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*Oxley Kaylee*



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# Oxley Kaylee

## Medical marvel and Movie Star!!

This koala with “nine lives” first came to us after being hit by a car on the busy Oxley Highway not far from the town centre. Thankfully injuries were minimal and she was able to be released not long after. Two years later Kaylee got herself in a spot of bother again being seen running up the same highway, was captured and relocated to a safer location. A few months later a motorist watched in horror to see a female koala with a big fluffy eared joey on her back, dragging herself across the same highway with a hind leg injury. By the time rescuers got to the scene she had climbed a tree and proved to be quite a handful to capture!



Yes, it was Oxley Kaylee again and her left hind leg was swollen, inflamed and she was unable to place weight on it, which was made more difficult in carrying a “back young” joey as well. As her joey, which staff named Oxley Twinkles, was not far off weaning age, it was decided to leave the two together and continue to treat Kaylee at the same time. Unfortunately X-rays showed a severe dislocation at the stifle joint (equivalent to a knee joint) that was beyond repair. As a temporary measure, it was heavily bandaged for support and we left the two of them together to then decide what to do with Kaylee long term.

It ended up being a very “temporary” measure as the bandaging support was not successful at all. Twinkles was weaned and happily went into the joey yard (probably much to the relief of poor Kaylee!).

Oxley Kaylee then underwent a full amputation of the left hind leg (thanks to Dr Chris our super vet) – something that has not been done before at the Koala Hospital. It was incredibly successful. Within 24 hours of the surgery, Kaylee was



up her gunyah, chomping away on fresh leaf and bright as a button. So much so that once the wound site had healed over Kaylee was put outside and began climbing trees immediately which was absolutely amazing and very satisfying for staff to see.

While all of this drama was unfolding, the whole sequence of events was being filmed by Susan Kelly an Australian filmmaker (see story) working for National Geographic who at that time had been filming at the hospital for around two years.

Coupled with Kaylee’s story, her joey “Twinkles” progress was also being filmed as she was weaned, dehumanised in the joey yard and her ultimate release. Twinkles became part of the RTA radio tracking programme (see Gum Tips issue Dec. 2010) wearing a radio collar with her movements being tracked for nine months following her release. Oxley Twinkles did so well in her new “career” in being tracked and observed as she settled in beautifully into the bush and became part of the newly formed koala colony.



Oxley Kaylee and Oxley Twinkles are now mega movie stars! On June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 in Port Macquarie, the world premiere of the National Geographic documentary “Koala Hospital” was shown to a very interested audience. In a few months time this documentary pilot show will be shown worldwide and later within Australia as a pilot show for an eventual 13 part series on both the Koala Hospital and the plight of the decline koalas throughout Australia.

Removal of koala habitat for human housing development is decimating koala populations throughout this country. This documentary will certainly raise awareness and will hopefully create pressure on the Federal, State and local governments to change legislation to protect the koala.

As we see the koala as a sentinel species, all the other species of wildlife, insects and plants who also call the same place “home” will also hopefully be protected as well. Its a big ongoing battle that never seems to end, but we keep on trying.

# EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2011

## CHEYNE FLANAGAN

The koala hospital runs on well oiled wheels and this is due in no small way to the diligence of our supervisor, Cheyne Flanagan. She has built on the efforts of our founders, Jean and Max Starr, who established the hospital over 35 years ago. As well as catering for sick and wounded koalas, the hospital has become one of the greatest tourist attractions in Port Macquarie, with hundreds of overseas visitors being made aware of the plight of our iconic furry friends.

and Cheyne's knowledge, for the advancement of animal welfare and treatment of diseases.



*Pic. Courtesy of Port Macquarie News*

Cheyne is also involved with the training of students from various colleges in NSW and other states, and has produced a manual on the treatment and diseases of the koala, which is used extensively as a teaching aid in zoos, vet clinics and wildlife carers. Add to this, her involvement with local councils, wild life groups and

Cheyne was recently awarded "Employee of the Year", a competition run annually by the Port News and sponsored by many of the local businesses. This was no small achievement, as there were over 60 entrants this year.

Cheyne has proved very worthy of her win, expertly handling the many responsibilities in her position as supervisor of the hospital. These entail not only the treatment of the many animals who are admitted to the hospital each year, but also liaising with the many universities, national and overseas, who use the hospital's facilities

animal researchers and it's obvious her days are never wasted.

She works closely with our local vet and is adept in the use of the investigative equipment used to identify the symptoms presented by our koala patients. Use of anaesthetics, processing blood samples, conducting ultrasounds and interpreting results are all part of a day's work for Cheyne.

We are immensely grateful to Cheyne for the passion she has put into her 'job', at the koala hospital. There are many koalas in the wild who owe their survival to her efforts.



## BARRY'S ADVENTURES IN WANDERLAND

Barry, our intrepid little koala with wanderlust, is still on the move. He decided to choose one of Australia's popular locations before setting off on another jaunt around the world, so in early April he was seen with Glen at the Pinnacles, near Geraldton in Western Australia. He was dwarfed by the magnitude of these natural limestone structures in the Nambung National Park, but enjoyed the atmosphere tremendously.



