



Gum Tips

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Lake Private

This aged male koala was first admitted in 2003 as a young animal after being hit by a car late one night on a busy arterial road (Lake Road) in the heart of Port Macquarie right outside the local private hospital. As he was quite severely injured by the accident and was lying flat on the road, two of the nurses from the private hospital came out, picked him up and brought him into the private hospital, where they wrapped him in blankets and waited for someone from the Koala Hospital to arrive. Hence his name "Lake Private". Lake Private was treated for his injuries and released about half a kilometre from the accident site some weeks later.

His home range has always been around this location and since 2003 he has been admitted to the Koala Hospital six times!! Poor old Private's home range is located not only on a very busy road, but is surrounded by a large number of doctors' surgeries, and specialist medical facilities. With Port Macquarie having a predominately "older" population, these medical facilities are a hive of activity every day.

Lake Private has run the gauntlet so many times and has really tempted fate. It has amazed us that he has survived there for so long. Two of his favourite food trees that he was often spotted in, were cut down (both right on the main road) which didn't help matters. One of them was in the cardiologists carpark!

He has been picked up in backyards with Rottweiler dogs, he has been stuck up banana trees right on the edge of a swampy area, he was found in a small tree in the "working end" of a funeral home which fronts a four lane main road, and has been seen crossing Lake Road during the middle of the day on more than one occasion (with good ol Private stopping all the traffic including buses).

How he hasn't been hit by a car since 2003 is simply beyond belief. For those readers who do not understand koala territorial behaviour – they stay with their home range for life or until a more dominant animal pushes them out. If we relocate adult koalas who are established in a home range, they will attempt to return to that location and usually die in the process. Young sub-adult koalas who do not have home ranges can most of the time be relocated to unoccupied habitat and usually successfully establish themselves there. It would make life so much better for the adult koala populations if we could easily relocate them out of dangerous and unsuitable habitat areas but unfortunately this is a death sentence for them in itself. To relocate a koala "and let it go in the bush" is impossible. That new location "in the bush" where the adult koala is released is more than likely an already established

home range of another koala who will remove the newcomer with force immediately. The relocated koala then spends all his/her time frantically trying to find somewhere safe and somewhere that is not occupied. The stress of this behaviour kills the koala in a very short space of time. Incidentally, this phenomena is not specific to koalas. The vast majority of wildlife species cannot be simply relocated and "let go in the bush to live happily ever after" as the same issue applies to them too. Its the same as us being removed from our home and dropped into the lounge room of someone across town who we do not know, are not related to and who naturally would be very displeased to see us make ourselves comfortable in front of the TV after raiding their fridge for a snack. Same story.

In early February this year we received a call for a "distressed koala" running around on the ground in a caravan park some 80 kms south of Port Macquarie. Low and behold when the koala was brought into the hospital it turned out to be guess who....Lake Private.

He certainly looked a bit worse for wear, having lost some weight and was in a rather shabby condition and when placed on the treatment room table for examination the first thing he did was lick his lips in anticipation of a drink of formula!! Who says koalas are not intelligent!!

As there is no way, an aged male would be able to travel 80 kms away from their home range (lots of massive obstacles including a big wide river on the way) and from a behavioural view wouldn't do it anyway *and* achieve this since his last admission which was in November 2010 then there is really only one explanation. We feel some well meaning good Samaritan has seen Lake Private doing his usual thing of being in a dangerous spot somewhere and as he is a pleasant easy going sort of koala, they have picked him up, headed south and released him in the caravan park which does have quite a good lot of koala food trees growing there (and has an already established population of resident koalas).

At the time of writing this article Lake Private has gained weight and is looking decidedly better and has been moved into the very large Yard 9 (with grumpy Westhaven Barry who is not impressed at all).

The decision on what to do with Lake Private at this point is still undecided – meanwhile he simply is enjoying 5 star accommodation at the Koala Hospital.

How Lucky Am I?



How lucky am I? Not only have I had a lifetime opportunity once to be an overseas volunteer at the Koala Hospital...but twice! That's right, the first time in October 2009, was so exciting that I decided to take another period

of unpaid leave from work and jet off back to Port Macquarie in October 2010 – and it wasn't just to leave the minus four degree weather behind in the UK, it was to go and see my furry friends and the not-so furry ones that I had made the previous year! When you walk into the grounds of the Koala Hospital, the smell of eucalyptus is divine as it hits you!

Where do I start? Well I guess a quote from Cheyenne sums it up *"All the hospital staff are like one big family – we have our differences but we all are close and very fond of each other"*. This sums it up in a nutshell, the volunteers are there for one reason and that is to care for these little critters and their future – the Australian icon.

The care and treatment they give to the koalas is outstanding by far and they are all so dedicated by working around a 24 hour clock. They work on the three "R's" – *Rescue, Rehabilitate* and*Release!* That is the best part of the job, watching them being released back into the wild. After they have climbed out of your way and up that tree, they look back down at you as if to say *"thanks guys"*!

Not only is it really rewarding work, it is very educational too. All my friends and family know the passion I have for koalas and God help anyone who calls them a "bear"! I am always quick enough to make them aware that they are a marsupial and therefore have a pouch, unlike a bear!



