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Ashdown Cathie

Another Grand Old Lady

Here we go again!! Another grand old lady koala with an interesting story to tell! Ashdown Cathie was first admitted to the hospital as a young adult in 1993 as she was found trying to cross a busy road that was the main thoroughfare between Port Macquarie and Lake Cathie. As housing development increased in her area, these main roads were relocated further over to the west and Ashdown Cathie's home range became a much quieter affair to live in.

We didn't see her again till 2008 when she was hit by a 4 X 4 not very far from her original 1993 pickup location. Thankfully due to roundabouts and chicanes slowing drivers down considerably Ashdown suffered only a bruised dignity rather than copping horrific injuries. The driver of the 4 X 4 was in a far worse state as he was so upset at what he had done he couldn't stop shaking. He was so devastated that he contacted the hospital every day to see how "his patient" was going. We gave Ashdown Cathie a couple of days rest and recreation in the five star Koala Hospital resort to make sure all was well and she was released back into a nearby quiet cul de sac that we knew she mainly lived in. Much to the relief of the poor 4 X 4 driver!!!!

Then as luck would have it, poor Ashdown Cathie was hit again two weeks later!! Again no injuries to worry about other than a few abrasions so she was released a week later as good as new. Does this koala have nine lives??

The Koala Hospitals vet Chris Livingston lived in the same quiet cul de sac at the time, and he often reported in to us that he had seen Ashdown Cathie wandering around the street or sitting in her favourite eucalypt tree munching away on fresh tips.

This rather big favourite eucalypt tree of hers, a *Eucalyptus nichollii* was located on a curving bend of this small quiet road – Ashdown Cathie was often spotted right up the top of a particular branch that hung out over the road.

As luck would have it, in 2010 the house behind this tree was being fully renovated and it was a hive of industry with a number of "tradies" working on site (tradesmen for our overseas readers). Consequently there were a number of

tradies vehicles parked everywhere filling almost the whole road area of the street. Then along comes the weekly garbage truck doing his pickup of household rubbish. As the garbage truck was coming around the curve of the road, he had to come in closer than normal due to the high amount of vehicles parked and whammo the back of the garbage truck hit poor old Ashdown Cathie curled up asleep on her favourite branch and dumped her on the road. The garbage truck driver (garbo) had no idea that he had knocked a koala out of the tree but thankfully the tradies working on the renovations immediately dropped all their tools and raced to assist the koala. Apparently she shook her head, got up and headed up into a nearby bush and hid in there!!! The tradies called us immediately.

Amazingly, Ashdown Cathie had a only a few bruises and abrasions. What a tough old koala!!

We released her back into the cul de sac some five days later – back into her favourite tree. This time we had strips of fluorescent pink flagging tape tied all over the lower branches so that it looked like a Christmas tree – no one was going to miss seeing her now. The garbage truck man was also informed of what had occurred – he vowed to make sure he would avoid the tree at all costs.

How can a koala be hit by a car twice then get hit by a garbage truck and land 10 metres below onto a bitumen road and not only survive but virtually suffer minimal injuries?? Amazing!!!

Then in April this year we received a call that an old koala was curled up asleep beside some household garbage bins (does this koala have a thing about bins?). The caller had observed the koala struggling to climb a tree and had apparently given up and gone to sleep beside the bins.

Of course it was none other than Ashdown Cathie!! She is now 22 years old and has lived her entire life in the middle of an urban area of Port Macquarie and has produced a number of offspring. Not a bad record.

Ashdown Cathie is still in reasonable condition, is bright and alert and has a healthy appetite but

her arthritic joints are making climbing pretty difficult for her. She is currently residing in Yard 9 enjoying once again five star Koala Hospital resort treatment until further notice.

We regret to inform you that Ashdown Cathie's long life came to an end when the decision was made to kindly put her to sleep on 6th June 2012.

Stop and listen to the wind blowing through the eucalypt trees as the sound of the leaves rustling in the breeze will tell you that the spirit of the koala is calling to you to sayall is well.....we are at peace.....