His wandering paws were itching once more, so off to Egypt he flew, using some of his frequent flier points, where Corina met him, and initiated him into the joys of kite surfing. Apparently he did very well at this, but decided some sightseeing would be a little less perilous, so was spotted shortly afterwards by Jerome, who found him walking on the beach at Pointe du Raz, which is the most western point of Europe.



From there, it was a short hop to England, where



Sally was amazed to see him trying to get access to Buckingham Palace for the Royal Wedding. Thwarted by the huge crowds, he joined her to watch the wedding on the big screen in Hyde Park. I'm sure if the royal couple had known he was in London, he would have become a guest of honour at their great event.

Always eager to explore new horizons, Barry slipped out of England and landed in Hungary, where he visited the cathedral in Gyor. Sabina guessed he may have been seeking absolution at the relic of Saint Laszlo before leaving there to investigate a



mediaeval castle not far off in Tato. Perhaps he has a penchant for religious buildings because a few days later, Mel discovered him at a temple in Ankor in Cambodia.

He appeared to be totally worn out so it was not surprising that the koala hospital received a phone call informing them that Barry was wandering aimlessly around the carpark, looking distracted. Picked up by the koala ambulance, he was admitted to the hospital, where Cheyne subjected him to a variety of tests. He was diagnosed with a severe case of jet lag and put into one of the yards to recuperate.



Surprise, surprise!! Two days later he had disappeared again, and Marilyn found him in the Hunter Valley, where after imbibing at the Frog Rock winery, he headed for the street nearby with his own name on it.

The hospital visit must have alarmed him, so instead of boarding another plane, he joined Joyce and Brian on a bus trip heading south. Travelling along the Great Ocean Road, he must have been amazed when the bus stopped at the



Twelve Apostles. These limestone rock formations would have looked quite similar to the Pinnacles, so he may have wondered what they were doing down in Victoria in the ocean!

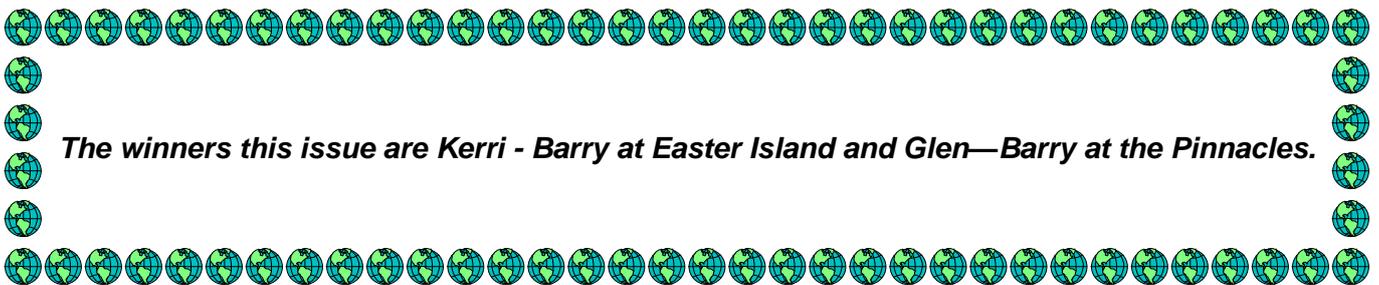
It was too much for him so he jumped bus and ended up on a plane again, bound for Easter Island. This is one of the most isolated places on earth, but Barry was evidently struck on viewing

giant stone monoliths. Those on Easter Island are statues, however, and although Kerrie



informed us that he seemed in awe of these almost human colossi, he was not inclined to linger, and disappeared once again.

Where is he headed now? Will he turn up in your backyard one day? Why not purchase a Barry of your own and take him with you when you travel to adventurous places. He loves to travel!! Send us a photo of Barry enjoying yet another exciting journey.



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***Seaview Farida***



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# Supervisor's Report



Well its been another interesting full on year! Admission numbers have been roughly on par to previous years with the difference being that we have had a much larger number of joeys coming into care - thankfully with no losses. Whether these joeys were abandoned or some misfortune had occurred to their mothers is open to conjecture - nonetheless its a good sign that the breeding is certainly happening and that these joeys are the new recruits to ensure there are further generations.

The last twelve months have certainly had some events that stood out:

- Having to appear before a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry last July was something I hope to never have to do again. It was a very scary experience but I am confident that our presentation was honest and true and on a positive note it certainly put out an image that the Koala Hospital is indeed a very professional organisation. I would also like to repeat that personally I was very proud of how well the hospital team handled the whole nightmare, how diplomatic, caring and professional everyone was - well done team.
- Our purchase of the wonderful anaesthetic machine which is used all the time has made doing examinations, ultrasounds, screens, treating injuries so much easier for the staff and so much less stress for the koala being worked on. We now also have a well-trained team of anaesthetists in our supervisors who monitor the koalas so well throughout the procedure. Again well done team.
- We seem to be collecting samples for more and more universities and researchers these days. Over the last 12 months we have collected for Sydney University, Bristol University in the UK, Monash University in Melbourne, and now we are collecting for the University of Queensland. Obviously we are happy to do this work as every bit of information is one step forward in conservation of these precious animals.
- Completing the RTA koala's radio tracking programme in the Innes Lake Conservation Area last winter was so satisfying. We learnt so much about koala behaviour, their movements which confirmed what was felt

