



Gum Tips

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Koala Hospital Port Macquarie

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Tobey Place Steve



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TOBEY PLACE STEVE

It is heart warming to know that there are so many humans living in koala habitat who treat their furry neighbours as “one of their own”. It was because of this that a family noticed “their” koala was having great difficulty in negotiating the trees in their front yard. Staff from the hospital attended the scene a number of times but were unable to capture the koala as he was so high in the tree. We could see that he was indeed struggling to move. First thoughts were that he had fractured a hind leg as the left hind leg was indeed hanging down at a very odd angle.

After a number of failed attempts at capture of this koala, staff went to Plan B – contacting our intrepid tree climber extraordinaire Peter Berecry “the Port Tree Fella” who has helped us many times to capture injured koalas that were too high in trees (see Gum Tips issue re Birthday Girl capture etc) . For example, Peter assisted us to capture one of the radio collared female koalas we had been radio tracking for 9 months. When we decided that it was time to remove the collar and set her free she kept eluding us!! As the location was so remote (see previous article in gum Tips 2011) It also required four wheeled drive vehicles and about half an hour of pretty rough driving off a back road to even get to the site where she was. It must have been a funny sight seeing the koala ambulance covered in mud way out in the bush with a telemetry antennae hanging out the window as we tried to pick up her collar signals!!! Consequently it was a joint effort between Peter climbing above this koala and us manoeuvring from below that enabled us to capture her, examine her, weigh her and remove her collar before releasing her back into the same tree (we might add the look on her face said “what was that all about?”).

So back to Tobey Place Steve and Plan B.....



Peter climbed the tree with the intention of

positioning himself above the koala and then guiding him slowly down to us using a pole. Unfortunately Tobey Place Steve was so frightened he wobbled his way right to the end of a branch some 30 metres above the ground. As he appeared weak we were all quite afraid he may fall.



So we went to Plan C.....

As it was impossible to capture this koala by conventional means we were very grateful for Peter to disappear and reappear some 30 minutes later with his new toy, a “tower” which looks like a large mechanical crouching spider on



crawler tracks and then amazingly it opens up into a hydraulically driven elevated work platform. Definitely something out of Star Wars!!! As there was only one of our staff game enough go up with Peter in this tower, he was all harnessed up,



clipped in and up they went very high into the canopy foliage of the tree.



As Tobey Place Steve was so frightened, it was all done very slowly and quietly. Eventually the koala was grabbed and bagged and brought back



down to the ground. After a big thank you to Peter (which included a very nice alcoholic donation all wrapped up from the homeowner) we headed back to the hospital.

When we examined the koala on arrival we felt that it may not be a fractured hind leg after all but another

problem quite common in male koalas – something we nickname a “dicky knee”. This is where some sort of penetrating injury occurs to the stifle joint (the koala equivalent of a knee as they do not have a knee cap) that ends up very infected and very painful. The injury/infection results in arthritic changes in the joint and it often becomes ankylosed (locked in place) which gives the koala minimal use for the long term.

The following day Tobey Place Steve was radiographed (X ray) at the Port Macquarie Veterinary Hospital and this indeed confirmed our initial findings.

So then it became Plan D.....

Tobey Place Steve has been placed on two very good target antibiotics to hopefully arrest any further infection and all being well it should resolve it all together. It is highly likely he will end up with a permanent limp but for an animal that requires very powerful forelimbs for climbing, and hindlimbs more as support and lift – especially as his other hind leg is normal, he should be fit and ready to go back to his home range in the not too distant future.

At the time of writing this article Tobey Place Steve was already placing weight on the affected limb and the swelling had reduced remarkably.

It's great news when a lot of caring people and a lot of amazing modern technology combine to successfully help a wild koala to be made well and to restore his position back in koala society.



RECIPES REQUIRED



The Koala Hospital is putting together a recipe book to be released for sale to coincide with our 40th anniversary. In 2013.



Do you have a favourite recipe? Send it to recipe@koalahospital.org.au, post it to PO Box 236, Port Macquarie NSW 2444 or place it in the box provided at the Koala Hospital.



Recipes for main meals, cakes, desserts, biscuits, savouries, pet treats, etc.—all welcome.





IN AID OF KOALA CONSERVATION

I am a koala, I sit up in my tree,
Look down upon the ground where my homeland used to be,
Where once were trees and bushland I just see urban sprawl,
And it makes me wonder, what's the future of it all.