Birthday Girl

The First Grand Old Lady



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

Early on Sunday 17 June the Hospital received a report that a young koala was being attacked by magpies on top of a telegraph pole. Our night time rescuers went out to see what could be done, only to find the koala was now doing circus tricks on the high voltage wires. The magpies were still sitting on top of the pole keeping an eye on the koala.

Sue O'Neill, who phoned in the rescue call, provided a foam mattress and large blanket to assist in the rescue. The rescue team, including Sue, then spent the next hour holding the blanket underneath the koala in case he/she fell.



Essential Energy were also called and duly sent out Jules in a truck to assess the situation. Jules extended an insulated pole and placed the end of the pole up to the wires intending to try and knock the koala off so that the rescuers could catch him/her in a blanket. Fortunately the koala had the good sense to grab on to the end of the pole and was then lowered into the blanket.

The koala turned out to be about 18 months old and female. She was named Edwards Montana and she was positively exhausted. After a bit of R&R at the Koala Hospital she will be relocated to a more suitable area.

Sue O'Neill, Essential Energy and Jules all deserve a big thank you for all their help.

A Volunteer's Story

By Nikki Jones – Overseas Volunteer

It has been an amazing month and has been better than I imagined.

I learnt about the Koala Hospital in February 2011, 6 weeks before I was due to fly to Australia for 2 year's working holiday. I have always loved koalas and I wanted to have an experience with them more than any zoo could offer. 14 months after confirmation, I arrived at Port Macquarie to begin the month of work that I had been looking forward to for so long.

I immediately fell in love with Kaylee. I was amazed how she was still able to climb and look so graceful, even after her hind leg was amputated. Her face was so beautiful and she looked like she had a constant smile on her face.

I was then introduced to all the other patients and I then loved them all. They all had their own personality, especially good old Barry, or 'Victor Meldrew' as my sister called him when I told her about the hospital. Black Mountain Denise became a favourite of mine. She was always so calm during the treatment for her infected eye and I found myself looking forward to performing the Bioprom treatment so I could spend time with her each day.



During the first week, I worked with new volunteers and everyone was so friendly that I felt like one of the team within a few days of arriving. I was amazed when I met a fellow overseas volunteer, Rachel Huggett, after I found out that she went to college in my small town back in England. I'm on the other side of the world and still meet people from home!

I was lucky enough to be part of the open day and I was trusted to be one of the face painters of the day. By the end of the day, I think I perfected making children look like koalas! It was a great day with many people coming out to support the hospital.

There will be some moments that I won't forget, such as Sammy's release into yard 6. He gave us all a fright when he got a bit excited and climbed on to the thinnest branch on the tree and looked like he was stuck. Good job Gerry was on standby with a ladder to bring Sammy down to safety.

During the last week of April, yard 10 resembled a retirement home with Ashdown Cathie getting some well-deserved R & R. She loved her formula and I had to give her the face cloth as she would often hold on to my hand in order to get more formula! She was joined in yard 10 by Lookout Harry at the age of 18 and Barry & Alex. I think they are all trying to give Birthday Girl a run for her money as the oldest koala!

At the time of writing, it is coming to an end of my time at the Koala Hospital and I will be sad to leave. It will be hard to imagine going to work each day and not have a koala there to cheer me up! It was not just the koalas that I enjoyed seeing each day. Everyone that I worked with was great and I learnt so much during the month. You all do such an amazing job and I will miss you all.



SAVED BY THE CHILDREN

Westlawn preschool near Grafton is a very special school. Each child is given their own scrapbook, which keeps all their details throughout the year in stories and photos.

Each year the class sponsors an endangered animal and this year Zena talked to the children about a programme she had seen on television, of how koalas were facing lots of problems with their survival. Cooper had wanted to do something for the koalas last year so he was very happy. The children agreed to do jobs at home to raise enough money to help them.