Being a volunteer at the hospital opens a whole load of opportunities and lifetime experiences. Apart from working in the yards and ICU with the koalas – cleaning their yards out, replenishing the leaf every day and reporting to the supervisors anything you feel necessary to the well being of the koala, you also get to rescue Black Snakes from under people's beds! That's right – Cheyenne and I got called out and I was in my element – ok, so I was hiding behind the door! But it was yet another one of life's experiences as it is not every day

you get to see the release of a Black snake and watch him slither down the embankment! Phew!

Back to the hospital! There is always something that needs doing as the hospital comes as a package for the koalas to be cared for. There are laundry duties, sweeping the communal areas, talking to the public as they wander around the outside of the yards (umbrellas provided for those rainy days!) and even trying your hand in the forever busy shop where there are so many koala items, I am like a big kid in a sweet shop! The rescues can be extremely challenging too, especially under the careful supervision of the boss when you are holding a poll in the air as high as a house! The ambulance is a huge advantage to the hospital as it can carry all the equipment that is needed for a rescue, and it is also for off road driving, which has been known!

Jean and Max Starr founded this hospital in 1973 and it has gone from strength to strength. They both still work in the hospital and are such great loving characters with fantastic stories. And it just goes to show how much people care for the koalas as there are currently over 120 volunteers working there.



Each and every one of the koalas that passes through the hospital has their own personality, just like us humans and I can honestly say that I can match each one of them with someone I know. For instance, Seaview Farida who was cranky.....well I couldn't possibly say who she reminds me of.....ok, it's Peter (I miss you Peter!!)!! And then there is Westhaven Barry, well he kind of reminds me a little bit of myself, sleepy and cute! Hang on, wait, did I just call Barry cute? Ok, of course he is! In fact I think you guys should go check him out on the Adoptions page!

The Adoptions team work so hard behind the scenes too. They have recently added Roto Mikki to the programme. Well she is a right little cutie and attracts visitors from far and beyond with her one amazing blue eye! She was one of three little joeys in one of the yards and was always the first down for her leaf! Look out for her gorgeous partner in crime, The Tiller Noah who is also on the adoptions programme. He was a close second for his leaf before retiring back up high in their tree for a snooze! Boy I could watch these guys all day long!

The hospital also runs a tree planting programme. People do not realise that a eucalyptus tree can take between 10 and 15 years before it can become established in becoming a food tree for the koala. We really



do need to all carry on pulling together and look after these guys – their future is in our hands.

I really miss the staff and of course the koalas and will

hopefully be back there later in the year to have my “wahlee fix”!

Thanks Guys for everything!

Rachel Anne Huggett

CHILDREN TO THE RESCUE

The koalas of Port Macquarie and surroundings, both in care at the hospital, and others who have been released back into the wild, would like to say ‘thank you’ to a special little girl.

Victoria Shepherd is six years of age and visits the hospital when staying with her granny who lives here in Port Macquarie.

For her sixth birthday, instead of receiving presents, she asked her friends to donate the cost of adopting a koala, through the hospital’s ‘adopt a wild koala’ programme.

Victoria chose Cathie Vikki for a two year adoption period, and this photo shows her with the friends who helped to contribute to this wonderful and thoughtful present.



Help Wanted Night time Rescuers:

Requirements:

- Must be capable koala handlers and if not will need to spend time in the hospital learning to handle koalas.
- You will need to go as “backup” to an experienced rescuer before being paired with another rescuer.
- No one goes out on their own.
- Hours: 4.30 p.m.— 8.00 a.m.

If interested please call Cheyne 6584-1522 for further information and training.

Thanks go to...

Cassegrain Winery

Di Wood

for their generous donations

The children from Lake Cathie Children’s Cottage also have some exciting news to share with us.

A koala has been visiting the trees in and around the Playschool and they recently watched while it climbed a tree just outside their playground, then moved using two overlapping branches, into another tree which is in the playground. The children waited in anticipation hoping the koala would climb back down from their tree and perhaps play in their playground. Instead it settled for some morning tea gum leaves and then went to sleep!

They have planted three trees in their grounds which are growing strongly. These children will grow up with a love and knowledge of our koalas, and will provide the support necessary for their survival.

BIRTHDAY BASH ? or BITE?

It was Petstock's first birthday at their premises on Lake Road and the koala hospital was invited to their premises to take part in the celebrations.

Owner Phil Edwards provided food and drinks for the Barbecue which was run by Robyne, our Friends of the Koala Hospital Co-ordinator, with the aid of a band of dedicated volunteers.

As any money raised from this was to be donated to the koala hospital, True Blue, our koala mascot, decided to join in the festivities, and meet and greet visitors on their arrival.



Mark Strachan, (Strawny), was broadcasting on 2MC from Petstock that day, and caught the following debacle on air to the amusement of all his radio followers on the mid north coast and surrounding areas.

At one point in the morning, a car pulled up and a beagle was brought in by his owners to check out the goodies available in the shop. Unfortunately, he took a violent dislike to True Blue. The spectacle of our mascot, running from the shop, shielding his bottom, with an agitated beagle in hot pursuit, would have been even more hilarious if it had been caught on video as well as radio. It was a sight to top even Benny Hill's antics!

The beagle's owners managed to entice him back into the car, but as they were driving away, the dog could still be seen (and heard!) hanging out of the car window barking fiercely at a chastened True Blue.