Koalas are 'cuddly', koalas are 'cute',
Sleep most of the day, don't drive about in utes,
Don't form any councils or keep no vicious pets,
In fact the kind of animal it's easy to forget.

We are a national emblem, you'll see us on a flag,
Or as a cuddly toy or even on a badge,
And if things don't change dramatically, one thing that's also true,
Is the only place you'll see us is in the local zoo.



People need their homes, we all know that is true,
And koalas in their trees also need theirs too,
We must learn how to compromise, just learn how to share,
Or show future generations that we really didn't care.

By two thousand and twenty we could all be extinct,
Isn't that just something to make you sit and think,
From all of the statistics, they think that it's for sure,
You'll be part of the problem if you aren't part of the cure.



So join your local wildlife group, help us plant new trees,
Petition local government to aid conservatory,
Be mindful of koalas when out walking with your pet,
Don't let us be the animal we'd all rather forget.

Dave Norman—July 2009

Amazing! Did you know that elephants only sleep about 2 hours each night? That's a big difference from our koalas, who spend around 18 to 20 hours snoozing.

Did you know that the koala has fingerprints very similar to those of humans? Even under a microscope it is difficult to tell the difference.

Adopt

William Krystal



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GUM DROPS from KAYLEE

'Is it real?' I heard a lady visitor ask one of our kiosk volunteers the other day. She was pointing up at Roto Randy who had parked himself for the day in the tree right beside the kiosk porch. Sitting there, sound asleep, looking all cute and cuddly and not moving a muscle so that the lady thought he was a toy. I mean, really! He is such a show-off!

I must admit, though, that I do a bit of showing off myself when the opportunity arises. After all, being a koala with only three legs allows me some latitude for self-expression! One windy afternoon recently I took it into my head to sample some of the new juicy tips at the end of a thin branch of my tree. Rather than walk along the top of the branch I swung down below it and climbed along paw-over-paw, hanging upside-down. It was easy, even in the wind, but I could see a couple of the volunteers on the ground gasping with horror and covering their eyes. As if I would fall? Just for a lark I do the same trick on the horizontal bar in my gunyah sometimes. Unfortunately, someone referred to me doing my 'monkey tricks'. Pffff!

Talking of arboreal acrobatics, those two little males in yard 6 are very adventurous and I see the volunteers smiling as the joeys practice their tree-climbing skills and clown around.

'Can humans eat eucalyptus leaf?' is another question I heard a visitor ask. (I'd like to see them try!). And, 'The koalas are so slow and sleepy – are they drunk on the effects of eucalyptus?'. Thank goodness we have clever walk-and-talk guides to explain that this is a myth and that the lack of nutrient in gum leaves gives us a slow metabolism which is why we sleep so much.

A nice young couple came to the hospital one Sunday recently. They were from Sydney and have been adopting Parkwood Lilli for about five years. I heard them tell a volunteer that while they were disappointed not to see her here, they thought that I had made their first visit here totally worthwhile. It's so gratifying to have adoring admirers!

Other keen visitors that I overheard were from Switzerland and had just come to Port after visiting the Otway National Park in Victoria. They were thrilled to see lots of free-range koalas in the bush there and that's where they heard about KPS and so came to see me – I mean, us – all of us here in Port. They thought the information they learned in the walk-and-talk was really interesting. Another young lady who had seen me in our documentary film on Foxtel came all the way from Victoria, where she helps with the Tassie Devil Ark breeding program, just to say hello and told me she was so relieved to see me looking so beautiful and well. I could hear it all day!

I'm afraid I was a bit mean to Jessie, a Sydney University work-experience student who spent a few days here recently: I grunted at her when she changed my leaf and she thought I was cranky. She is a lovely girl and a great worker so I hope she doesn't bear me a grudge. That Westhaven Barry is the one who is rude to visitors. He sits up in his tree ignoring everyone until they all gather round to see him get fed – then he comes down for his formula and turns his back to everyone while he drinks it. So unfriendly when the visitors are here to admire us!

I heard a visitor from Belgium ask a volunteer, 'What's a jellybean?' He had heard during the talk that when baby koalas are first born they are about the size of a jellybean, but had never heard of one. The volunteer suggested he look on the lolly rack at the supermarket to see if he recognised them. Maybe they don't have jellybeans in Belgium?

