerous area	Released 15.09.10
11.09.10	Cathie Bowler M	Chlamydia	Euthanased 11.10.10
12.09.10	Greenmeadow Alex	On ground limping - old injury	Released 13.09.10
12.09.10	Dunbogan Terry M	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
15.09.10	Highfield Zac M	In dangerous area – checked	Released 17.09.10
16.09.10	Wyandra JJ M	Dog Attack	Released 27.09.10
16.09.10	Pembrook Sandra F	Chlamydia	Euthanased 29.09.10
17.09.10	Merrigal Muras M	In workshop covered in metal filings – checked	Released 18.09.10
21.09.10	Gordon Richard M	In dangerous area near swimming pool	Released 22.09.10
24.09.10	Greenmeadows Alex M	Limping – old injury	
26.09.10	Hastings River Andie	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
27.09.10	Mingaletta Molly F	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
27.09.10	Lake Private M	Swollen Gland - observation	Released 29.09.10
28.09.10	Livingstone Bendigo M	Moribund	Euthanased 22.10.10
01.10.10	Gordon Richard M	Injured front foot	Released 07.10.10
04.10.10	Hastings River Dr. Neil	Motor Vehicle Accident – observation	Released 06.10.10
06.10.10	Pacific Drive David M	Running on road – checked	Released 07.10.10
07.10.10	Anderson Daniel M	Suspect Chlamydia	Released 07.10.10
07.10.10	Oxley Jim M	Relocation due to Oxley Hwy diversion	Released 07.10.10
12.10.10	Ocean Kye M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
13.10.10	Roto Jan F	In yard with 3 male	Released 13.10.10
13.10.10	Major Innes Chris M	In yard with dogs – checked	Released 14.10.10
14.10.10	Links Rob	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival

14.10.10	Oxley Peter M	Motor Vehicle accident	Euthanased 15.10.10
15.10.10	Roto Abigail	Advanced Chlamydia	Dead on Arrival
16.10.10	Pacific Drive David	Moribund	Euthanased 16.10.10
20.10.10	Pacific Hwy Squash M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
20.10.10	Dent Crusty M	In yard with dogs - checked	Released 22.10.10
20.10.10	Marbuk Fran M	Suspect Chlamydia	Euthanased 21.10.10
21.10.10	Horton Clarence M	Eye Injury – checked – old injury	Released 21.10.10
21.10.10	Munster Tahlia F	Sitting low in small tree – observation	Released 22.10.10
22.10.10	Fitzroy Tim Tam	Motor Vehicle Accident – observation	Released 25.10.10
23.10.10	Belah Irwin M	On busy road -	Released 27.10.10
26.10.10	Morrish Casey M	On top of power pole – checked	Released 26.10.10
27.10.10	Ocean Mary	Dog Attack	Dead on Arrival
27.10.10	Herschell Leana F	Chlamydia	Euthanased 29.10.10
28.10.10	Jasmind Carla F	In yard with dogs - checked	Released 28.10.10
28.10.10	Settlement City Logan M	In shopping complex carpark – checked	Released 28.10.10
29.10.10	Lake Cathie Kai M	Dog Attack	
29.10.10	Pacific Highway Mail M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival



Where is Barry?

Barry is a koala who likes to travel; he wants to see all of OZ, all of the world!

The last time Barry was seen was at the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie NSW Australia. His bags were packed and he said "See you Mate!!!"

He has been spotted since then taking it easy on the rocks on Lord Howe Island and visiting Buddha on Lantau Island in Hong Kong. While in Hong Kong he went on a train ride but it was a little too crowded for him, so he has gone missing again.

The Koala Hospital would like



your help in finding this escapee Koala, who has a wander lust. The Koala Hospital is willing to reward those persons emailing photographic evidence of Barry in area you have

found him. A true

reproduction of Barry can be obtained from the Koala Hospital for a fee of fifteen Australian dollars (\$A15.00); this

will be mailed to you anywhere in the world.

You may then photograph the escapee and advise the Koala Hospital of his whereabouts.

