



# Gum Tips

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## Garage Girl



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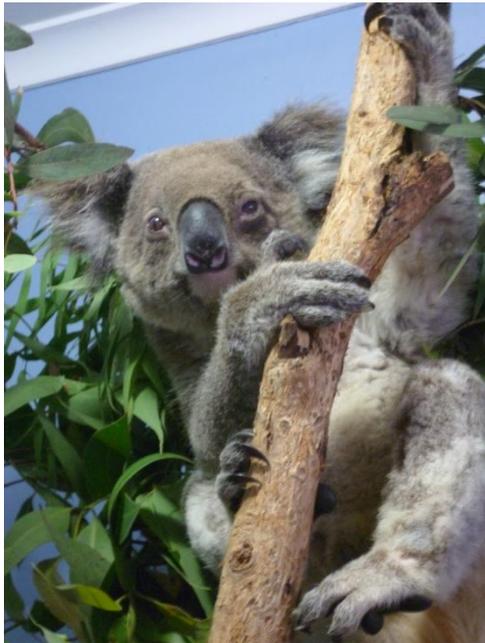
# Garage Girl

## a koala who loves the bright lights



This rather mature female koala certainly does not fit the mould of a “wild” koala in having spent the majority of her life so far living in the CBD (central business district) area of Port Macquarie.

Garage Girl first came to the hospital in 1997 after being found 500 metres from the main street of town in a private garage in a very disoriented state (hence her name). In all other respects she was fit and healthy – the poor young koala was simply struggling to find some decent habitat. As she was so young she was relocated to a safer location with plenty of good trees still within what would be a normal distance for her from her “relatives”.



Some three years later Garage Girl was brought back into the hospital suffering from an early stage Chlamydia infection which thankfully appeared to be successfully treated. She was released back to the same “suitable” habitat which thankfully she had remained in from her previous release.

Her third admission found her back in the CBD again – this time wandering around on the top floor of the central shopping centre carpark. Not a safe place to be for a human let alone a small koala

padding along on the hot concrete surface dodging reversing cars.

It was puzzling for staff as female koalas mostly stay in their home ranges and of course are tolerated by the resident males (for obvious reasons). A wandering female is rather unusual. Young males are the ones who are often found running up roads in distressed states and ending up in “very unkoala –like” places. Once young males are weaned and on their own, they generally are forced to leave the maternal home ranges and end up on the fringes of the koala colony habitat. Consequently they tend to live “under the radar” of the dominant males by moving round in the lesser quality habitat where higher ranking males don’t go to. Young males suffer a high mortality rate because they tend to travel huge distances in their struggle to find somewhere to live. Young urban male koalas get hit by cars and suffer from disease etc as a result.

Garage Girl’s attraction to the bright lights of the CBD is rather unusual for a female koala. In 2008 we were called out to her for the fourth time as she had decided to cross the intersection of Horton and William Street around 9 am – not only is this in the centre of the business/shopping precinct but right when the traffic flow was peaking – there were cars screaming to a halt everywhere. She decided to climb to the top of a large exotic tree right at the traffic lights – good one Garage Girl!!!

When a koala is healthy and the tree has lots of forky branches, catching a koala is not an easy feat. When a crowd of a few hundred people starts to build to watch “the capture” with cameras at the ready, and two Koala Hospital vehicles are partially blocking traffic flow then of course Murphy’s Law says the capture won’t go well.

When a NSW Fire Brigade truck with six burly firemen in full uniform spotted us, pulled up on their way back from a job, parking a Cat 1 tanker with

lights flashing right behind the Koala Ambulance well that's when it all went totally pear shaped. Up went the hydraulic ladder, followed by a big burly fireman carrying a rescue pole and Garage Girl then decided to show everyone how fit she was.

The crowd was huge, the cameras were flashing and we were terrified the local TV and newspaper media were going to arrive to record the whole embarrassing scenario because Garage Girl simply leapt from branch to branch and defied all "professional" attempts to be captured.

After ten minutes of trying we decided to abort the capture before she became distressed. So plan B was instigated and the trap was erected around the tree for a later capture "after hours". The disappointed public went about their business and Garage Girl decided it was a big melodrama over nothing and curled up and went to sleep. (NB: TV and newspaper media arrived about ten minutes after we had all left and were very disappointed to miss the action).



At about 6 pm that night one of the staff drove down to check on the trap and there was Garage Girl sitting peacefully about 1.5 metres above the ground and was unceremoniously captured straight away. She was released in the community reserve about 500 metres away.