That family of Tawny Frogmouths that live in the tree near yard 9 have been popular with the visitors and the volunteers this year – the three new babies all seem to have grown and fledged and found their way out into the world. Nice to share our lovely bushy spot with such handsome creatures.

Do you remember that our lovely Supervisor, Cheyne, won The Port Macquarie News-St George Bank award for best employee of the year a while ago? Well, it seems she's claiming her prize soon and is off to the US of A to visit with our documentary film-maker, Susan, and her husband, Tim, who live in Washington. She seems to be really excited about seeing some bears over there – they surely can't be more interesting than her koala mates here! Bon voyage, Cheyne! Don't forget to bring me a souvenir.

Mumbo Jumbo

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

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Supervisor's Report



The last three months have been very busy with lots of admissions mostly of chlamydial origin. As the weather has been so mild we have not had any issue with hot dehydrated koalas over the summer period and thankfully no bushfires. Unfortunately we have had a number of koalas hit by cars which is not good. Some have been successfully released but a lot unfortunately just haven't made it as their injuries have just been too severe.

Our recent purchase of an oxygen concentrator (which draws in oxygen from the surrounding air) has been such a bonus. This concentrator only became possible due to the wonderful fundraising efforts of the local Rotary group who presented us with a lovely cheque to purchase this machine. We can now administer good percentages of straight oxygen to koalas suffering from shock, head trauma or debilitated for as long a period as the koala requires. The koalas mostly tolerate the mask quite well and it seems to aid a quicker recovery. We also use the concentrator after we have finished an anaesthetic procedure to give the recovering koala a good dose of oxygen to help them wake up quicker.

Visitors to the Koala Hospital will see a sparkling new outdoor facility shortly as the work on re-designing the external fences and the internal yards is being completed. The new fencing system will be much more user friendly, it will allow for better air flow, and will allow for better use of the existing amount of land.

As we have enjoyed a close working relationship with The Hunter Koala Society, Port Stephens and Native Animal Trust Fund from Newcastle we still take on caring of their sick, injured and orphaned koalas when they are overloaded with admissions. We currently have three patients from "down south" in care here at the moment and are more than happy to help out any organisation anywhere in NSW if they are in trouble.

The National Geographic documentary on the Koala Hospital is still being shown in many countries and will be aired in the USA from March 17th. We have had a huge amount of feedback from this with not only a great interest shown in

what we do but there are many international people wanting to come and work with us. Susan Kelly the film-maker of this documentary is currently at the hospital undertaking another lot of filming at the time of writing this report. Good to have you back Susan!!!!

Interestingly when the documentary airs in the USA on March 17th, I will be arriving in New York for a three week trip of the east coast of the USA totally independent of the documentary!!! This is the wonderful prize that the Koala Hospital was awarded by Port Macquarie News papers and St George Bank as the "Port Macquarie News/St George Bank Employee of the Year 2011". We also won a \$1000 worth of free advertising which was excellent. Am so looking forward to looking for alligators in the swamps of Louisiana and hopefully spot a big bear somewhere !!! Yep and not a koala in sight!!

The hospital system is flowing along really well – we have lots of cheerful volunteers working here every day, an 18 month waiting list for our overseas volunteer programme and we are hosting so many zookeepers, work experience students, vet nurses for the remainder of this year – our time is very full.

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from the President's Den

Another eventful time in the life of the Koala Hospital!

Work has begun on the new fencing around Yard 10, which is a pre-requisite for gaining our Exhibitors License. We are on our way!

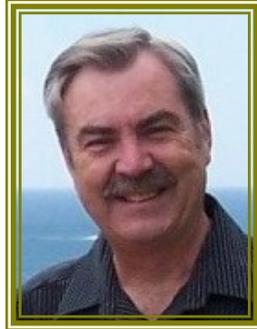
Our lease with National Parks is almost ready to be signed and hopefully this will be done by the time this edition of Gum Tips is printed, so it seems all is well in that area.

The preparations for the 40th anniversary of the Koala Hospital next year is progressing nicely, with the conference venue booked and an assurance from John Williamson that he will attend. Recipes are now arriving towards our anniversary cookbook. Keep them coming in!

We now have eKiosk up and running which will hopefully encourage people to buy more goods on the internet.

Our computer system has been updated, thanks to the help we have received from Tony Boyd. This had meant a lessening of the burden carried by the administration volunteers.