about their social structures and hierarchies, and what young lower ranking males can do after being released. All of this data is so useful for release of koalas in town as well. Steve Phillips and I are co-writing a paper on this which will be published in various scientific journals for peer review. The Koala Hospital will have its name in lights again. All being well, and depending on funding there will be further radio tracking programmes in the future. We will be looking for some more trackers to help in this work. Candidates for the job must enjoy pushing through thick lantana, millions of mosquitoes, lots of snakes, possible feral pigs and deer, falling down stump holes, climbing over huge logs, rocks and steep hills, getting a sore neck and being regularly poked in the eye by creepers and branches. The pay for the tracker is actually finding the koala each day.

- Our new project in conjunction with NPWS is underway where we are repopulating Dooragin National Park (Nth Brother) with koalas. This area is huge, full of plenty of good trees, minimal human orientated problems and virtually has been empty of koalas since the 1930's. They have a whole new set of bulldozed roads throughout the area for fire control and Nat parks have assured us that the koalas will be more protected in this park from fire than anywhere else. We have put in nine joeys so far and we have the capacity to release up to 100 koalas over the next ten years. The next lot of joeys to be released are going to the best real estate of the lot on the south side of North Brother and we will probably be taking them there by boat.
- The last twelve months have certainly seen plenty of chlamydial infection admissions with a lot of eye infections again too. We have also seen quite a few re-offenders coming back in the door which is not really a good thing. It's funny though how these re-offenders immediately look for formula and seem to be quite OK about being back in the Koala Hilton again. Dog attack numbers over the last twelve months have been quite low which hopefully is good. Maybe the message is getting out there to keep dogs under control. Interestingly we have also had contact with an

ecologist from Queensland University who was wishing to know what breed of dogs commonly attack koalas as she is doing a research project on the level of dog attacks on wildlife. Of course we were able to help her out with this data.

- Our exciting world premiere of the Koala Hospital documentary screening is coming up on June 2nd. This is probably the biggest publicity hit in a short burst that our koalas will ever get as its targeting such a huge worldwide audience. With National Geographic backing it - who knows what the future holds for highlighting the decline of Australia's koalas. It might do more good than the current political attempts that are happening regarding koalas.

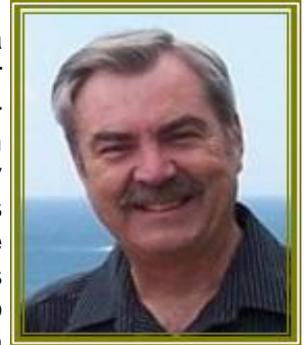
We certainly have had plenty of staff to run the place over the last twelve months which is fantastic. Even so, we certainly must never turn anyone away as there is still plenty of not so attractive jobs that need doing. Even keeping the place looking ship shape is very important.

One big priority area where there is a need for volunteers is we still need lots of people to work in tree planting, writing up grants, and lobbying councils etc. If you have talents in any of these areas please let us know.

So finally I wish to congratulate everyone for a magnificent job well done over the last year. The Koala Hospital would not survive without you.

## *from the President's Den*

The long awaited Koala Plan of Management for the Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA is in progress. Honorary member Dr Steve Phillips is involved in the preparation of this essential document to protect koala habitat from inappropriate development.



Open Day on Easter Saturday was an outstanding success with the biggest crowd joining with us for a 'weather perfect' fun day. Robyne and team did an excellent job; thanks also to Sing Australia, the local media and the business community for helping raise our much needed funds. Thanks to National Parks; our visitors made good use of the new Roto Car Park.

A big thank you goes to Cheyne, Team Leaders, home carers and volunteers for their continuing commitment to our local and 'visiting' koalas.

At this time I would like to acknowledge John Barber, a working life member. Since John & Joy joined KPS in the early 90's he spent much of that time as a member of the management committee including the role as President, Vice President and Treasurer, at the same time as carrying out rescues and taking the night phone. John did not stand for re-election this year for personal reasons but will continue with the rescues and night phone. Your commitment to the work of the Koala Hospital is outstanding, something we see in most of our volunteers.

To all our working volunteers and supporters a big thank you for making sure that the work that was commenced 38 years ago by Jean & Max Starr will continue well into the future.

### *ONCE BITTEN!!*

I had a big fright recently. I was getting ready for bed. I put my fluffy pyjamas on and something bit me on the neck. I tore my P/J top off and jumped all over it thinking "SPIDER"!!!

I slowly looked through the top to see what had bitten me and hoped I had killed whatever it was.

Oh, Horror! There it was staring back up at me, green and spikey.

It was a hair roller I had misplaced the day before.

How silly did I feel?? Quite a lot.