In late October 2011 Garage Girl was spotted with an infected eye as she was wandering along the ground heading to a tree by a fireman standing outside the same station that had assisted us two years prior (what is it with this koala and firemen?). When rescuers arrived Garage Girl was already nicely packaged up by the firemen in a big cardboard box and she was then transported up to the hospital.

Garage Girl is currently completing treatment for a Chlamydia infection of the eyes and is doing really well. We are looking to release her in early December.

As Garage Girl has been spotted many times over the last few years in various locations around the CBD we are pretty confident that her No 1 favourite area is the group of trees near the fire station (she must be a sucker for a man in uniform) so that is where she will be returned to.

We are sure Garage Girl will continue to be an attraction to both the locals and visitors to Port Macquarie for some time yet as she is spotted feeding in trees behind the Court House, the Fire Station, Coles Carpark, Telstra depot and busy William Street. It's also interesting to note that she has had a number of joeys over the years with one being weaned from her last year – where do they go and who has sired them? Garage Girl must also have nine lives to have dodged so many hazards for so many years.

She is indeed a city girl at heart.

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## GUM DROPS from KAYLEE

Well now – fancy me being asked to be the local reporter for the Koala Hospital newsletter! I suppose that now I'm recovered so well from the nasty business of having my injured hind leg amputated, they must think it's time for me to get busy and earn my keep with some quality journalism. And here I am with a prime viewing position from the top of my own private gum tree!

I must admit it took me some time to get used to the fact of remaining here at the hospital, perhaps for the rest of my life, especially when my little Twinkles has been settled back out in the bush. But I can climb almost as fast as any four-legged koala now – and I've learned a new trick of balancing myself in the tree by leaning my forehead forward onto a branch and that holds me steady while I sleep. Yes, it's a nice place here, and I do get spoiled so I'm happy to stay.

So, time for some news. It was quite a crowded and busy day here in October when the volunteers had their special Fun Day – there were stalls selling all sorts of things and games and music and two clever artists were painting the kids' faces to look like tigers and spiders and butterflies. Some even had koala faces painted on – very cute, but not as cute as us real ones! I got a shock to see a lady visitor from Uralla with a kangaroo joey in her bag – she was his carer and didn't want to leave him at home while she came to visit us. Our *Cloud* and *Birthday Girl* must have some influence up in koala heaven as the gathering rainstorms held off right until the end when everyone was packing up. A great day for everyone!

That documentary movie they made about the Hospital has been bringing some visitors too. I overheard a nice couple from Belgium telling one of the volunteers that they had already booked their trip to Oz, but when they saw the movie on their local Geographic channel they made sure they did a special side-trip to Port just to see all of us and the good work that goes on here for all the koalas. They left a generous donation – lovely people!

There have been quite a few injured native birds brought into the hospital lately by kind people who found them out in the heat. Most of them went to our friends at FAWNA and we hope they've all recovered. It's good that the public cares enough to bring them in so that we can pass them to FAWNA for the help they need.

That Roto Randy has also been paying me some attention – he's been spending a lot of time in the top of his special trees at the front of the Hospital. I think it's just so that he can see over the roof to get a good look at me. I'll have to keep my eye on him!

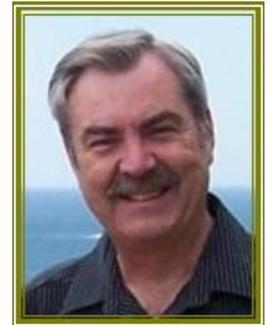
There was a little girl visiting here the other day and she must have been here before 'cause I heard her ask Gwen Scott where *Birthday Girl* was. Gwen replied that *Birthday Girl* had been very old and had gone to the great gum tree in the sky. The little girl looked at Gwen and said, 'You're old too – are you going to go there as well?'

Looks like I'm going to have to look pretty and be on my best behaviour all the time now. There are movie cameras being installed all around the place. Perhaps we're going to be on a new reality show? How exciting! I haven't seen anyone around who looks like a director or a make-up person, though. And now I come to think of it, all the cameras are aimed at the buildings, not at us koalas, so maybe it's just CCTV? Oh well, at least that means security will be top notch now for us and all the volunteers.

Well, it's raining again, so I'll just sit in my gunyah and have a snooze. Talk to you all again soon.