True Blue had his feelings hurt but remained on site during the day without further incidents. He would like to thank Phil Edwards for the invitation to his birthday party and for the donation made to the koala hospital on the day.

KOALA HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011

Life is not all hard work, thank goodness, as can be seen from these photos taken of the koala hospital volunteers enjoying their annual Christmas party last December.

Eastport Bowling Club kindly donated the use of the room and facilities and the volunteers had a wonderful afternoon of fun, food, and festivities.



Raffles were conducted during the afternoon, with the prizes going to very appreciative winners. (the wines from Cassegrain were popular!).

True Blue also turned up, and soon had everyone laughing at his antics.

Our supervisor, Cheyne, presented certificates to those volunteers who she felt had gone 'above and beyond' the normal hospital duties, or had shown a special commitment to the hospital. These went to Friends (Robyne Leadbeatter), Milicia McCosh, Gerry Walsh and Marilyn Lees.



Thanks, guys. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Supervisor's Report



It has been a very busy summer season admission wise with lots of koalas being admitted mainly as a result of chlamydiosis, particularly the ocular (eye) form. We have also seen a large number of joeys admitted as well, something we haven't seen for a number of years. The majority of the joeys appear to have been left by their mothers – some have been close to weaning weight so maybe mother thought “it was time” whereas others were far too small to be left alone. Maybe some catastrophe took their mother such as her being hit by a car. Sometimes young female koalas struggling to survive themselves are not able to nurture their young sufficiently even though koalas are exceptional mothers. There could be a number reasons why joeys are abandoned.

Its certainly been “full house” at the hospital for a few months in both the ICU, outside yards and in home care. Nonetheless we always “have room for another koala or two” to help out groups from other licenced areas such as our mates at Native Animal Trust Fund, the Hunter Koala Society, and Denise Friedman WIRES New England. We have some of their koalas here at present as patients who are all doing very well. Its quite amazing how koalas from completely different areas who would often normally eat totally different eucalypt species, seem to happily adapt to eating the local Port Macquarie leaf in about 24 hours. Suppose its like going to another country and enjoying their cuisine!! We have never ever had any trouble getting an “out of area” koala to happily munch on the local leaf and they all seem to do quite well on it usually gaining weight – maybe its simply “good tucker” here on the coast!!

Our new system with our anaesthetic machine is going really well and our supervisors are all adept at being “anaesthetists” these days. It makes life so much easier when doing ultrasounds, and full screens on an admitted koala to have that time available to examine the patient fully while they sleep soundly.

We have recently purchased a Biopton machine, which is similar to a laser but is polychromatic (different colours) which we are planning to use on the koalas for such things as pressure sores, wounds, burns, conjunctivitis etc. This machine is used in a major leading Sydney hospital for healing of burns, wounds and ulcers. It is also used in the beauty salon industry for skin treatments. We are hoping to do a study on its healing abilities with a control group who do not receive it and another group who do. We did have one here on trial for a while and were “quietly” impressed with its abilities.

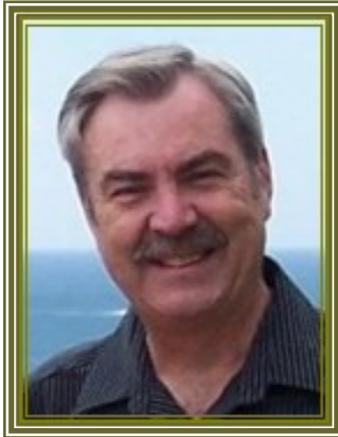
On a sadder note, we would like to let all of our readers know that our grand old lady Birthday Girl, the oldest koala in the world, died on Sunday night (6th March) quietly and peacefully at one of our home carers residence. Birthday Girl was 25 years of age. What a legend.

If you walk in the bush and listen to the sound of the wind blowing through the eucalypt trees you will hear the spirit of the koala calling.....and on Sunday night they called Birthday Girl.



from the President's Pen

Since the last issue of Gum Tips we have purchased a new 'Leaf Truck' with finances raised by our fantastic volunteers and our home and overseas supporters. It made me realise the tremendous support you have given to the Koala Hospital so that we can effectively care for and rehabilitate Koalas placed in our care.



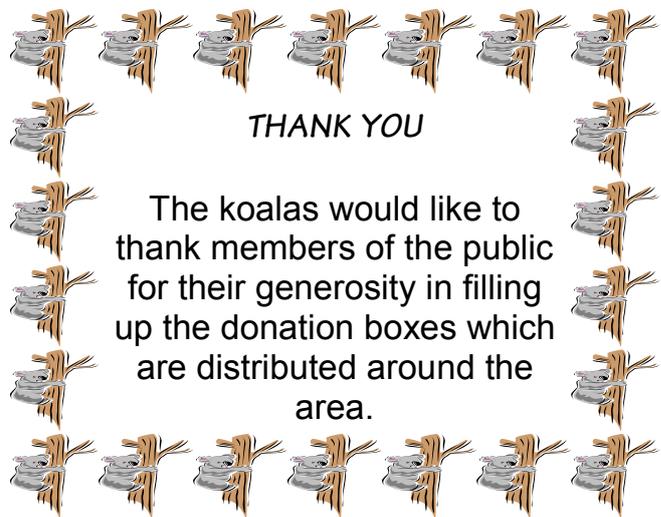
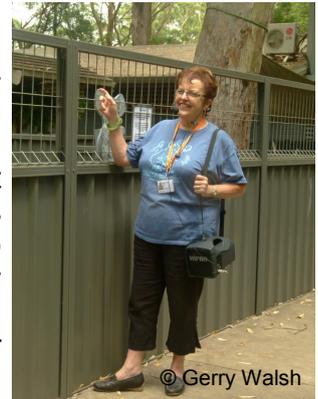
Individual and group tourism is an important aspect of our education program as is our overseas volunteer program. Don't miss an opportunity to visit us at Port Macquarie or even join us as a volunteer and have a love affair with our favourite marsupial.