*Pam Whippy*

# Farewell to Birthday Girl

*Birthday Girl was one of the most loved koalas to be cared for at the koala hospital. After living to the grand old age of 25 years, when she finally left us, she was not alone. One of our most caring volunteers was there with her.*

*Space does not permit the many stories that the volunteers could tell; of her gentleness, and the serenity she showed, even when troubled with arthritis in her later years. Here are just a few from some of those who cared for Birthday Girl over the years and have provided an insight on what this beautiful animal meant to them.*

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## **Pam Whippy**

What a sad day it was to arrive at the Koala Hospital to start my shift and to be told that Birthday Girl had passed on and gone to the "big gum tree in the sky". I'm sure she will have been met there by our other little koala friends who have already gone there.

She first came into the hospital in 1990 at approximately 2 years of age and was checked and relocated. Years later she came back to visit us; this time a lot older and with arthritis. She still looked chubby and healthy and was able to climb, although to the top of the tree was out of the question, OR SO WE THOUGHT! She went missing one day out of Yard 9. Panic stations!! A few days later she was spotted, high up in a tree outside the yard. Only she knows how she got there! We had to get a tree



climber to get her safely down, in a canvas bag. Needless to say, she really enjoyed her formula after going for so long without it. After her ordeal she always hung on to the carer's hand while being fed, as though she was thinking, "you are not going anywhere until I get the lot".

I miss going out to feed her the formula, as she always looked like she was smiling when that first mouthful was offered.

Everyone loved our "Baby Girl", and she will be sadly missed by all. R.I.P. Birthday Girl, we love you.

## **Tricia Wellings**

Birthday Girl had a special place in my heart. Over the years I had the privilege of knowing her and assisting her, we formed a special bond.

Each time I walked into Yard 9, where she lived, I would call out to her "hello Birthday Girl", she would stop what she was doing, whether it be eating the dirt off the ground or eating the gum leaves in the gunyah, knowing that I had brought with me the finest gum leaf tips that Phil had collected and put aside for me to feed to her (Phil knew I wanted only the best tips available).

Birthday Girl was fed a formula to supplement her diet. Amanda would place the formula and a syringe on the cupboard for me to feed to her.

I could see as she aged she could do with a little help with grooming! She allowed me to brush her and to remove the ticks from her fragile body. When visitors were viewing her, I would take the fur and the ticks to show them and allow them to feel and see the fur and ticks.

When she got to the stage whereby she was finding it difficult to climb, she would allow me to place my hand under her bottom to help her up. I would call out to her "wait a minute" and she waited until I got there to help her.

Everyone at the hospital knew that Yard 9 was my allocated area each Thursday morning. I felt privileged to have had the opportunity of knowing her, helping her and forming that special bond. Birthday Girl struggled with life at times, and I only hope that my contribution was of benefit to her.

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## **Shirley Manchek**

My heart goes out to Cheyne and the staff at the Koala Hospital for the loss of their beloved "Birthday Girl". As an international volunteer from the United States, I had the honour and privilege of taking care of her in July 2009 and August 2010 at the hospital.

Yes, she was the koala that every volunteer wanted to share those special moments with; the prize you wanted to win when assignments were being made by the team leader. How unbelievable that Birthday Girl lived to a spectacular age of 25 years; the oldest known koala in Australia. She was the proud beauty who reigned as queen in Yard 9, with an incredible appetite and enthusiasm for her daily milk. I enjoyed feeding her just as much as she seemed to enjoy each drop of her milk, and I will always remember her love to sit on her gunyah and soak up each morsel of morning sun. We shared many hours of heart to heart non-verbal conversations while she sat there. Her eyes always expressed the beautiful soul within her and her very soul seemed to transfer her thoughts into my heart.

Yes, I already miss Birthday Girl, but my heart was happy to hear that her final journey up the tree towards Koala Heaven was peaceful. Tears of sadness were also expressed by my American friends and family because she also captured their hearts. She left unconditional love in the hearts of everyone she touched.



for me, although there had been other ones, such as Fenech and Kempsey Carolina, when they left for the Big Gum Tree in the Sky.

I returned on that Sunday afternoon to see how you were, but you were feeling so low you didn't even want your formula. You looked and felt so cold that I found a couple of hot water bottles and put them beside you. You gradually inched your way over to the one in front of you.

I stayed with you for nearly all the shift. The Sunday afternoon team leader was very happy that you had someone to stay with you while she herself was working. When I checked your hot water bottle before I left, you gave me a gentle nip as if to say, "Please don't take it away, it's keeping me warm".

I'm glad you were with Joyce and Brian when you left us on that Sunday night, and that I could make some of your last hours with us a bit more comfortable.

Rest in Peace, our beautiful and gentle koala. We love and miss you.

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### ***Geoff Best***

For the past four-and-a-half years I have had the privilege of being one of the carers and guardians of this wonderful, gentle animal. I shall miss her every day. Rest in peace beautiful creature.

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### ***Judy Stace***

Birthday Girl was a very beautiful, gentle lady koala. She loved her formula, her leaf, and her carers, and I always tried to find her some soft juicy tips. (Not always easy!)

It was very upsetting to think that your time with us was coming to an end. I still look at your gunyah and think of you sitting there on your runner waiting for your formula, which is now occupied by another beautiful koala called Lake Private.

The fifth of March, 2011 was one of the saddest shifts

### ***Wendy Mason***

Our grand old sweetheart, you could not help but have a special place in your heart for our Birthday Girl.