Reece's family went on holiday to Port Macquarie and brought a pamphlet back from the Koala Hospital showing how a koala could be sponsored for a year for \$50.

These wonderful children raised over \$300 so that they could adopt 6 koalas and we are very proud of them.

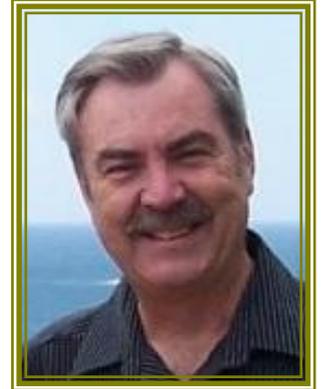
Koalas related to Wombats????

Have you ever wondered why koalas and wombats are so closely related.....because they both sneak off exactly the same way



from the President's Pen

This year sees the completion of 39 years since Jean Starr commenced the work of the Koala Hospital with our local koala population. As we step into our 40th year we not only look forward to celebrating the achievements of KPS since that time but acknowledge the foresight and commitment that Jean with the support of her husband Max and a handful of volunteers gave to protecting this exceptional and iconic animal.



This past year we had over 300 members with more than half volunteering at the Koala Hospital; this not only included the care and rehabilitation of koalas that came into our care but also with habitat, education, administration, maintaining the property and fund raising. Research in conjunction with Sydney University has also been a big part of what we have done over many years.

The success of any organisation rests with the skill and commitment of the volunteers that come together to work for the same objectives; this is called teamwork. In our case it's the rescue, treatment and rehabilitation of the koala also the preservation and expansion of koala habitat. We provide educational material and increase public awareness of all aspects of the koala through our daily 'Walk & Talk' tours also speaking engagements to schools and community groups.

This next year will see the biggest change in our facility since the extensions that took place over 5 years ago, changes that will culminate with a state conference in May 2013

Supervisor's Report



For a normally quiet time of the year we have been very busy with quite a few admissions. Sadly a lot have been very old koalas - many of them "repeat offenders" having been patients here a number of times over the years. Unfortunately this isn't a good thing from a population point of view - if we keep having old patients and not seeing a lot of young animals out being wild koalas then it could mean we have an ageing koala population that is not recruiting new blood into town (bit like the human side of Port Macquarie too!!!!). Nonetheless on the bright side - these koalas have made it to a ripe old age in spite of all the hurdles and obstacles associated with urban life, so there is still good hope yet!

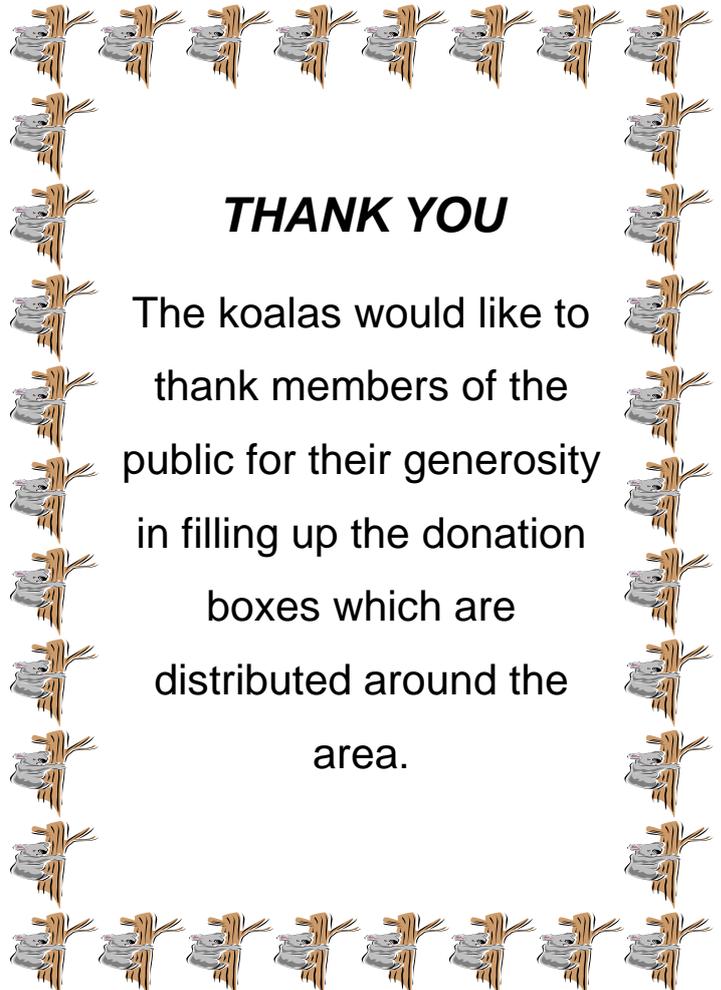
in this country and even though the F e d e r a l g o v e r n m e n t decided to list the koala as vulnerable