Bob Sharpham

Introducing the Boom Box

If visitors in the past had problems hearing the koala stories during the 'Walk & Talk', perhaps they should return and do it again!

We now have 'boom boxes', for the volunteers who have taken on the task of informing visitors about our resident koalas. This apparatus will project their voice so that no matter how many people are in the group, they will be able to hear every word.



The things you see at KH!!

This morning (22 December):

I found this tree frog which had just happened to hitch a ride in on the leaf for the koalas.

A few of us grabbed the cameras (as you do!)...and this is what happened:...see photos.

The frog jumped onto Cheyne's camera...to much frivolity and excitement from the rest of us with cameras!

It then went for a bit of a wander around this strange human it had temporarily adopted before...finally leaping off into the bushes.

Cheyne, our resident Koala, Snake, Spider, Lizard and...now Frog expert...took it back to its home territory, far from KH: for 'release'.

Gerry Walsh





GUM TIPS KIDS' CORNER



The Adventures of Bruce and Macca (Continued)

Bruce and Macca were now on their way to a new life with the animals and birds who had gathered together that afternoon. There were other koalas and some kangaroos had joined them also. They had lost a lot of their habitat when the developers took over their land to build new houses. Will, the wallaby, had some of his friends with him and George, the galah, had become friendly with Jack, the white corella, who was leading his flock to fresh water. George had found a new area to the west where there was plenty of food, shelter and water for them all.



The first problem was that they would have to go close to some of the houses which were on the outskirts of town. By travelling late in the afternoon it was hoped that most people would be inside their homes and they would be able to pass by safely. There would also be a couple of roads to cross.

All went well at first, until George landed beside Bruce and informed him that one of the koalas had been hit by a car while he was trying to cross one of the roads. "I waited in a nearby tree" he told Bruce, "and I saw the Port Macquarie koala ambulance arrive to take her to the hospital."

"Thank goodness", said Bruce. "The koala will be in good hands at the hospital, I can assure you. The volunteers there took very good care of Macca and me when we stayed there. Do you know which koala it was?"

"Well", answered George, "I heard the driver say it looked like Ocean who had been in the hospital before".

"It's very sad, but we must continue our journey," said Macca. "We can only hope our friend will

catch us up when she is released. Perhaps George will be able to show her the way".

George and the corellas flew ahead and Bruce and Macca followed with some of the other animals. By now they had spread out a bit and were not travelling close together, although all were heading in the same direction.

Skirting around some houses, Bruce and Macca were suddenly confronted by a large dog who was sitting outside one of the gates. Luckily there was a large tree nearby and both koalas climbed quickly up to safety.

The dog made so much noise barking at the base of the tree, that the owner came out to see what all the fuss was about. On noticing the two koalas hiding in the branches of the tree, the lady called the dog into her yard and closed the gate. This was very fortunate for Bruce and Macca, as not all dog owners act so responsibly. There have been many koala lives lost when owners have refused to secure their dogs at night.

As soon as they realised it was safe, Bruce and Macca carried on, sometimes climbing to the top of a tree to keep a lookout for any of the other animals and birds that they could see. Some of the birds had roosted for the night in the trees, but George and Jack, with Jack's mate Clarissa, were seen flying slowly from tree to tree, waiting for them to catch up.

Houses were becoming fewer now and when Bruce and Macca caught up with George, it was decided that they would stop and have a feed of gum leaves from a nearby tree and continue the journey the following afternoon.

To be continued.

AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS CROSSWORD

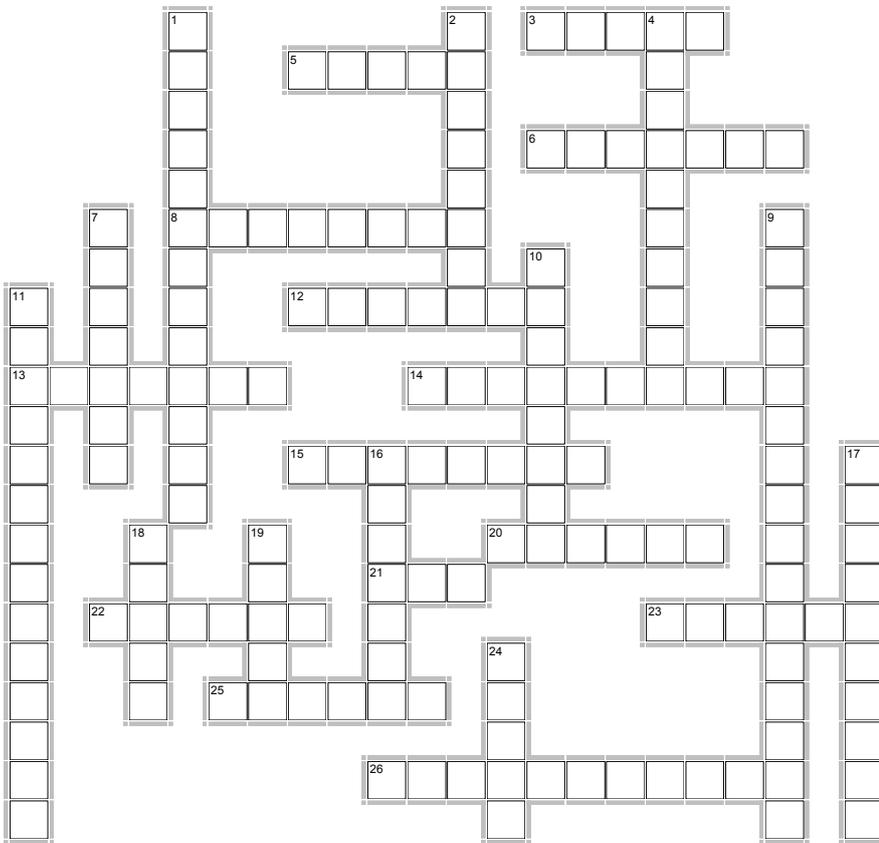
Answers next issue

Across

3. Australia's Easter bunny
5. Not a bear
6. Flightless swimming bird.
8. Loud and destructive bird
12. Sharp and spiky
13. King of the ocean
14. Regal bird. (2 words)
15. Impersonator with musical tail
20. Hangs by its tail
21. Flightless bird
22. Very large lizard
23. Dancing member of the crane family.
25. Some have hairy noses
26. Sweet flyer (2 words)

Down

1. Found on country toilet seats (2 words)
2. Pest introduced into sugar plantations.
4. Very popular pet bird.
7. Little hopper
9. Reptile with coloured tongue (3 words)
10. Boxing hopper
11. Island demon (2 words)
16. Australian brand of tomato sauce
17. Laughing jackass
18. Carnivorous marsupial
19. Fraser Island inhabitant
24. Australian slang for fool



EclipseCrossword.com

ZOO ANIMALS

(Word Scramble)

Answers next issue

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. OTBMAW | 12. EHOSR |
| 2. EHTINPAE | 13. BARZE |
| 3. AREB | 14. IZRADL |
| 4. SLAE | 15. PNGIENU |
| 5. ECMLA | 16. AOGT |
| 6. NOIGD | 17. OIMYNK |
| 7. TRIEG | 18. KASNE |
| 8. KALOA | 19. NLOI |
| 9. LIPHNDO | 20. DRPIES |
| 10. ROAANGOK | 21. AEIRGFF |
| 11. PHOIP | 22. DCROIOCEL |

A VISIT FROM "THE WILD ONE"

Photos © Gerry Walsh

Every so often, visitors to the koala hospital are treated to an added attraction. One such episode happened on a Tuesday morning just recently.



The grounds around the hospital occasionally become a temporary resi-

dence to wild koalas who drop in for a short (or sometimes lengthy) stop-over in some of the koala food trees there.



"The Wild One", as he was aptly named, arrived that morning to have a



closer look at the facilities available to his sick mates who were patients at the hospital. He appeared via the tree outside the kiosk, and did an appraisal of the koala ambulance which was parked there. Seemingly satisfied, he then did a short tour of the courtyard, acknowledging one visitor who was evidently delighted to meet a wild koala 'up close and personal'.

Scuttling off across the front yard, he finished up in one of the nearby trees and promptly fell asleep. All that energy expended would require a good feed of gum leaves later on!



Volunteers Needed

Please assist

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

KOALA KAPERS featuring *Emerald Downs Barbara* by =Ebeth

YARD 6

Hey, Flat One, on the fence! What do you see up there?

I can't see anything. I'm just a box.

DONATIONS PLEASE

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

Part 2

- A big mature male koala was hit by a car on the Oxley Highway (fortunately with only minor injuries). The concerned motorist decided to “do the right thing” and pick him up to take him to the Koala Hospital. Not being experienced in koala handling, the poor man was badly clawed and bitten by the terrified koala. The Koala Hospital received a call to pick up the injured koala from the A & E Dept of the Port Base hospital where the poor motorist was having his wound sutured. You can imagine the surprise when we got the call and arrived in the Koala Ambulance at the casualty department of the human hospital!!
- Koalas have been retrieved from other sorts of “different” locations. One big male koala was relocated from the “business” end of a funeral parlour in Port Macquarie. Another big male was removed from a tree literally outside the window of a “ladies of the night” establishment.
- One very terrifying encounter for a young male koala was when he ended up being captured by some very inebriated young men and shoved into the boot of a car. The car was driven some 100 kms up the highway, crashing into a culvert with the driver and passengers running off into the night. Thankfully someone felt guilty and rang the local police to inform them that a koala was still locked in the boot. The police were immediately on the scene, jemmied the boot open and the koala was removed by a wildlife carer. After a fair bit of detective work by the police, the original pick up place was found and he was released back there from the hospital, as soon as he was ok to leave. The driver of the car was charged with cruelty to animals plus a number of other offences. There is one young koala out there who certainly doesn’t like humans.
- We all know that dogs and koalas are not a good mix, with the koala usually not coming out of the encounter in good shape. Nonetheless, not all encounters are bad. One big old male German Shepherd was heard whining at the back door of his owner’s home. On coming out, they found a tiny young male koala joey clinging to the back of the dog. The poor old dog did not know what to do with this “thing” on his back, but was gentle enough to simply whine for help. What had happened to the joey’s mother, we do not know – the joey was taken into home care and the dog got an extra bone that night.
- A farmer some 100 kms west of Port Macquarie occasionally noticed when he mustered and yarded his cattle that one of two koalas would climb down low in the trees that were outside the yards and sit and watch the cattle in the yards. One particular day he observed a young female koala actually climb out of the tree and sit on the corner post. She appeared to be curiously watching the cattle moving about. One steer actually put up his nose and began to sniff the koala. She then lowered her head and sniffed back, but decided it was all too much and scampered back up the tree.