The great team of volunteers at the hospital is helping us to go forward in our desire to help our furry friends, the koalas.



HOW TO RESCUE A KOALA

Karen Barnaby was happily pegging her washing on the clothesline when she noticed something very unusual on the roof of her garden shed. A small koala was pacing along the roof, then trying to reach a paw over towards the nearby fence, hoping to use it to get down.



As it was too far from the shed to be able to reach over,

Karen decided she would help. Putting a towel over both arms, she held them out to the koala, who sniffed it but wasn't sure about what to do.



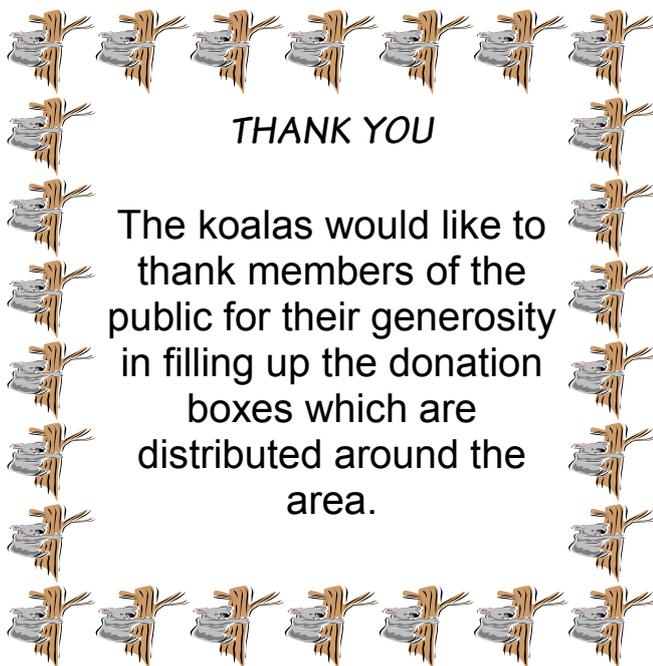
Eventually deciding it was better than being stuck on a roof, the koala walked over the towel, up Karen's arm and shoulder

and dropped over the fence. Unfortunately, she ended up in a camellia bush and had to be



rescued by volunteers from the koala hospital, who Karen called to the scene.

The koala was later safely relocated, but left Karen with the happy knowledge that she had just had a wonderful "up close and personal" koala experience. By covering her arms with the towel she had helped the koala, but escaped the sharp claws which could have made the experience less wonderful.



BRUCE'S ANCESTRY

Bruce and Macca have both found lady koalas, are happily settled in their new home just outside Port Macquarie and are now both proud fathers of beautiful little joeys.

One day Bruce said to Macca, "Now we have become parents, I have been thinking of something I overheard while we were staying at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital".

"What was that?" answered Macca.

"Well," replied Bruce, "one of the volunteers mentioned that she was researching her family tree so that her children and grandchildren would learn about their ancestors. I was wondering whether we should do something like that for our joeys. Do you think that it would be a good thing or not?"

"Yes, what a wonderful idea that is, Bruce. Let's get started on it as soon as possible," agreed Macca, "and of course, our family tree would obviously be a eucalypt!"

The following story is the result of their investigations into the ancestry of koalas.

The koala may have originally descended from terrestrial wombat-like animals which evolved into a different species, with a thicker coat, larger ears and longer limbs and today the wombat is the koala's closest living relative.

Koala fossils have been found in Australia dating back to over 20 million years ago when much of the land was covered in rainforest. When the climate cooled and became drier, eucalypt forests grew in place of the rainforest trees, which would have been ideal for the proliferation of koalas.

Bruce discovered that his ancestors were more widely spread across the nation and differed in size and shape from his more modern family. His ancestors' brains were larger, and reduced in size over millions of years, possibly because of the change in their diet.

Eucalyptus leaves have little nutritional value and koalas need to conserve their energy, so they don't do much more than eat and sleep. The leaves are tough and abrasive to chew and as a

koala ages, its teeth become worn down. They have a high water content which explains why koalas have little need to drink.

The koala habitat has diminished considerably due to many factors which include climate change and human development. Most koalas can now only be found along the east coast of Australia.

Bruce was amazed at his ancestors' history, which showed that although the koala environment had evolved dramatically over 30 million years, he himself was relatively unchanged from the form of his distant cousins.