## *from the President's Pen*

This period has been an eventful time at the Koala Hospital. Our lease with National Parks is due to be resigned within the next couple of weeks; if the new 5 year lease is not ready then we continue on a month by month basis until then. It's a pity we don't have our own piece of dirt, but thanks to NPWS for the support that they have given us with their limited resources.



Congratulations to Cheyne Flanagan our Hospital Supervisor for completing the Captive Animal Management – Zookeeping course at Richmond TAFE. Cheyne is now a qualified zookeeper!. We can't wait to see her certificate; a copy will be given a prominent position in the day room. This qualification is an essential part of the process in obtaining an Exhibitors Licence.

Last month's Open Day was a great success thanks to Robyne and our dedicated team of volunteers but also to our supporters who come and help with publicity, entertainment, BBQ and face painting.

Robyne has taken over the Souvenir Kiosk from Hazell who over the last nine years has built it into an important fund raiser toward the work here with the koalas. We are grateful to Hazell for her commitment to the Koala Hospital over so many years.

A new fund raising venture is about to commence with Marilyn Lees heading up the eKiosk. Because we don't receive funding from the government we must raise enough to run the hospital so we are always on the lookout for that much needed support. Keep your eye on our website; it won't be long now before eKiosk appears. Thanks also to Tony Boyd for stepping into I.T. for which our computer users are extremely grateful.

Australian filmmaker Susan Kelly documented wild behaviour and life at the Koala Hospital over 3 years, capturing unprecedented footage of koala communication, dramatic rescues, heartfelt emotion and amusing koala antics. Look out for this wonderful documentary to be shown on National Geographic Wild in December 2011. Thanks Susan.

I wish all our staff, volunteers and supporters a Happy Christmas and we look forward to a bright and prosperous New Year for all.

*Bob Sharpham*  
President

## *Supervisor's Report*



Hospital admissions have been slightly below the norm with October usually the peak month of the year and November thus far also slightly below.

Its been quite pleasing with the large number of successful releases lately and the minimal amounts of koalas not responding to treatment. From a Chlamydia perspective it seems to be another "eye" year versus a wet bottom year. Again we have had some excellent successes in this area particularly Gunnedah Blossom who came to us with an advanced case of eye disease and was also in very poor condition. We certainly sent this koala back with not only sparkling eyes but she gained 1.5 kgs in weight and looked a picture.

We seem to be getting more and more koalas from out of area these days notably from the New England and North West regions plus from our colleagues in the Hunter area. All of these koalas respond very well to the local leaf and its very satisfying to send koalas back fit healthy, and well.

Having recently signed off on behalf of the Koala Hospital to work alongside the University of Sydney's research team for another four years is quite exciting. The next lot of projects will be looking at four more drugs and their route of administration plus dose levels. So expect to see PhD students working again at the hospital next year.

Our proposal to hold a two day National Koala conference in 2013 seems to be very positive. The feedback thus far from both the academic and wildlife community has been excellent with everyone so far saying they will attend. All we need now is to finalise the date in May 2013 sometime and to finalise the venue etc.

Thanks to Barb and Geoff Barrett we now have a therapeutic ultrasound machine they kindly donated which we are hoping to use on muscle trauma patients here when required.

The plans for redesigning the yards for the rehabilitation and exhibited areas has been completed so hopefully we will be commencing work on this in the new year.

Finally I now can say I am a qualified zookeeper through Richmond TAFE's course. This is the major requirement for the exhibited licence application and one of the reasons it has been held up for so long.

We also now have a good team of recently fully accredited bushfire rescuers. Hopefully we won't be needing them this summer with the way the rain keeps falling down. Nonetheless we only need to have a dry period of a month or so and conditions can then change dramatically. Fingers crossed.

Its good to see that the National Geographic documentary is starting to give the koalas a lot more exposure worldwide so we are hoping it will do great things for both awareness of the problems facing koalas and also to assist us in our work.

Plenty of volunteers on deck at the moment with everyone working really well. The overseas volunteer programme is so popular we are booked out in 2012 and already have three bookings for 2013.

Finally would like to say on behalf of the koalas a very big "thankyou" to all the staff for their amazing work over the last 12 months. We say it every year.....

Without all of you this hospital would simply not exist. Well done!

# WHAT A KOALA PATIENT SEES AT THE KOALA HOSPITAL

**6 am:** The leaf collector gathers up his extendable cutting poles, hard hat, clippers, and heads off in the truck to search for a variety of fresh eucalypt species to feed the sick koalas. On the dashboard is a list of the species of eucalypt to collect for that day – different koalas require different eucalypts.