One particular morning on entering her yard we found her gone, she had escaped her enclosure and was sitting up high in a tree on the outside of her yard, and I would say quite proud of herself. We could not believe she could escape let alone climb a tree, after years of seeing her hobbling around her yard.

Although she was able to get some speed to her pace when she became aware that we had her formula, maybe there was something in the arthritis treatment.

Now when I walk into Yard 9 there is a feeling of something missing but on remembering why I feel that way a comforting peace settles into me, knowing Birthday Girl is at peace amongst the rainforest spirits. The stories and memories we share will always keep the grand old sweetheart alive in our hearts.

## The Gillispie School Kindergarteners Adopt Aussie Koalas

G'day mates! The Gillispie Kindergarteners have been intrigued by all things Australian this year. They have been busy playing didgeridoos, eating bangers and mash, skyping with Australian schoolmates, and adopting Koalas. In fact, students were extremely motivated to earn some money by doing a few extra chores around their homes recently. That's because the kindergarteners goal was to combine their chore earnings towards "Adopting a Koala" at a New South Wales Koala Hospital in Australia. These students were guided by their Kindergarten teachers, Ms Austin and Ms Pirtle, through this Service Learning Project. By the time a child graduates from Gillispie, he/she will have reached out to a variety of populations—locally, nationally and globally—and will have been exposed to projects ranging from serving lunch to the homeless to caring for animals and the environment.



Not only are the Koalas adorable, but each had a compelling story and something special to teach the children. At school, the children are learned about the various situations which lead Koalas to being rescued and ultimately reintroduced into their natural habitat. Children responded compassionately to the infant Koala joeys whose mother was hit by a car. The fell in love with the two personalities Links VTR and Westhaven Barry.

In support of their chosen Service Learning Project each child had to figure out an extra chore/project at home that they can do to make money. Each child wrote in their journal about what they did to earn the money and submitted it to a collection "basket" in the classroom. The children watched the fund grow as they tallied their money. This was measured daily with markers as a Koala climbed up a eucalyptus tree placed in the classroom. Their contributions came in and when it hit \$50.00—bingo! They met their goal. However that wasn't enough they continued to work until they could adopt two Koalas. At the end of the drive they had filled their Koala journals with a collection of pages showing all the "hard work" that went into the adoption.

### The Service Learning project had several outcomes for the Kindergarteners

1. They learned about wildlife and the compassionate caring for animals.
2. This project tied in with what the children are already learning with respect to the continent of Australia.
3. The children learned about money, adding, and goal setting.
4. They learned about democracy. They decided by vote, on which two Koalas to adopt.
5. Finally, the kids learned (activism) how grouping together supported something they mutually cared about.

### Quotes: How the kindergarteners earned money for the Koalas?

1. Celeste, "I washed the Baby (her baby sister) for money for Koalas!"
2. Rex, "I cleared the table and sorted the laundry basket."
3. Bianca, "Every chore I do is 25 cents for the Koalas."
4. Chase, "I made my bed."
5. Bennett, "I cleaned the floor."
6. Delnaz, "I made the laundry."
7. Several children fed the dog and one child stated that, "I made my sister's bed to earn money for the Koalas."

*The Gillispie School Kindergarten Class—La Jolla, California  
U.S.A.*

*By Kimberly Pavel—Parent Coordinator for Service Learning  
April 2011*

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**Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Elementary School**  
**2nd Annual Adopt-a-Koala Campaign**

During their second annual campaign the third grade students of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Elementary School in Miami-Dade County have raised enough money to adopt five koalas. They were Bermuda Barb, Ocean Kim, Oxley Kaylee, Granite Powerball and Roto Mikki.



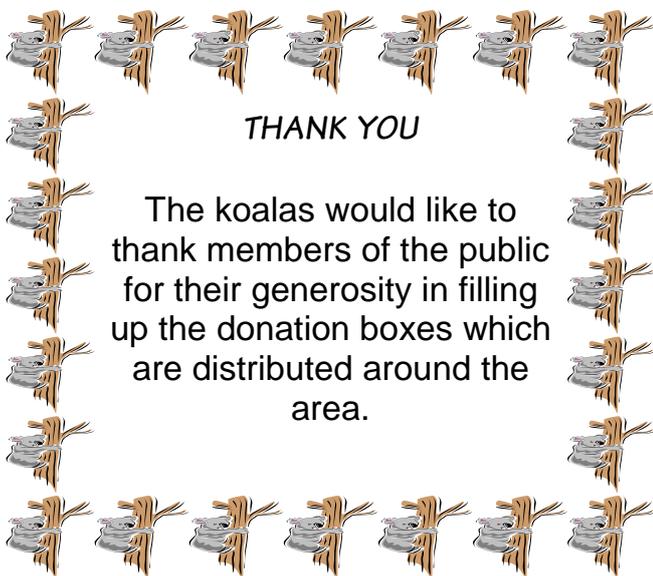
They raised the money selling koala cupcakes and painting t-shirts.



*CHILDREN TO THE RESCUE*

Our ecology consultant is overseas at present and tree planting has been ably taken over by Pamela Gray, with the assistance of another koala hospital volunteer, Steve Dorestein.