it does not mean all is safe and OK for koalas. There is much to do to preserve and hopefully increase the habitat in this country for both koalas and all other wildlife and we must never be complacent on this. Our view is that the koala is a sentinel species - if they go into serious decline then so do all the other animals that live with them. It's a win win all round if we can stop habitat being removed.

Both the visitors and the staff appear to be very pleased with all the new internal and external fencing - it looks very professional and is certainly going to be so much easier to work in allowing good air flow and ease of access. Lots of work now for our wonderful maintenance team as all the new yards will need new cage furniture, taps, ground surfacing and general finishing off. All the aviaries that are used as back up ICU units have also been moved and will require setup as well. We will be building a new post mortem room as well which will be bigger and easier to work in with the old one already earmarked as a new storage shed- we never seem to have enough storage space here - the more storage we build the more we store stuff in it.

The National Koala Conference that we are holding in May 2013 is already starting to take shape. We will have lots of work to do for this and anyone wanting to help is most welcome.

The National Geographic documentary "Koala Hospital" is still doing good things to alert the world to the plight of the wild koala



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.

BARRY'S ADVENTURES IN WANDERLAND

Barry realised that all the renovations that were being done to the Koala Hospital would eventually mean a better life for the koalas who stayed there, but he was tired of the noise and being moved, even temporarily, from his beloved Yard 9. He also missed his sparring partner, Lake Private, who had recently moved on to the great eucalypt forest in the sky, so one night he decided he'd had enough, and the other side of the world was beckoning once again.

He knew that Lyn, one of the volunteers at the hospital, was going on a cruise, and as he was aware of all the secret ways he had of getting out of Port Macquarie, was soon found stowing away on the 'Rhapsody of the Seas', bound for Hawaii. With Lyn and Ray, he enjoyed some formal dinners, but couldn't understand why they didn't cater for koalas, as there wasn't a gum leaf in sight. On board, he heard talk of a ship called 'Titanic' being sunk, so he found himself a lifebelt and sat on it, feeling much safer.



On the ship, he met Sharon, who was giving classes on meditation and relaxation. This was just what he needed, so he joined the class and on arrival in Honolulu, he felt so good, and was looking forward to a future so bright, that he needed to wear sunglasses! He discovered that Sharon was going on to the Caribbean and then to New York, and this sounded much more exciting than returning to Port Macquarie, so off he went with her, arriving shortly after in Anguilla, a British territory in the Caribbean. From there they flew to St Maartens, which is owned by the French and Dutch nations, and has the shortest runway Barry had ever seen, and he



had seen plenty in his travels. Planes came in to land right over the heads of the people on the beach, and he even saw a sign warning them that "Jet blasts of arriving and

departing aircraft can cause severe physical harm,

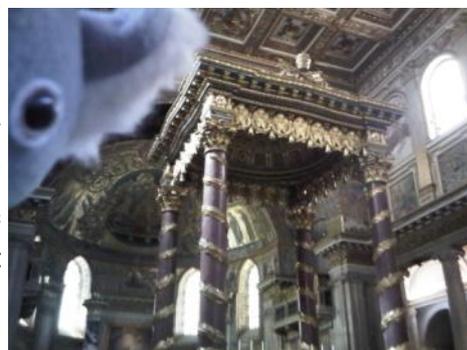
resulting in severe bodily harm". Scary!!!