One of the most fascinating parts of his research was when Bruce learned of the koala's important part in Aboriginal history known as the

Dreamtime. This was a sacred era during which the Totemic Spirit Beings formed the Creation of the Aboriginal world.

There were many stories passed down from generation to generation and covered everything relevant to aboriginal history and origins. Dreamtime stories were told to convey morality in regard to how each member of a tribe should live with the other

members. Bruce heard about the story of the greedy boy who stole the tribe's water and ran up a tree. When he was found out, he was turned into the first koala, and his water consumption was severely rationed, which is why today's koalas do not drink much water. Aboriginal law deemed that whatever was owned by one person, was owned by all. To own something individually was likened to the greedy koala.

Bruce wasn't really pleased with this story of how the koala came into being, but thought perhaps the aboriginal stories might have lost a bit of meaning after having been passed down over thousands of years. He found a happier koala story told in the Dreaming, which explained how the aborigines first arrived in Australia. Long, long ago, some people lived on an island far away and needed to find better hunting grounds. They decided to steal a large canoe from a whale, and use it to travel over the sea to find new land. The whale chased them to try to



regain it, but owing to the strong forearms of the koala who was rowing the canoe, they managed to escape him and landed in the land that is now Australia.

He discovered that his ancestors had managed to keep their existence a secret from the men and women who arrived in Australia with the First Fleet. They did not find koalas until 10 years after their arrival. Bruce knew this could be true as the koala can hide itself quite cleverly during the day, sleeping high up in the fork of a gum tree.

He found all this information very interesting but wondered how he ended up living in Port Macquarie. It appeared that koalas are territorial animals, so his family would have lived around here for quite a while. This area could have been quite large, as a male koala usually has his own "patch", where he lives with his females, and when a male joey leaves his mother, he has to find a home range of his own to begin a new family. This is becoming much more difficult as human development encroaches on koala settlements. Bruce felt very fortunate to be living in an area where his joeys could be raised safely.

He was very grateful to the Koala Hospital for giving him the chance to rear a family and to be able to pass on the story of their ancestry.

FAREWELL

Jean Dearden was presented with a certificate for 17 years voluntary service to the Koala Hospital.

Jean left Port Macquarie in February 2012 to live at Dee Why in Sydney to be nearer to her family .



Monday Afternoon team -Pictured L to R: Lorraine, Gwen, Jean, Cheyne, Margaret, Sandra and Gwen

THE KOALA HOSPITAL



OPEN DAY

**7 APRIL 2012
9 AM TO 2 PM**

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

Troppo Bob's Unreal Animal Magic Show

Sing Australia

Easter Egg Basket Raffle

Sausage sizzle	Devonshire Tea
Face painting	Walk and Talks
Raffles	Guess the Poo






Christmas Party 2011

Last year's Christmas party was enjoyed by all as it is one of the few times all the volunteers can get together. Here are the winners of the Supervisor's awards. Congratulations to all of them for a job so well done.

Volunteer of the Year 2011
Margaret Hearle

Volunteer Team of the Year 2011
Night Rescue Phone Team



*L to R: Steve, Jon, Margaret, Marilyn, Gwen, Geoff and John
Front: Cheyne
Absent: Tom Kennedy*

BARRY'S ADVENTURES IN WANDERLAND

Routine life at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital was more than Barry could bear (and he wasn't a bear)!

He enjoyed it when the volunteers fed him the yummy supplement given to some of the koalas in their care, but sometimes he couldn't even be bothered coming down from his tree for it. The wanderlust was catching up with him once again.

He had been to so many places all over the world that he'd forgotten most of them, so he decided it wouldn't really matter if some were re-visited. There was always something new to discover, even if he'd been there before.

Europe was the place to get the excitement he craved so it was not surprising to find him joining the Brinklows at Edinburgh Zoo in Scotland. He loved the giant pandas and was astonished to find koalas there. He just couldn't get away from them!

After a short conversation with one of them, he boarded the Flying Scotsman train and ended up in Wales, at Great Orme; Orme being a Viking name meaning 'serpent'. This name came from the



formation of the limestone cliffs which reminded early sailors of giant sea serpents. The Welsh name for this area is Pen y Gogarth.