**7 am:** The Team Leader arrives to open up the Hospital and prepare for the arrival of the volunteer team. The team leader does a quick inspection of all the patients to make sure all is well. The koalas begin to stir at the movement sensing fresh food is not far off.

**7.30 am to 4.30 pm:** The hospital kiosk opens for business selling souvenirs, drinks and photographs. The kiosk volunteer is also responsible for taking all incoming calls during the day plus chats to the large number of visitors who arrive.

**7.30 – 8 am:** Both the volunteer staff and the Supervisor arrive to start the days duties. The team leader allocates to each volunteer various yards to clean. The volunteer administers a special milk formula to koalas that require it. The koalas become quite active pacing up and down their gunyahs - “food” is on the way!! The volunteers take time out to talk through the fence to the many visitors about the koalas in the Hospital.

The Supervisor checks the status of the koalas from the day before, looking at leaf consumption, urine and faecal output over the last twenty four hours, and whether there is improvement in each koala patient.

Treatments of all the koalas begin. Medications are given, weights are taken where necessary, injuries are bathed and treated, physiotherapy is done, eyes are bathed and treated etc., with all clinical data recorded on each individual koalas charts.

If time permits, the morning shift will sit down for a quick cuppa, biscuit and chat before getting back to their duties.

**10.30 am – 12 pm:** The morning shift has been completed, with all the koalas fed, new fresh leaf placed in containers, yards and units cleaned, and all koalas requiring treatment have been attended to. The morning shift signs off and head home.

Not all volunteers work directly with the koalas. Very important jobs such as tree planting throughout the district, visits to schools and groups by the education team who conduct talks on koalas also occurs. Other volunteers run stalls in town raising money for the hospital or sitting at displays talking to the public. There is also a very busy team “behind the scenes” doing computer work, data entry and dealing with the large number of people wishing to “adopt a wild koala”.

**10 am till 12pm:** If a koala requires further examination or treatment under anaesthetic, they are first given a “pre med” whilst the clinic area is setup with ultrasound, anaesthetic machine, heat pad, and any other diagnostic tools that may be required. There is a small team of trained “anaesthetists” who take turns monitoring the koala whilst the supervisor undertakes the necessary procedures. Once underway the koala is blissfully unaware of being examined with an ultrasound probe, blood and other samples taken, Chlamydia swabs done of their urogenital tracts, or any painful wounds cleaned and re-banded where required. The koala is then gently slowly woken up post treatment and left in a covered basket (“the recovery ward”) to fully recover before being returned to the intensive care units.

If a koala requires a radiograph (X ray) or surgery they are usually booked into the Port Macquarie Veterinary Hospital and taken down later in the morning to be assessed and treated.

Even though most rescue calls occur at night, often in the middle of the daily duties the phone will ring for an urgent rescue of a koala hit by a motor vehicle or attacked by a dog. Other times a caller has observed a koala with diseased eyes or stained rump indicating chlamydial infection. Immediately the team leader or the supervisor will organize some of our trained personnel to go out and rescue the koala. Occasionally a member of the public will actually bring in an injured or sick koala (something we don't usually encourage as the kind person is often covered in scratches and bites from the distressed koala!!!),

The koala is then admitted, examined, assessed and treated before being placed in one of the ICU units to recuperate after one of the team has prepared the unit with fresh leaf, clean gunyah and all the comforts of home. Seriously ill koalas requiring "round the clock" care are usually transferred to the home of one of our specially trained home carers for the night.

Once all the "koala work" is done, the Supervisor attends to the necessary administrative paperwork, emails, report writing and data that assists in the running of the Hospital. Sometimes the supervisor has the unpleasant but necessary duty of conducting a post mortem on a koala patient who has died during the night or one which has been brought in DOA (dead on arrival). Most of the koala patients who die are packed up and sent by refrigerated courier to the Department Veterinary Pathology at the University of Sydney for post mortem. The post mortem work is a vital part of not only understanding koala disease but to ascertain cause of death in patients whose history is unknown.

**2.30 pm:** The afternoon team leader arrives to prepare the formulas and set up for the afternoon team's shift. The volunteers water the eucalypt leaf, feed any formulas required, bring in the washing, sweep and wash floors and give the place a general tidy up.

**3 pm:** The daily "walk and talk" programme commences, with a volunteer guide taking all visitors around the perimeter of the Hospital grounds, explaining the reasons for the koalas being in the Hospital, the history of the Hospital and answering any general questions from the

audience. Volunteers are also available to talk to the many visitors and feed the koalas.