Anguilla and St Maartens were beautiful and Barry spent a bit of time at Shoal Harbour, gazing out over the Atlantic Ocean, which seemed to have no end, and admiring the wonderful sunsets. He found a tree to climb, but it was only a palm tree; no gum trees in this place!!



Their plane departed safely from St Maartens airport, and after watching some interesting shows on the seat monitor, arrived in New York. Barry was looking forward to catching up with Cheyne, the supervisor of the Koala Hospital who was on holiday in New York, but unfortunately their dates didn't coincide, so it wasn't possible. He'd just have to wait until he returned to Port Macquarie. He really missed her, as she took such great care of him there. If not for Cheyne and the caring volunteers at the hospital, he probably wouldn't be around to see all the wondrous sights on his travels around the world.

While he was in the USA, he detoured to see a friend, Lilly, in Austin, Texas. Her dog Thistle thought he was teasing him and Lilly had to rescue him from the puppy's jaws. This was too much for Barry, and he left hurriedly to rejoin Sharon in New York. He soon tired of the city and joined Julia, an artist friend of Sharon's who was about to leave for Italy. He was enjoying all the attention he was getting from so many lovely ladies and was soon flying out of JFK airport with Julia. While he was in Rome, he visited Santa Maria Maggiore, which is a basilica founded in the 4th century. It has one of the best preserved Byzantine interiors in the city and Barry played hide and seek among the columns.



Always on the move, Barry left Italy and arrived shortly after in Switzerland, where he visited the Zurich Zoo with Katja and Roger and their children.



There were no koalas to be found there, so he went to Duisberg to meet Bea to see if he could find some in the zoo where she took him to. He was lucky this time, and

had a chat with the koalas he met there. He also found a wombat, which is a distant relative of his, but it didn't want to talk to him.

Time to leave Europe, and he was off to England, and found himself in Oxford Street with



Corinna, where he showed a Scottish piper how to play his bagpipes to earn even more money. Feeling very pleased with himself, he then met up with Penny and some of her friends. He was



photographed with Arnie and Warnie, although they seemed very stiff, and wouldn't speak to him. The London Eye was



spectacular, with some fabulous views of the city. They took a trip to the Ashton Memorial in Williamson Park in Lancaster, which had been built by a millionaire in memory of his wife, and had been described as "the Taj Mahal of the North". He tried to see to the top of it, but it was around 150 feet

tall and out of his range. Near the memorial was the Butterfly House, which is a tropical oasis where



exotic butterflies flutter around in leafy surroundings. It resembled a rain forest, with trees, vines and foliage which reminded him a little of the rain forest remnants in Port Macquarie. He lost interest in the butterflies and they went on to Lancashire to visit the windmill in Lytham Green. He felt a bit like a Don Quixote, but decided that discretion was the better part of valour, and refrained from attacking it.

After a quick trip to the Lake District they went down to Blackpool, where he tried to climb the Tower, then Penny took him over the English Channel to visit another one, the Eiffel Tower. It was a tough climb but



he made it and enjoyed the sights of Paris from the top. Back down again, he found an Australian flag on the wall, informing him he was 16,962 kms from Sydney. WOW!!

Over the Channel again, and this time to Ireland, where Penny showed him around Bunratty Castle in County Clare, which is famous for its medieval banquets. He knew there would be no gum leaves to eat, so he joined John in Belfast. He tried to board the yellow Olympic bus at the Olympic Torch Rally, but there were no koala tickets available so he left in a bit of a huff and flew to Finland, where he had been told there was to be a reunion of immigrant koalas being held in Helsinki. This sounded very exciting so he joined Susanne and was soon meeting up with lots of other koalas just a bit like him, and had some great stories to tell.