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

*Adopt
Hamlyn
Daniel*



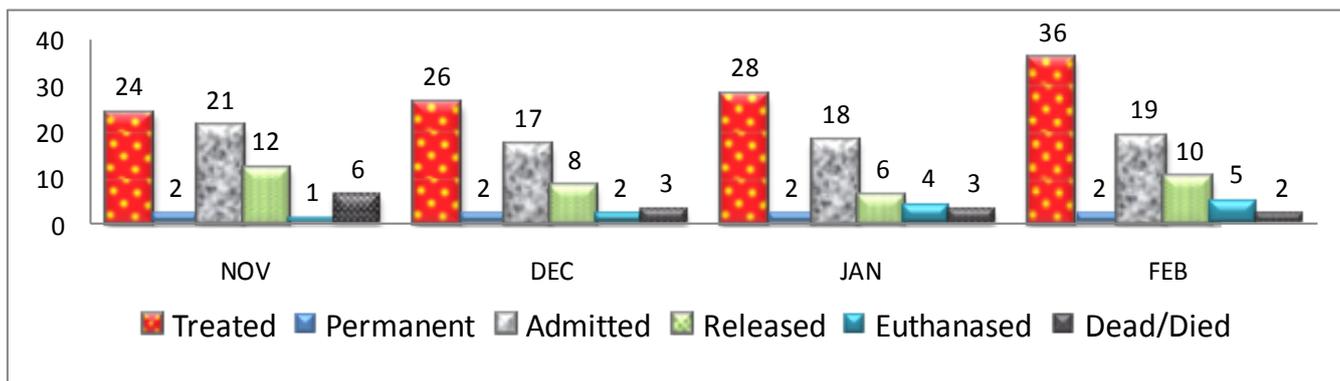
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Hospital Activity Report



ADMISSION	NAME	REASON	RESULT
11.07.08	West Haven Barry M	Scoliosis of spine	Permanent resident
	Birthday Girl	Severe Arthritis Right Hip	Permanent resident
26.09.09	Oxley H'way Kaylee	Hind leg injury	
02.11.09	Hastings Noah M	Joey of Hastings Grace	Released 10.11.10
20.01.10	Roto Mikki F Joey	Abandoned – Home Care	Released 10.11.10
12.03.10	Emerald Downs Barbara	Blind R. eye, limited vision L eye	
24.03.10	Bellevue J.D. F	Abandoned joey – home care	Released 10.11.10
23.05.10	Bonny Hills Di F Joey	Abandoned – home care	Released 10.11.10
24.09.10	Greenmeadows Alex M	Limping – old injury	
27.10.10	Ocean Mary	Dog attack	
29.10.10	Lake Cathie Kai M	Dog Attack	
29.10.10	Pacific Highway Mail	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
01.11.10	Lake Private M	Low In Tree- checked	Relocated 1.11.10
03.11.10	Lighthouse Kath F	Caller concerned – checked	Released 4.11.10
05.11.10	Bangalay Gumdrop M	On Ground	Died 06.11.10
06.11.10	Oxley Highway Bella F	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
07.11.10	Merrigal Muras	Dog Attack	Dead on Arrival
10.11.10	Miss Platt	Conjunctivitis	Released 24.12.10
10.11.10	Hastings River Dr. Vicki	Chlamydia/conjunctivitis	Euthanased 11.11.10
11.11.10	Widderson Briana	Peritonitis – ruptured paraovarian cysts	Released 11.11.10
11.11.10	Dunbogan Cooch M	Possible renal failure	Died 22.11.10
13.11.10	Warrego Joe M	In dangerous area – checked	Released 15.11.10
17.11.10	Ocean Harley M	Observed with blood on face	Self Release 26.11.10
18.11.10	Dunbogan Audrey F	Wandering on road - observation	Released 22.12.10
18.11.10	Herschell Cameron	Conjunctivitis both eyes	Released 24.12.10
20.11.10	Roto Mehdi	Found in Yard 10 – visiting – checked	Released 22.11.10
22.11.10	Armidale Indy	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 15.01.11
25.11.10	Pacific Jack M Juv	Walking on busy road – checked	Released 26.11.10
27.11.10	Bangalay Bill M	Dog Attack	Dead on Arrival
27.11.10	Crestwood John M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
28.11.10	Lincoln Ron M	Wandered into kitchen	Released 28.11.10
28.11.10	Allunga Akai M	Forearm Injury	Euthanased 01.12.10
30.11.10	Waniora Coastline M	Suspect Chlamydia - checked	Released 02.12.10
01.12.10	Bonny Teleah	Chlamydia	Died 17.01.11
01.12.10	Crestwood Brendan	Walking on dangerous road - checked	Released 03.12.10
01.12.10	The Point Shelly + The Point Michelle F Joey	Low in tree - checked	Released 03.12.10
02.12.10	Gordon Colonel M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
03.12.10	Ocean Dave M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 09.12.10
04.12.10	Edward Elly F Joey	Found abandoned – tick infested – anaemic Home Care	
08.12.10	Macquarie Peter M	Low in tree	
09.12.10	Mimosa Jaida F	Running on road - checked	Released 09.12.10
12.12.10	The Point Kadi F	Low in tree for three days	Released 30.12.10
12.12.10	Kulai Phil - M	Conjunctivitis both eyes	
16.12.10	Golf Club Tim M Joey	Abandoned – tick infested – anaemic Home Care	
17.12.10	Sails Gourmet M	Chlamydia	Died 18.01.11