Then it was across the North Sea, and after managing to avoid the oil rigs scattered off shore, he arrived in the Netherlands. He met up with Yon and Steve, who he remembered from the Koala Hospital as volunteers there. Yon fixed him up with a pair of clogs but when he tried

walking in them he couldn't understand how the Dutch people found them comfortable. Not being used to very cold weather, he was glad of the hat he was given to keep his ears warm while he was helping to scrape the ice from the car windscreen. He was taken to meet Zwarte Piet, (known as Black Peter to the English). He is one of Saint Nicolas' helpers, and brings good Dutch children presents and candy on St Nicolas Day, just before Christmas. Barry wasn't sure if he'd been good enough!



As he was in the vicinity, Sabina and Harald invited him to accompany them to a New Year's concert at the famous Vienna Musikvereinsaal in Austria. Barry really prefers John Williamson's Australian songs, but he was enthralled with the magnificence of the golden ceiling which the concert hall is famous for, and was fortunate to have a balcony seat from where he had a wonderful view of the musicians on the stage.



With Germany being so close to Austria, it wasn't far to go to see Erica, who was part of the QANTAS team in Bremen. Barry was absolutely

flabbergasted when she explained they were going to watch a documentary on television about the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital. As he sat viewing the screen, he remembered some of the koalas he'd known there and thought how strange it was to see them on T.V. Erica explained that the documentary was being shown in many cities in Europe and had inspired viewers

to reflect on the plight of Australian koalas. Many were sending donations to the hospital and Barry was very moved at this and realised just how much this would go towards helping the hospital to continue the good work it was doing.



On going further south, Barry found himself in Southern Spain with Bea, where he had heard that bull fights were held. He had a look at one of the arenas, but decided he didn't want to be a part of what he felt was a cruel sport involving animals. He is a very peace-loving koala, who just loves travelling around the world!



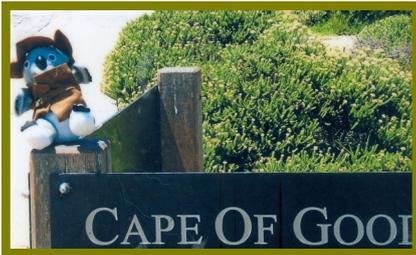
It was quite cold in Spain, so he was glad of the glass of sangria Bea gave him which warmed him up nicely; then he stood right at the edge of the Rock of Gibraltar, looking across the Straits to

Africa. He felt he could almost jump across, but although koalas have been known to jump quite a long distance to get from one tree to another, this time he decided it was just a bit too far so he made his way conventionally down to South Africa.



He thought it was time for a bit of excitement so joined some friends on a safari at the Sabi Sabi game lodge adjacent to the Kruger National Park. He loved watching the wild animals

roam free, and knew that they were just like koalas in that it was their freedom that was so important to them.



His train journey from Scotland had awakened him to the fact that there were better ways of travelling than by plane, so he was elated to be asked to join the Queen Mary 2 on a journey from Cape Town to Fremantle. That seemed the perfect way to return to Australia! It was magnificent on board the beautiful ship, and his friends provided



him with a cosy scarf and hat to keep out the cold when he ventured out on deck. He enjoyed an elegant "high tea" in the afternoon, then he went on an exploration of one of the most luxurious ships in the world. There's just no knowing where a wandering koala will end up!



On disembarking from the ship at Fremantle, Barry was deciding what to do next when the pilot of a Flying Doctor plane approached him and asked him if he would like to accompany on a flight to Central Queensland. He had just received a call from a doctor who had a patient to attend to in Winton, and he thought that Barry might like to see some of the

inland Australian scenery. Barry was very happy to accept, so off they went. This was a much smaller plane than he was used to, but it afforded a much better view of the Red Centre and soon they had landed at Winton.



It didn't take Barry long to find some friends, and he decided to join Judy and Neil on a part of their travels through the outback. He saw the statue of Banjo Paterson in Winton, where it was said his song 'Waltzing Matilda' had been written.

Unfortunately they had not long been on the road north when the truck became badly bogged and had to be towed out by a bulldozer. Barry thought this was fun, and superintended the operation from the front of Neil's truck. He had had enough of rough roads though, and at the next big town, he boarded a plane to fly south to New South Wales.



His friend Scott had told him there was a town near Bathurst called 'BARRY', and he was curious to see what kind of place it was. He felt important having a town named after him and had a good look round. He was very impressed with the milk churn someone was using as a letter box. It had a sign on it saying 'plant more trees' and Barry felt if everyone put up a sign like that, maybe the koalas would have more gum leaves to eat.