After leaving Finland, Barry was feeling a bit sentimental about





home, but thought he might just have a couple of quick stopovers on the way.

Hector and Carla invited him on safari with them and he saw the

elephants in Kilimanjaro, which quite intrigued him,

before meeting up with the lions at Serengeti, where he had been once before on a previous trip, so he wasn't quite so scared this time.



Another quick flight, and he landed in

Japan, where he went with John to see Osaka Castle in Chio-ku, Osaka. This is one of Japan's most famous castles and played a major part in the unification of Japan during the sixteenth century. He climbed a nearby tree outside the castle looking for cherry blossom but was disappointed at not seeing any. Barry couldn't resist John's offer to take him with him when he went to Hong Kong, where they took the tram to the top of The Peak. The Peak tram is one of the most enduring emblems of Hong Kong's unique history. The top of Peak Mountain is 552 metres above



sea level and Barry was a bit worried about sitting so close to the edge, but it was an exhilarating experience.

He was getting close to home now, with a stopover in New Zealand with Choy and Greg at Taupo. Going just north of the city, they called in to see "the Craters of the Moon", a scene of volcanic activity which was born in the 1950's when craters of boiling mud and other geothermal phenomena emerged from the land. It is now a cratered valley hissing with clouds of steam which come from cauldrons of boiling mud.



Barry knew that when it gets too hot in the kitchen,

you get out, so off he went in the direction of home.

He landed at the Gold Coast, near Brisbane, and paid a visit to Simon at a caravan park, where he had ideas of travelling south by caravan. Here he had his first Australian treat, and was soon enjoying a Tim Tam biscuit; not as tasty as a gum leaf but still pretty good.



He changed his mind about going by caravan when he found out how long it would take to get to Sydney so he flew out instead. His frequent flyer points covered his trip to Sydney where he called in to see 3 year old Nelson, who attends Cheltenham Memorial pre-school. He met Barry when on holiday with his family in Port Macquarie, and on



returning to Sydney, told his classmates all about the koala hospital. They then decided to make a replica of the hospital and Barry was very impressed with the work that the children had put into it and gave it the 'thumbs up'.

He flew back to Port Macquarie to tell his friends at the hospital about his adventures. He was badly in need of a bit of R n R himself and knew he would be well looked after there.

He recovers very quickly however, so there's no telling just how long he'll stay confined to his yard before taking off again.

BARRY PHOTO COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners
For this issue:

Corinna Kissling—Scottish Piper

Penny Gosling—London Eye

FIND THE WORDS

Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally, and up or down.

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GUM DROPS from KAYLEE

Hello everyone – here I am again, reporting from my vantage point at the top of my tree. There have been lots of things happening here lately. The best thing is that Cheyne has returned safely from her fabulous trip to the USA. She had lots of stories to tell everyone but the one that worries me is that she had been wrestling ‘allygaters’. Now I don’t really know what an ‘allygater’ is but it sounds sort of dangerous so I’m glad she’s still in one piece!

It seems a while ago now but judging by the large number of people who came to the Open Day in the hospital grounds it was a very successful day – and great fun for everyone. I could hear lots of laughter and of course, I was much admired by all the visitors. That tall koala they call True Blue was walking around all day amusing the kids – funny thing is, I’ve never seen him climb a tree! And there were volunteers running stalls and guiding tours and serving food – all such lovely people working together and having a great time. And those heavenly voices from Sing Australia – they lulled me to sleep so gently.....sssnzzz....

I was a little put out by one activity at the Open Day though – people were being asked to guess the number of koala droppings in a jar. I mean, really! Perhaps just a little indelicate? Or maybe I’m just being a little prudish considering that all the money raised goes to helping look after me and all the other koalas.