**4.30 – 5pm:** All the work in the Hospital is completed for the day, patients are checked, the Hospital is locked and shut down for the night, and the staff go home.

**4.30 pm:** the main phone line at the hospital is then switched over to the rostered night duty phone person located in their own home who receives all calls including rescues, enquiries and overseas contacts.

**4.30 pm:** The rostered night rescue team come on duty to handle all rescues that may occur during the night. Any koala requiring treatment during the night is taken either to a specific trained home carer or the vet on call is woken to deal with the koala.

Then next morning it all begins again .....every day has a new story to tell.





# GUM TIPS KIDS' CORNER



## *The Adventures of Bruce and Macca*

Bruce and Macca were very happy. Their new home, a little south of Port Macquarie, was so peaceful and it was wonderful to relax in a eucalyptus, knowing that they were safe.



George the galah and Jack the corella and their families were close by, with many of the other animals who had made the perilous journey from their previous unsafe habitat.

They had also recently been joined by some young koalas who had been released from the koala hospital. Knowing that the hospital felt this to be an appropriate place to relocate these animals to begin a new life made Bruce and Macca feel even more secure.

They felt that, with Christmas fast approaching, it would be nice to have a festive get-together with all the animals, to celebrate their good fortune and get to know their neighbours a little better.



Bruce and Macca asked George and Jack to let as many of the animals nearby know about the party.

It was decided to hold it at dusk so that the nocturnal animals would be just getting active, and the daytime ones would be still awake.

"We'll need to get help from some of the others", said Macca, "We really are not sure of what kind of food we should serve". "Well", said Bruce, "Perhaps the best idea would be to ask everyone to bring their own. That way, we'd be able to keep them all fed and happy".



And so, one late afternoon at the beginning of December, the animals and birds from all around

the area, gathered together in a clearing in the bush to celebrate the start of a new, safe life.



It was a wonderful event, with the revelry lasting well into the night. A few other koalas who were located nearby, joined in the merriment, pleased to be part of a larger family.

Bruce and Macca have found partners, and hope in the near future to help establish a new koala colony in this sanctuary and we wish them all the best, and a good life ahead.

## Merry Christmas to All



## Mumbo Jumbo

Unscramble each of the clue words.  
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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MOSEDAY

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Mumbo Jumbo 24 - [www.WuzzlesandPuzzles.com](http://www.WuzzlesandPuzzles.com)

## Math Challenge 20

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.

Each number is only used once.  
Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation.

Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

	X		/		12
+		+		-	
	+		+		15
-		-		+	
	X		+		16
1		13		7	

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## Solutions

Solution to Mumbo Jumbo:

Poodle  
Samoyed  
Dalmation  
Labrador  
Beagle

Final Message: Dog Breeds

Solution to Math Challenge

	7		13		1
16	9	+	1	X	7
	+		-		-
15	4	+	6	+	5
	-		+		+
12	2	/	8	X	3



THANK YOU

The koalas would like to thank

- local businesses for looking after the donation boxes; and
- members of the public for their generosity in filling up the donation boxes.

## *BARRY'S ADVENTURES IN WANDERLAND.*

Barry was so bored! An adventurer at heart, he was sitting in one of the trees in Yard 9, as high as he could climb. He was desperate to escape the monotony of life with koalas who were satisfied with the mundane daily incidents of the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital.

Then he spied Bea from Switzerland, who visits the hospital regularly. It is classified information as to how he managed to disappear again as he does not divulge his escape methods, but Bea was most surprised when he joined her on her return to Switzerland shortly after.

She was enjoying a weekend in Engadin, sitting beside the lake of Silvaplana, contemplating climbing one of the beautiful snowy mountains nearby, when he arrived. Barry prefers climbing trees to climbing



mountains, so they had a beer at “the last beer stop before heaven”, which is the highest brewery in Europe, before doing some sightseeing on a mountain bike.

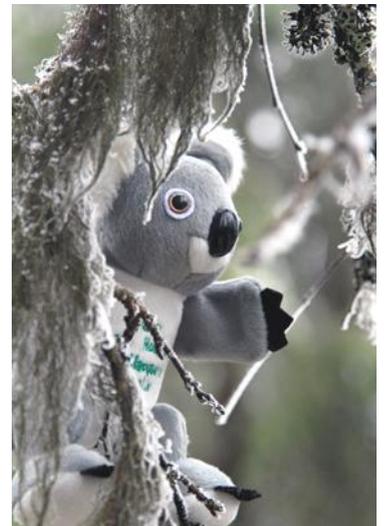


An exhausted little koala was seen next by Margaret, recuperating on a canal boat on the Thames at



Windsor in England. He was most disappointed when the Queen did not come down to meet him, although the flag flying on the castle ramparts showed she was in residence at the time.