This month, 26 students from St Joseph's High School in Port Macquarie, led by Pamela and Steve, helped to plant 23 koala food trees not far from Roto House and the koala hospital. As a number of trees have been removed from this area in the past year, this will be a great boost to the koala population in the area.



**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.

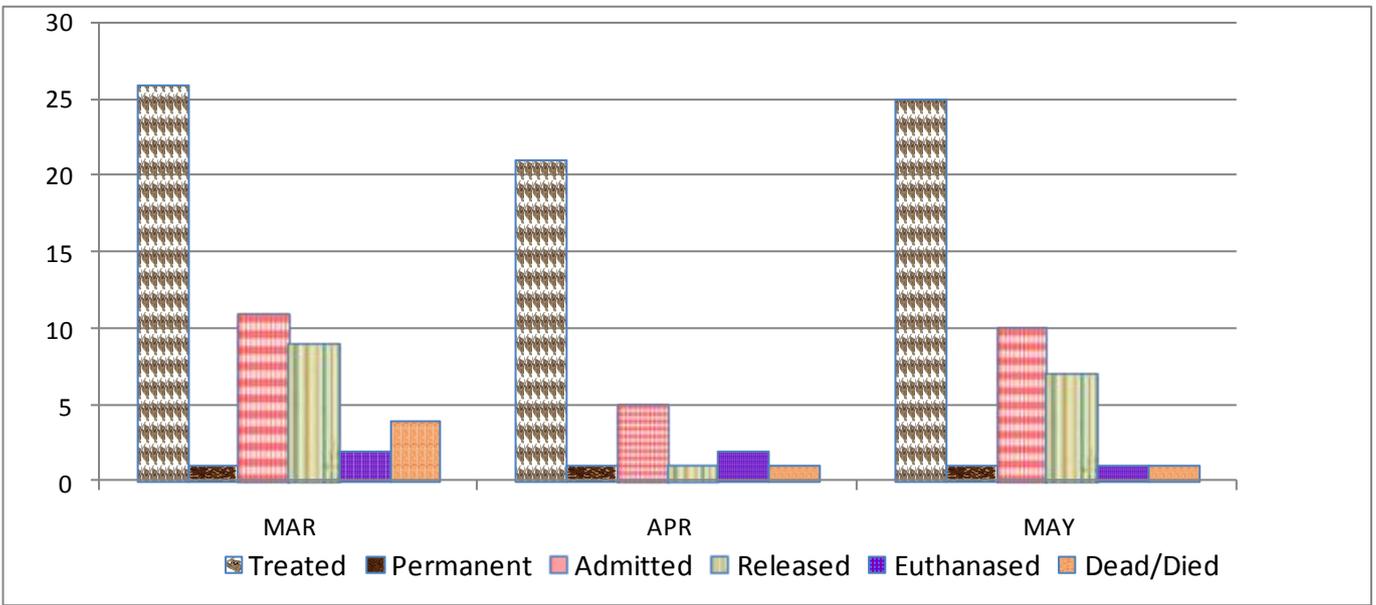
**Volunteers Needed**

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

# Hospital Activity Report



|          |                         |                                       |                     |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 11.07.08 | Westhaven Barry         | Scoliosis of spine                    | Permanent Resident  |
|          | Birthday Girl           | Aged - arthritis of left hip          | Died 06.03.11       |
| 12.03.10 | Emerald Downs Barbara   | Blind R. Eye - limited vision         | Treating            |
| 24.09.10 | Greenmeadows Alex       | Locked right kneecap                  | Treating            |
| 27.10.10 | Lake Cathie Kai         | Dog Attack -                          | Released 19.04.11   |
| 22.11.10 | Dunbogan Dave Joey      | Fell from tree                        | De-humanising       |
| 04.12.10 | Edward Elly Joey        | Abandoned - tick infested - anaemic   | De-humanising       |
| 28.12.10 | Lighthouse Eden Joey    | Abandoned - In yard with dogs         | Released 06.05.11   |
| 28.12.10 | Hill Street Taya Joey   | Abandoned - fell from tree            | Released 06.05.11   |
| 04.01.11 | Tree Tops Annette Joey  | Abandoned - conjunctivitis            | Released 06.05.11   |
| 06.01.11 | Kooloonbung Paula Joey  | Abandoned - tick infested - anaemic   | De-humanising       |
| 27.01.11 | Tree Tops Dreamer       | Conjunctivitis Left Eye               | Released 03.03.11   |
| 28.01.11 | Crescent Head Blinky    | Chlamydia                             | Released 18.03.11   |
| 31.01.11 | Tanilba Bay Brooke Joey | De-humanising                         | Released 14.03.11   |
| 01.02.11 | Lake Private            | Dehydrated, underweight               | Treating            |
| 04.02.11 | Tanilba Bay Jess        | Conjunctivitis                        | Released 14.03.11   |
| 13.02.11 | Hart Shanti             | Conjunctivitis                        | Released 09.03.11   |
| 15.02.11 | Salamander Bay Sophia   | Conjunctivitis                        | Released 02.04.11   |
| 21.02.11 | Armidale Annie          | Conjunctivitis                        | Euthanased 09.04.11 |
| 22.02.11 | Crestwood Matilda Joey  | Abandoned                             | De-humanising       |