19.12.10	Ocean Joy + Joey	Walking on busy road – observation	Released 10.01.11
26.12.10	Hassal Coral F	Chlamydia	Euthanased 25.01.11
28.12.10	Lighthouse Eden M Joey	Abandoned – in yard with dogs – Home Care	
28.12.10	Kempsey Marg F	Conjunctivitis	Released 31.01.11
28.12.10	Hill St. Taya F Joey	Abandoned - Home Care	
04.01.11	Tree Tops Annette F Joey	Abandoned - Conjunctivitis – Home Care	
06.01.11	Dent Crusty M	Conjunctivitis both eyes	Released 04.02.11
06.01.11	Koolumbung Paula F Joey	Abandoned – tick infested – anaemic Home Care	
07.01.11	Marsden Marg F + Joey	Suspect Chlamydia	Released 13.01.11
10.01.11	Pacific Drive Mat M	Motor Vehicle accident	Died 11.01.11
10.01.11	Lady Herschell Hall	Injury Left Eye	Euthanased 19.01.11
11.01.11	Pacific Drive Alice	Motor Vehicle Accident	
11.01.11	Ashdown Cathie F	Motor Vehicle accident	Released 14.01.11
14.01.11	Allman Susan	Chlamydia	Euthanased 01.02.11
15.01.11	Armidale Clyde m	Chlamydia	Released 21.01.11
18.01.11	Ocean Jeanette F	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 19.01.11
18.01.11	The Links Paul M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
27.01.11	Tree Tops Dreamer M	Conjunctivitis left eye	
27.01.11	Ashdown Cathie	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 04.02.11
28.01.11	Burrawan Harry M	Unknown	Euthanased 28.01.11
28.01.11	Crescent Head Blinky	Dehydrated – on ground	
31.01.11	Bangalay Bob M Joey	Conjunctivitis left eye	Released 25.02.11
31.01.11	Tanilba Bay Brooke J	Transfer from Hunter Koala Society	
01.02.11	Julie Anne Kentia	Mass in pouch	Euthanased 02.02.11
01.02.11	Lake Private M	On ground in Dunbogan - dehydrated	
02.02.11	Warrego Joe M	On road – observation	Released 08.02.11
04.02.11	Tanilba Bay Jess F	Transfer from Hunter - conjunctivitis	
04.02.11	Waniora Coastline M	Dehydrated	Released 18.02.11
06.02.11	Hastings Grace F	Dog Attack	Released 16.02.11
07.02.11	Lake Cathie Lachlan M	On Ground	Euthanased 21.02.11
07.02.11	Northshore Leander M	Moribund, emaciated, dehydrated	Euthanased 08.02.11
10.02.11	Roto Dorothy F	Suspect Chlamydia	Euthanased 17.02.11
11.02.11	Hart Hazel F Joey	Low in tree - observation	Released 15.02.11
13.02.11	Hart Shanti F	Conjunctivitis	
14.02.11	Roto Randy M	Checked	Released 14.02.11
15.02.11	Salamander Bay Sophia	Transfer from Hunter - Conjunctivitis	
19.02.11	Moruya Huggy F	Prolapsed Bowel	Released 19.02.11
19.02.11	Ellenborough Bob M	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
21.02.11	Armidale Annie F	Conjunctivitis	
22.02.11	Crestwood Matilda f Joey	Abandoned – Home Care	
22.02.11	Lighthouse Noni F	Suspect Chlamydia - checked	Released 25.02.11
24.02.11	Kingfisher Richard M	On ground	Died 25.02.11



BARRY'S ADVENTURES IN WANDERLAND

Since the last publication of Gum Tips in December 2010, Barry, our travelling koala, has been tracked to many different parts of the world.

We think he must have his own private jet, as he moves around so fast.

In November last year, he was snapped paying a visit to Mrs Tooley in Oklahoma, USA, where he met up with lots of American children, before deciding to return home to Port Macquarie to help pack Christmas hampers for the needy with Natalie Spratford.

He sneaked off again, this time arriving in Holland where he was seen with Jos and Conny Alhemade. His fur coat wasn't quite warm enough, so he took refuge from the snow in a Dutch boot.