Each September,

December, March and June the Koala Hospital will attempt to apprehend this globe-trotting marsupial and a reward will be given to those people whose photograph evidence, which includes the replica purchased from Koala Hospital, is nominated as the best location for the previous three months.

How far away is he? How close is he? Who did he meet? Why did he go there? How did he get there? Has he met a friend? Who is he helping?

This is Barry!



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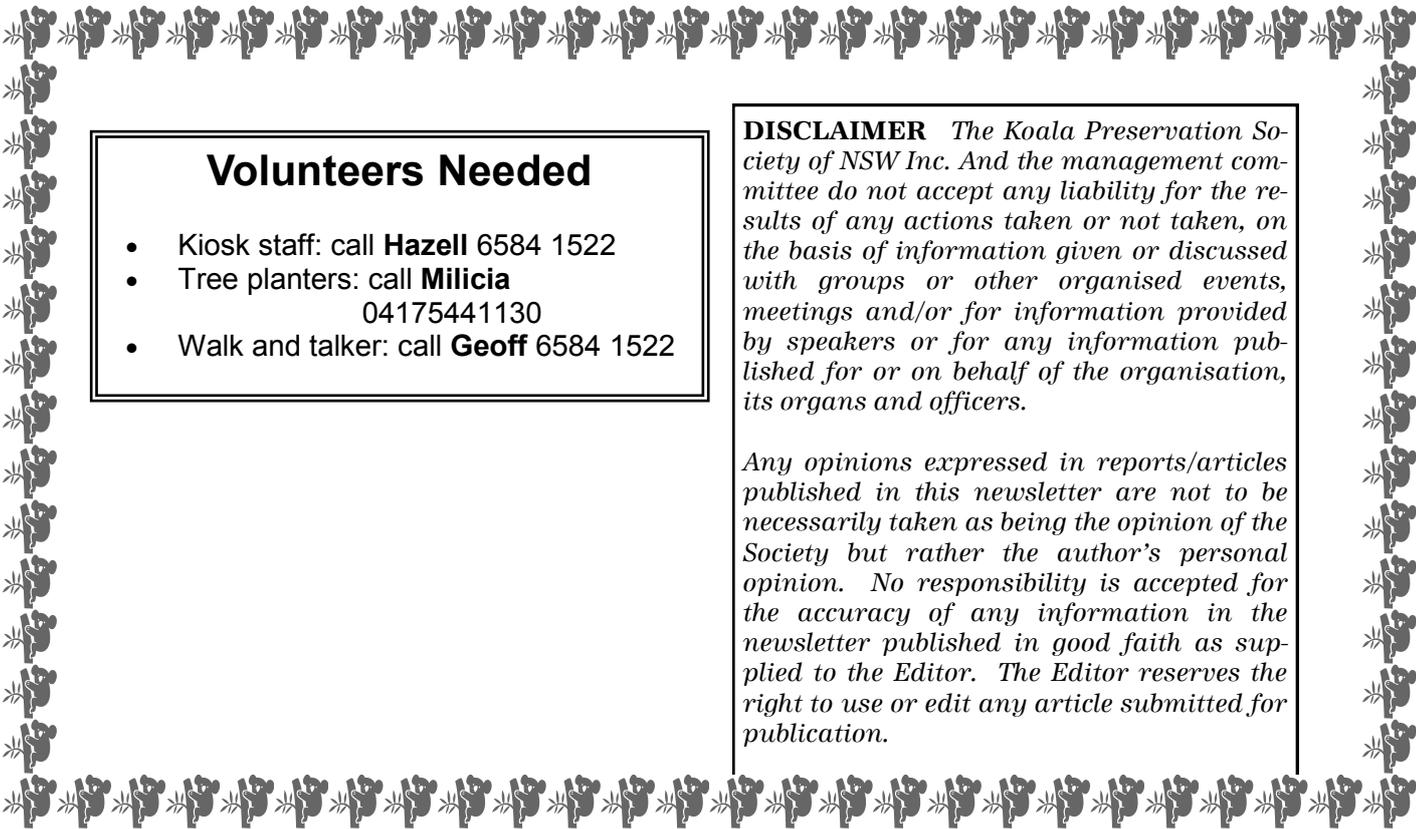
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