One of the good things that money has been spent on is the new fencing. It’s been quite fun sitting up here and seeing all the changes and busyness going on below. Now all the visitors walk around a different route when they’re doing a tour and I’ve heard the volunteers who look after us say the new layout makes it much easier to access the yards. And I’ve also heard the fancy new fencing described as ‘escape-proof’. I really don’t know why any koala would want to escape. If you’re sick or injured this is really the best place to be – it’s five-star treatment for all of us!

The walk’n’talk tours seem to be going well – always lots of interested people. I was a bit put out one afternoon when one of the guides said in her talk that I only had one leg! She must’ve

been having a bad day. I know I’m very dextrous and acrobatic but not even I could climb a tree with only one leg!

Sammy, the little joey who came into the hospital from homecare recently caused a bit of commotion when he was first put out into the yards. When put into a tree for the first time he got so excited he rushed up to the top then climbed out onto the thin end of a branch and was hanging upside down. He gave all the carers a fright but Gerry came to the rescue with a ladder and finally got Sammy safely down. He’s behaving more calmly now and seems happy in a new yard.

Since then Gerry has invented the ‘Kiddie Koala Kapturing Appliance’ - it looks like a really fluffy duster on top of a pole to be used to encourage a joey to grab hold of it instead of a bare pole if they need to be rescued. It looks very clever and seems a very caring way to help a joey in difficulties. My goodness, we have such nice people looking after us here.

It’s not just local people who help us – Sam has been here gaining experience to take back to her work with WIRES in Tamworth region. We also had Nikki from England who was so sad to leave us, and Ruth was here from Mexico and she said she had such a wonderful time and learnt so much that she will be sure to send us lots more volunteers. It’s very satisfying to know that we koalas bring so many wonderful people together from all around the world to learn and to have fun together.

Ruth and Sam and several other local volunteers care so much for us that they have all had a tattoo of a koala put on themselves! I do hope it wasn’t too painful? But it means that now they carry a picture of us with them always – it’s very touching. I’m just really glad they haven’t asked me to have a tattoo of a human though!

Gunnedah Blossom has been put out in the yards and she seems to be very popular – a bit of a busybody if you ask me. I hear the carers in the yard refer to her as ‘quite a character’ – a gentle koala who is very friendly and always wants to know what’s going on. And I see old Lookout Harry is resting comfortably in the yard next to Westhaven Barry – two old codgers together. Findlay Xena and Merrigal Flick, the two little joeys, seem to be growing up fast and should soon be ready to go back to the bush. I know everyone will miss them.

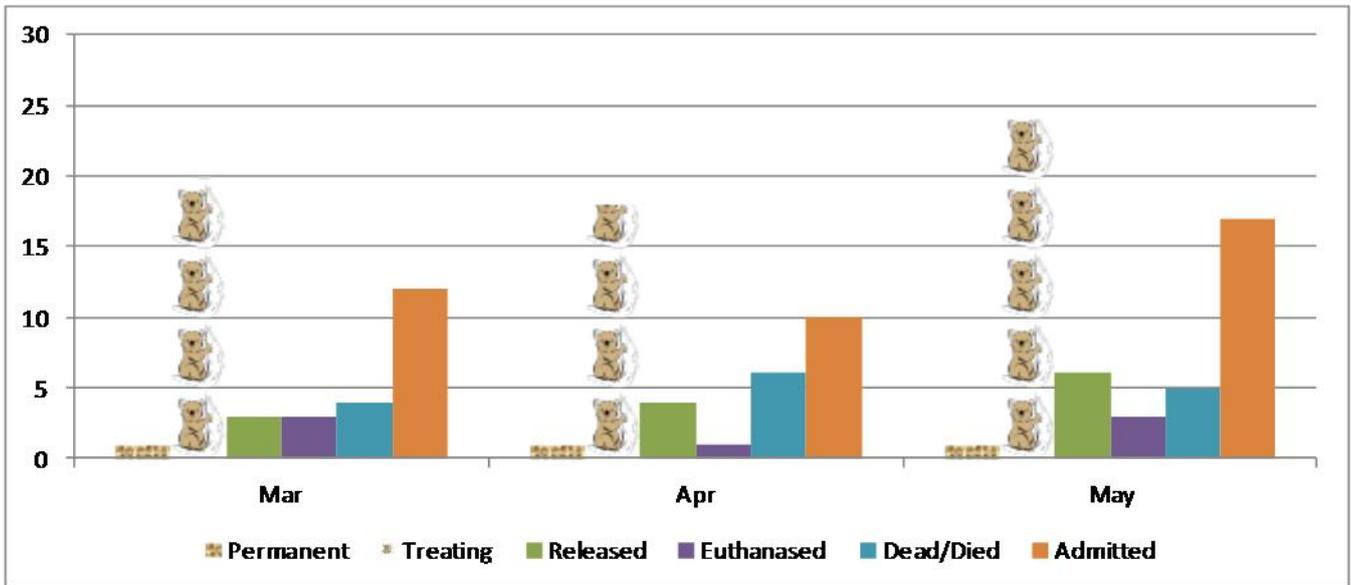
Time for me to have a snooze – the sun is out today, but who knows tomorrow? I’ll keep my eyes and ears open for more news, so till next time.....Sssnzzz.....