All this travelling had made him tired and homesick so it was time to return to Port Macquarie. He arrived there in the dead of night and managed to be on his gonyah for his morning feed. I wonder if he is ready yet to settle down? Who knows!

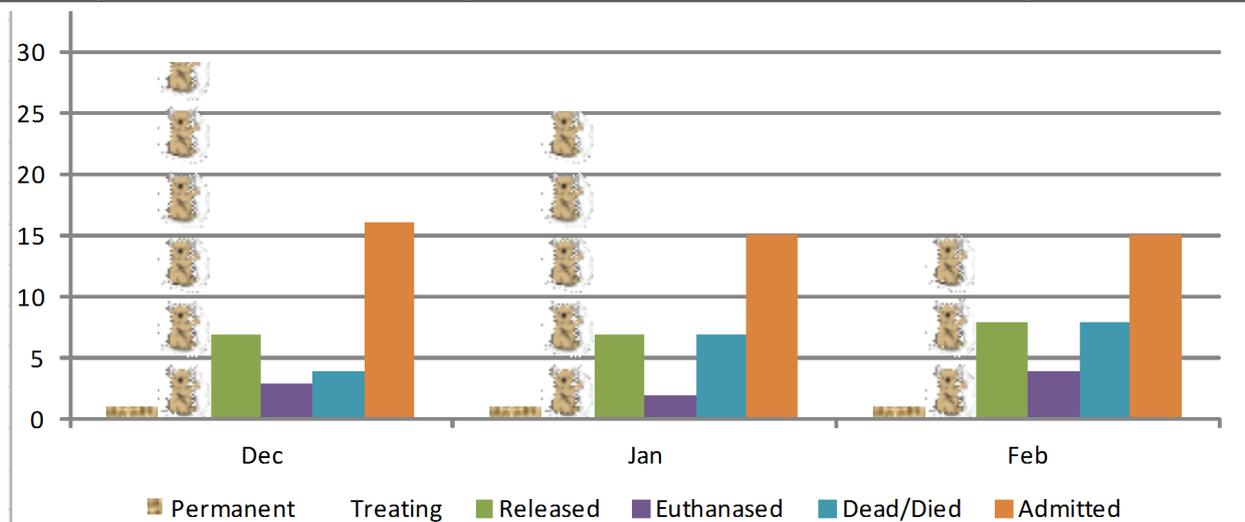


Hospital Activity Report



Admission	Name	Reason	Result
11.07.08	Westhaven Barry	Scoliosis of spine	Permanent Resident
26.09.09	Oxley Hwy Kaylee	Hind leg amputation	Under observation
12.03.10	Emerald Downs Barbara	Blind R. Eye - limited vision	Treating
04.12.10	Edward Elly Joey	Abandoned - tick infested - anaemic	Euthanased 07.02.12
01.02.11	Lake Private	Dehydrated, underweight	Treating
05.09.11	N.A.T.F Maurice	Left hind leg dislocation	Released 18.01.12
07.09.11	Findlay Xena (Joey)	790 gms, severe concussion + bruising	De-humanising
19.09.11	Jonas Barrington	Limping	Euthanased 20.12.12
10.10.11	Kamona Andre	Injury to left hind leg	Released 14.02.12
19.10.11	Armidale Ned Kelly	On ground	Euthanased 31.10.11
19.10.11	Curlewis Jacky	Found without mother	Released 14.12.12
19.10.11	Black Mountain Heather	Conjunctivitis both eyes	Released 14.12.12
04.11.11	Oxley Hwy Matt	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 12.12.12
16.11.11	Ocean Harley	Infection left cheek	Released 29.11.11
22.11.11	Merrigal Flick Joey	Curled up on ground	De-humanising
24.11.11	Yarranabee Scott	Chlamydia	Released -01.02.12
26.11.12	Kulganni Ross	Englarged lymph nodes	Died 10.12.12
06.12.11	Kempsey Peggy	Conjunctivitis both eyes	Euthanased 07.12.11
06.12.11	Dunbogan Peta	Chlamydia	Released 03.02.12
10.12.11	Newport Bridge Gloria	On ground - observation	Released 12.12.12
12.12.11	Garnett Leslie	Suspect Chlamydia	Released 14.12.12
14.12.11	Anna Bay Grace	Joey transfer from Hunter Society	Released 11.02.12
14.12.11	Inverell Rell	Joey transfer from Uralla	Released 19.01.12
15.12.11	Ruins picnic	On ground - observation	Died 15.12.12
16.12.11	Jasmine Shirley	Curled up on house verandah	Released 19.12.12
18.12.11	Mimosa Olly	Conjunctivitis	Released 16.02.12
21.12.11	Oxley Skateport	Chlamydia	Euthanased 22.12.11
22.12.11	Airport Sam	Found on runway - observation	Released 23.12.12
23.12.11	Fernhill Alford	Drowned in swimming pool	Dead on Arrival
24.12.11	Jupiter Cheryl	On ground	Died 24.12.12
27.12.11	Little Reed	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 05.01.12
29.12.11	Walkabout Kayla	Transfer from Walkabout Wildlife Park	Euthanased 9.1.12
29.12.11	Anna Bay George	Joey transfer from Hunter Society	De-humanising
02.01.12	Ocean Harley	Swollen Left Cheek - old injury	Release 04.01.12
03.01.12	Macquarie Peter	Low in tree - observation	Release 05.01.12
03.01.12	Blackbutt Reserve Bella	Transfer from Blackbutt Reserve Newcastle	Died 03.01.12
10.01.12	Bay Street Macca	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 02.02.12
11.01.12	Pacific Hwy Donut	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
12.01.12	Lake Unfortunate	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
12.01.12	Belah Irwin	Dog Attack	Dead on Arrival
12.01.12	Lookout Harry	Lethargic - observation	Released 13.01.12