Feeling most disgruntled, he took off across the North Sea to Finland. It was only by chance that he was spotted by Susanne as he was effectively camouflaged in the grey and white tree moss growing in the Finnish Lapland. It was believed he was secretly trying to find Santa and his elves in order to get a glimpse of his Christmas presents. Poor old Santa would have a job delivering presents to Barry. He would never know where to find him!



The cold weather was certainly different from his semi-tropical climate in Australia, and was perhaps not to his liking, so a continent later he turned up in Africa. He was warmly welcomed by a family in Nairobi, who took him on safari. Barry was very impressed by the animals, as they were nothing like any he'd seen in Australia. He especially liked the zebras, who he thought were horses that had been painted with stripes to attract more visitors. Rita thinks that she left Barry with the family, but she doesn't know our worldly traveller very well, does she?



perhaps comparing it to the Swiss beer he had tried in Europe.

After a quick stop in Shinjuku, he realised he was almost a hop, skip and jump from home, and he needed a break from foreign soil, so when he met up with Bea again on a flight to Australia, he decided to show her what our own mountains are like. There seemed no better place than the highest point in Australia, on Mount Kosciuszko, where he thought Bea would feel right at home among the snow capped mountains.



He had been bitten by the climbing bug, and since he had had time to rest, it was off to China, where he joined up with Sandy on her walk along the Great Wall. The wall segments were built long ago by various dynasties to protect China's northern boundaries, but it takes more than a stone wall to

keep our intrepid little koala out. According to legend, a helpful dragon traced out the course of the Great Wall for the workers. In case he should still be around, Barry took off in a hurry, stopping off at the Beijing silk markets, and going from



there to Tokyo, and a trip on the aerial lift known as the Hakone Ropeway. There are views to Mount Fuji from it, but Barry was not quite ready for more mountains at this time, and decided a nice cool beer was a better option. A visit to Osaka with Patricia found him sampling the Japanese beer there, and



He left her there and arrived in Sydney to pay a visit to the aquarium. He was fascinated by the sharks, which was where Natalie found him but he soon disappeared, being a little worried about the ferocious looking teeth.

Not wanting to be on a shark's menu reminded him of the appetising menu at the koala hospital, so he reappeared there at feeding time one day and settled back into his old routine.

### **BUT FOR HOW LONG?**

This issue's winners:

- Rita Barda - Zebras in Nairobi
- Sandy Swerdlo – Great Wall of China

**Adopt**

**Crestwood Matilda**



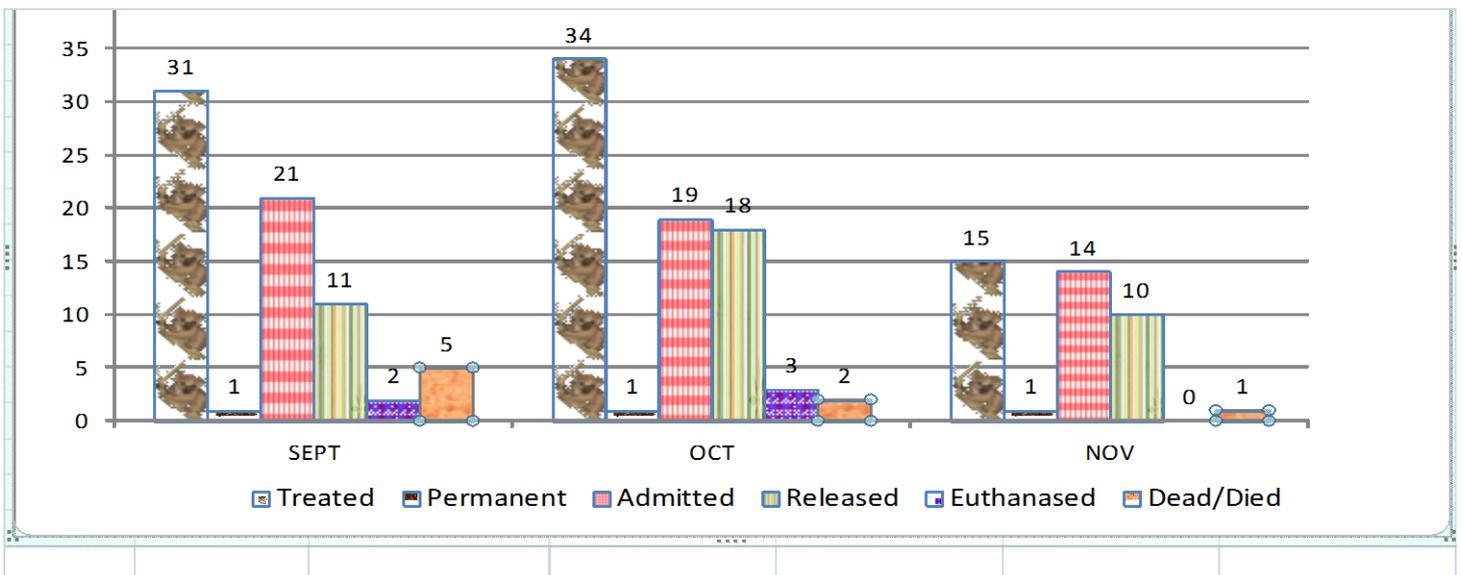
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# Hospital Activity Report