| 02.03.11 | Ocean Tuesday           | Low in tree - observation             | Euthanased 15.03.11 |
| 04.03.11 | Roto Randy              | Chlamydia                             | Released 03.05.11   |
| 06.03.11 | Crestwood Spike         | Conjunctivitis                        | Released 15.04.11   |
| 08.03.11 | Roto Les                | Self admission                        | Released 08.03.11   |
| 11.03.11 | General Barney          | Motor Vehicle Accident                | Dead on Arrival     |
| 15.03.11 | Nulla Bor               | In yard with dogs - observation       | Released 16.03.11   |
| 16.03.11 | Oxley Wendy             | Motor Vehicle Accident                | Died 16.03.11       |
| 17.03.11 | Ocean Rodette           | In dangerous area - checked           | Released 17.03.11   |
| 18.03.11 | Waniora Coastline       | Unknown                               | Dead on Arrival     |
| 23.03.11 | Hastings River Dr. Neil | Distressed on main road - observation | Released 25.03.11   |
| 25.03.11 | N.A.T.F. Lin            | Poor condition                        | Treating            |
| 04.04.11 | Pembrook Clinton        | On ground                             | Euthanased 05.04.11 |
| 18.04.11 | Hindman Foxie           | Decomposed condition                  | Dead on Arrival     |
| 20.04.11 | Gunnedah Boof           | Chlamydia, conjunctivitis             | Treating            |
| 24.04.11 | Park Tricia             | Chlamydia                             | Treating            |
| 25.04.11 | Oxley Highway Matt      | Chlamydia                             | Treating            |
| 01.05.11 | Boundary Briana         | Aged - unsteady                       | Euthanased 03.05.11 |
| 02.05.11 | Wiruna Denise           | Possible heart condition - aged       | Died 02.05.11       |
| 06.05.11 | Elizabeth Flats         | Suspect Chlamydia                     | Released 11.05.11   |
| 10.05.11 | Vendul Lorraine         | Chlamydia                             | Treating            |
| 11.05.11 | N.A.T.F. Jethro         | Weight loss, anaemia poor vision      | Treating            |
| 12.05.11 | Acacia Tim              | Conjunctivitis both eyes              | Treating            |
| 14.05.11 | Cairncross Runaway      | Loss of habitat                       | Released 19.05.11   |
| 24.05.11 | Lake Cathie Kai         | Dog Attack -                          | Treating            |
| 25.05.11 | Mareeba Robyn           | In dangerous area - checked           | Released 27.05.11   |
| 26.05.11 | Bonny Hills Helen       | Curled up on ground                   | Treating            |