12.01.12	Oxley Hwy Matt	Dog Attack	Released 17.01.12
14.01.12	Dunbogan Snugglepot	On ground	Died 15.01.12
23.01.12	Marbuk Jack	Fell from tree	Treating
25.01.12	Cathie Gower	Motor Vehicle Accident	Died 16.02.12
26.01.12	Cathie Petal	Limping	Euthanased 02.02.12
26.01.12	Cross St. Fran	Dangerous area	Released 27.01.12
31.01.12	Cross St. Fran	Salivating rigid on ground	Died 31.01.12
02.02.12	Pacific Flynns	Suspect Chlamydia	Released 03.02.12
06.02.12	Lighthouse Di	Suspect Chlamydia	Released 08.02.12
09.02.12	Dunbogan Peta	On ground	Died 20,02,12
11.02.12	The Point Shelley	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Died 22.02.12
14.02.12	Allunga Jessie	Chlamydia	Euthanased 28.02.12
15.02.12	Anderson Daniel	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
16.02.12	Bonny Doomed	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
19.02.12	Hopetown Shirley	Chlamydia	Treating
21.02.12	Tobey Place	Septic Stifle hind leg	Treating
22.02.12	Oxley Kizza	Motor Vehicle Accident	Died 24.02.12
23.02.12	Oxley Hwy Jim	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
23.02.12	Waniora Jonah	Sitting on road	Died 24.02.12
24.02.12	Lake Bill	Fall from tree	Release 27.02.12
25.02.12	Portsea Portia	Dead on ground	Dead on Arrival
25.02.12	Leura Chloe	Joey found on ground	Treating



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 * ANSWERS TO PUZZLE (Page 5) *
 * eggs *
 * toast *
 * cereal *
 * pancake *
 * banana *
 * Final Message: BREAKFAST *
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Barry Photo Competition

Congratulations to the winners
for this issue:

Scott Green— Barry in Barry

Sabine & Harald—Vienna Musikvereinsaal

WESTHAVEN PRE-SCHOOL

These beautiful drawings are a small sample of the work done by local children from Westhaven Pre-school in 2011. Among all the children they raised enough money to adopt six koalas. What a magnificent effort.





New Members

Nov—Dec—Jan

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Valerie	Kaitlin	Pam
Maree Anne	Stephen	Geraldine
Aneeka	Kelly	Cynthia

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Anne	Elaine	Tasha
Lorna	Rosalie	Favennec
Pierre Andre	Tracey	Nikola

2012 Calendar

16 Mar 12	Management Meeting
7 Apr 12	Open Day
20 Apr 12	Management Meeting
18 May 12	Management Meeting
20 May 12	General Meeting
27 May 12	AGM & Luncheon

(Please check before attending as these dates may change)

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