He was next noted walking with the Fusco family in Vanuato, where the weather was more to his liking.

Answering the call of home again, he spent some time with Doug McLeod's children in Coffs Harbour, then, ready to move on, he dropped in on Sabine and Harold Leng in Vienna. He didn't seem keen on spending too much time there in case Inspector Rex, the German Shepherd police dog, arrested him and deported him back to Australia, so he was found very soon after in Oahu, Hawaii. Barry and Mim caught him on film, surfing the infamous "pipeline" on the north



shore of Oahu, and looking very proud of himself.

After disappearing once again, he was discovered back in the snow, this time in Westchester County, New York. Stephanie Cockerton sent us the evidence of his visit, before he jetted back to Australia, to share some of his stories with the Channel 10 newsroom in Sydney.



Perhaps we may see some photographs or news sent to us by Barry himself as he recently returned to Port Macquarie to do some work experience with NBN TV. He seemed very interested in how the cameras worked so watch this space!!

We would like our readers and visitors to the koala hospital to prove they can do better than Barry with their camera, so please keep sending evidence of his travels to us.

The winner of the quarterly prize is Barry and Mim from Oklahoma, who showed him such a good time in Hawaii.

At present he is completely worn out by his wanderlust (as you can see by his photo), but don't worry, he'll be off again soon. Just try to keep up with him



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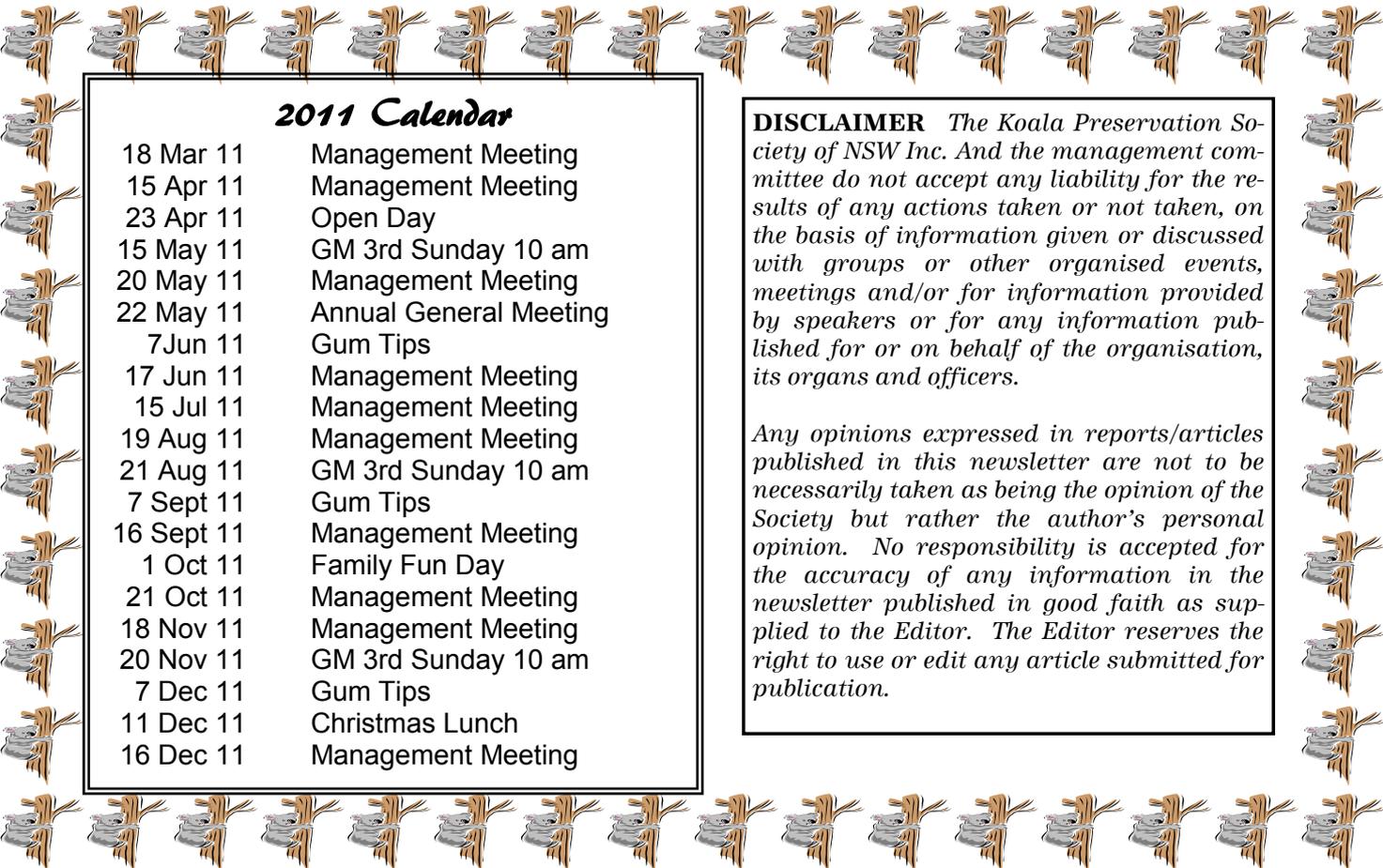
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