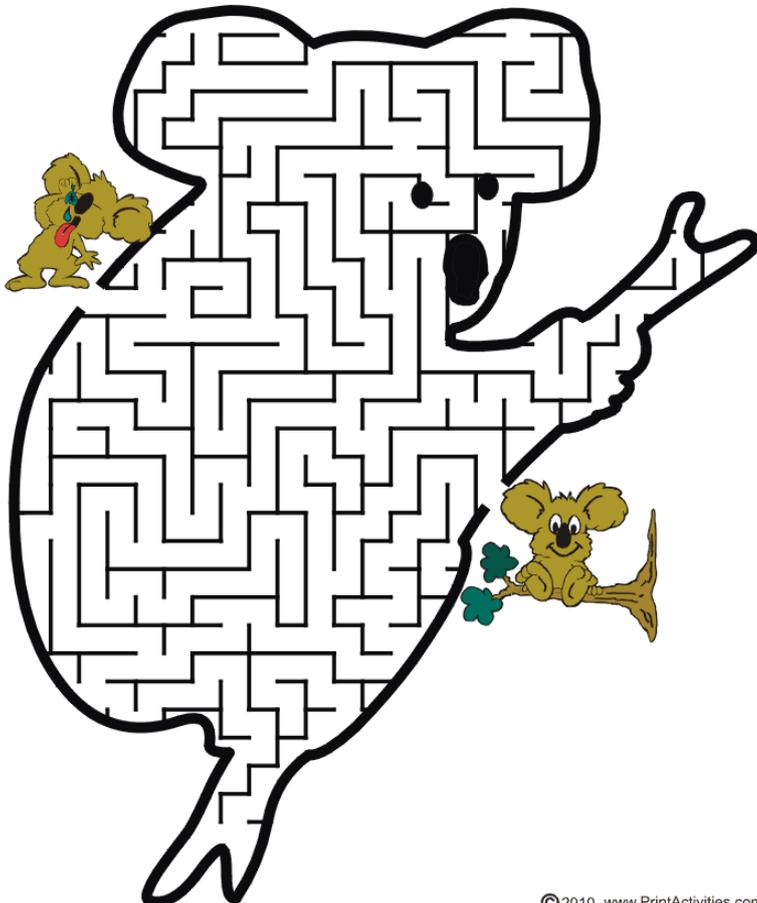


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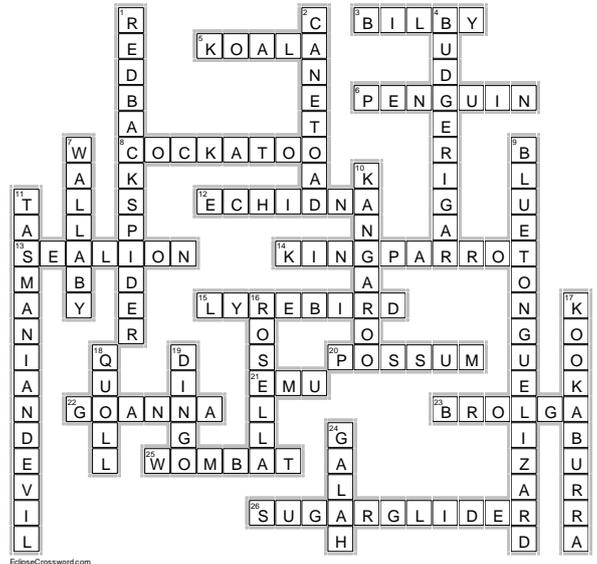
Bruce and Macca are at present involved in helping the animals at risk during a bush fire but will be back with all the details in the September edition of Gum Tips.

## GUM TIPS KIDS' CORNER

Help the sad koala through the koala shaped maze to find its friend



### Solution to Australian Animals Crossword



### Solution to Zoo Animals (Word Scramble)

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Wombat    | 12. Horse     |
| 2. Elephant  | 13. Zebra     |
| 3. Bear      | 14. Lizard    |
| 4. Seal      | 15. Penguin   |
| 5. Camel     | 16. Goat      |
| 6. Dingo     | 17. Monkey    |
| 7. Tiger     | 18. Snake     |
| 8. Koala     | 19. Lion      |
| 9. Dolphin   | 20. Spider    |
| 10. Kangaroo | 21. Giraffe   |
| 11. Hippo    | 22. Crocodile |

## OPEN DAY 2011

The sun shone brightly on the grounds of the koala hospital on Easter Saturday, for our annual open day. Robyne and her team had done a wonderful job organising the many details necessary for the event, and our sincere thanks go to PetStock, who arranged to have Mark Strachan from 2MC conduct his morning radio programme from the hospital. Having heard the ongoing promotion during the preceding weeks on "Strawnie's" show, visitors turned up in droves, ensuring we had our most successful Open Day ever.

There was something for everyone to enjoy; children and adults alike. Stalls included plants, white elephant,



cakes and craft, and the wine raffles which were held continuously during the day inspired many to try their luck hoping to acquire a bottle or two of our local wines. These were generously donated by Bago, Cassegrain and Inneslake vineyards, and were much appreciated.

Face painting for the children is always popular, and the resultant unique designs depicted on their faces by the talented Steven,

were a tribute to the artist, while the jumping castle used up lots of



their surplus energy. Volunteers were kept busy for the adults who needed a tea break, and the kiosk did a roaring trade selling hospital goody bags and souvenirs.

The BBQ was well manned, which was just as well, with so many hungry mouths to feed. Here Kevin has the job well in hand, but Herbie looks a bit doubtful as he surveys the onions. "Are they done yet?" he seems to be saying.



Strawny reigned supreme at his post, aided and abetted by Otto who did a walkabout around the grounds, imploring flustered volunteers to inform visitors over the microphone about their various stalls. Perhaps Peter felt Strawny could do with some supervision, or maybe he was trying to take in some of the better points of radio



announcing with a view to a future career.

True Blue, our lovable mascot, was there to charm everyone, with our founder Jean Starr receiving some very special attention. He



probable realised that without her love and dedication to the koalas, he would not be in attendance today, and the wild koalas released after treatment in the hospital are a testament to the success of her efforts.

During the day, visitors

and volunteers were treated to the voices of the "Sing Australia" choir, which was a highlight in a very successful day for the koala hospital. The money raised will help to carry on the diligent work of the many volunteers, without whose endeavours the plight of our koalas



would be infinitely greater. This picture shows how relaxed the patients are, knowing they are in good hands.

Thanks to all those who contributed towards such a successful outcome.



## *New Members*

Feb—Mar— Apr

Sue  
Tammy  
Vanessa  
Carey  
Erin  
Anja  
Angelique  
Rhonda  
Geoffrey  
Kyah  
Madeleine  
Nellie

Emma  
Christine  
Alexandra  
Geoff  
Steve  
Noel & Susan  
Graeme  
Jennifer  
Logan  
Franziska  
Bettina

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| 17 Jun 11  | Management Meeting  |
| 15 Jul 11  | Management Meeting  |
| 19 Aug 11  | Management Meeting  |
| 21 Aug 11  | GM 3rd Sunday 10 am |
| Sept 11    | Gum Tips            |
| 16 Sept 11 | Management Meeting  |
| 1 Oct 11   | Family Fun Day      |
| 21 Oct 11  | Management Meeting  |
| 18 Nov 11  | Management Meeting  |
| 20 Nov 11  | GM 3rd Sunday 10 am |
| Dec 11     | Gum Tips            |
| 11 Dec 11  | Christmas Lunch     |
| 16 Dec 11  | Management Meeting  |

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