Admission	Name	Reason	Result
11.07.08	Westhaven Barry	Scoliosis of spine	Permanent Resident
26.09.09	Oxley Hwy Kaylee	Hind leg injury	Treating
12.03.10	Emerald Downs Barbara	Blind R. Eye - limited vision	Treating
22.11.10	Dunbogan Dave - Joey	Fell from tree	Released 28.10.11
04.12.10	Edward Elly - Joey	Abandoned - tick infested - anaemic	De-humanising
06.01.11	Koolonbung Paula - Joey	Abandoned - tick infested - anaemic	Released 28.10.11
01.02.11	Lake Private	Dehydrated, underweight	Treating
22.02.11	Crestwood Matilda -Joey	Abandoned	Released 28.10.11
09.07.11	Uralla Bailey	Severe Conjunctivitis both eyes	Released 19.10.11
16.07.11	Armidale Mack	Conjunctivitis both eyes	Died 05.09.11
16.07.11	Armidale Rea	Joey in for de-humanising	Released 05.09.11
24.07.11	Jonas Barrington	Debilitated	Released 31.08.11
12.08.11	Lake Cathie Gower	Chlamydia	Released 23.09.11
20.08.11	Koorong Jezabel	Conjunctivitis	Released 06.10.11
27.08.11	Nulla Bor	Dog Attack -	Euthanased 09.09.11
31.08.11	Bonny Hills Seafront	Found on ground - moribund	Died 04.09.11
31.08.11	Lighthouse Wilson	In Yard with dogs - checked	Released 31.08.11
04.09.11	R.T.A. Danno	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 07.09.11
05.09.11	N.A.T.F Maurice	left hind leg dislocation	Treating
05.09.11	Hastings River Dr. Jim	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 20.10.11
05.09.11	Gunnedah Blossom	Chlamydia	Released 19.10.11
05.09.11	Armidale Toby (joey)	Reared in home care	Released 19.10.11
06.09.11	Gordon John	Possible Motor vehicle accident	Released 09.09.11
07.09.11	Findlay Xena (Joey)	790 gms, severe concussion + bruising	Home Care
07.09.11	Smokey Cape Penny	Motor Vehicle Accident	Died 03.10.11
08.09.11	Pacific Hwy Truck	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
10.09.11	Lake Julius	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
11.09.11	Munster Tahlia	In dangerous area - checked	Released 12.09.11
12.11.09	Montague Richard	Found on beach - checked	Released 12.09.11
16.09.11	Navigator Sabina	In Yard with dogs - checked	Released 16.09.11
17.09.11	O'Briens Blake	On road - checked	Released 19.09.11
18.09.11	Shelly Flanagan	Low in tree, prolific ticks laboured breathing	Released 20.09.11
19.09.11	Cathie Bravo	Chlamydia	Released 16.11.11
19.09.11	Jonas Barrington	Limping	Treating
21.09.11	Marsden Jamie	Running around C.B.D. - checked	Released 23.09.11
22.09.11	Treeview Cheryl	On roof of house - checked	Released 23.09.11
22.09.11	Oxley Thrum	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
27.09.11	Yarra Shirley	In pool area = checked	Released 08.11.11
07.10.11	Oxley Ian	Sitting on ground - checked	Released 07.10.11
08.10.11	Newport Bridge Gloria	On Hastings River Drive - checked	Released 09.10.11

08.10.11	Tasman Maggie & may	In Mango tree for 2 days - checked	Released 11.10.11
08.10.11	Tilpa Tilly	On Ground	Euthanased 17.10.11
10.10.11	Kamona Andre	Injury to left hind leg	Treating
10.10.11	Ocean Bell	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
12.10.11	Gordon Tony	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 12.10.11
17.10.11	Emily Andrew	On fence with dogs - checked	Released 17.10.11
18.10.11	Gordon Dunny	On busy road - checked	Released 19.10.11
19.10.11	Armidale Kelly	Armidale Kelly	Treating
19.10.11	Curlewis Jacky	Found without mother	Treating
19.10.11	Black Mountain Heather	Conjunctivitis both eyes	Treating
20.10.11	Ashdown Cathie	Knocked out of tree by garbage truck	Released 25.10.11
21.10.11	Pacific Maz	In yard with dogs - checked	Released 22.10.11
22.10.11	Kennedy Wade	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 22.10.11
24.10.11	Grant Howard	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 28.10.11
27.10.11	Pacific Louise	Loss of habitat	Released 28.10.11
27.10.11	Bellangary Aeryn	Loss of habitat	Released 28.10.11
28.10.11	Garage Girl	Conjunctivitis left eye	Released 28.11.11
04.11.11	Waratah Luka	In yard with dogs = checked	Released 05.11.11
04.11.11	Oxley Hwy Matt	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
05.11.11	Pacific Flynnns	Suspect chlamydia	Released 10.11.11
06.11.11	Cross St. Fran	Suspect conjunctivitis	Released 14.11.11
12.11.11	Kulai Phil	Dog Attack -	Died 15.11.11
14.11.11	Anna Bay Eli	Orphan - home reared	De-humanising
16.11.11	Ocean Harley	Infection left cheek	Treating
17.11.11	Emerald Downs Dicky	Injured knee - old injury	Released 17.11.11
18.11.11	Amethyst Gem	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 22.11.11
22.11.11	Merrigal Flick - Joey	Curled up on ground	Home Care
22.11.11	Hudson Libby	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 24.11.11
24.11.11	Yarrabee Scott	Chlamydia	Treating
26.11.11	Kulganni Boy	Possible fall from tree	Treating



# FAMILY FUN DAY

Thanks to all the koala hospital supporters, the overcast sky did not prevent a great outcome for the Family Fun Day held at the hospital on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October this year.

Collective volunteer breaths were held as the morning began with the threat of rain; however everyone carried on with their allotted assignments, hoping for a turn in the weather.

As the showers continued to hold off, families began arriving, perhaps taking advantage of the dry skies before they opened up.

With an array of stalls and entertainment available, all visitors were catered for. There was face painting, games and a puppet show for the children, with Troppo Bob the magician being an immense hit with everyone, including the adults! His balloon tying techniques were admired by all, and the balloons greatly prized by the children who acquired one.



As usual, the volunteers manning the BBQ were kept energetically engaged feeding the masses, and did a brisk trade all day. There must be some hidden talent among the cooks there, as the food was very appetising!

During the day, musical entertainment was provided by the Marc Clapton Band, who performed various types of numbers for our pleasure.



For the adults, there were cake and craft stalls, plants and books, and the white elephant stall was always busy, with buyers browsing for bargains. Morning tea was available, and was very popular with thirsty visitors.

The wine raffles held throughout the day meant that lots of happy winners would be looking forward to sampling their prizes later on, and the main raffle was drawn at the close of the day's activities



Birthday Girl and her friends in the great eucalyptus forest in the sky held the rain off long enough for the koala hospital to benefit from a very successful Family Fun Day.

Thank you Robyne, and her hard working crew from all the koalas.



Aug – Sept – Oct - Nov

Alexia	Anney Lee	Astrid
Laura	Cherie	Pamela
Linda	Claire	Kirra
Julie	Adrian	Tamara
Courtenay	Mitchell	Alex
Susan	Karen	Michelle
Michey	Susan	Tschanz
Kitty	Helene	Celia
Zsuzsanna	Akiko	David
Jacqueline	Oliver	

### 2011 Calendar

11 Dec 11 Christmas Lunch  
 16 Dec 11 Management Meeting

(Please check before attending as these dates may change.)

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