Hospital Activity Report



11.07.08	Westhaven Barry	Scoliosis of spine	Permanent Resident
12.03.10	Emerald Downs Barbara	Blind R. Eye - limited vision	Treating
01.02.11	Lake Private	Dehydrated, underweight	Died 27.03.12
07.09.11	Findlay Xena (Joey)	790 gms, severe concussion + bruising	De-humanising
14.11.11	Anna Bay Eli	Orphaned joey	Released 20.04.12
22.11.11	Merrigal Flick Joey	Orphaned joey	De-humanising
29.12.11	Anna Bay George	Joey transfer from Hunter Society	Released 20.04.12
23.01.12	Marbuk Jack	Fell from tree	Released 14.03.12
15.02.12	Anderson Daniel	Motor Vehicle Accident	Died 04.03.12
19.02.12	Hopetown Shirley	Chlamydia	Died 18.03.12
21.02.12	Tobey Place	Septic Stifle hind leg	Euthanased 10.03.12
25.02.12	Leura Chloe	Joey found on ground	Released 15.05.12
01.03.12	HKS Sammy	Transfer from HKS	De-humanising
01.03.12	HKS Ava	Transfer from HKS	Released 20.04.12
06.03.12	Hastings River Drive Clare	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 08.05.12
06.03.12	Kundabung Bill	Moribund	Euthanased 12.03.12
20.03.12	Lake Bill	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 08.05.12
16.03.12	Pacific Choccy	Chlamydia	Treating
20.03.12	Lake D.O.A.	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
24.03.12	Bangalay Susan	Cataract Left Eye	Released 27.03.12
28.03.12	Cathie Kelly	Chlamydia	Treating
28.03.12	Emerald Downs Beth	Chlamydia	Euthanased 11.04.12
29.03.12	Black Mountain Denise	Eye Infection	Treating
02.04.12	Oxley Nina	On ground	Died 05.04.12
04.04.02	Oxley Chow	Dog attack	Released 06.04.12
07.04.12	Cathie Parry	Dog attack	Dead on Arrival
12.04.12	Pacific Chris	Dog attack	Died 12.04.12
22.04.12	Ashdown Cathie	Aged—on ground	Treating
23.04.12	Water Reserve Phew	Decomposed	Dead on Arrival
24.04.12	Kennedy Harris	Suspect chlamydia	Euthanased 26.04.12
25.04.12	Lookout Harry	On ground	Treating
26.04.12	Waniora Smelly	Dead on arrival	Dead on Arrival
27.04.12	Emerald Downs Exhumed	Dead on arrival	Dead on Arrival
01.05.12	Armidale Mary	Debilitated	Died 02.05.12
05.05.12	Bennet Margo	Suspected Lymphoma	Euthanased 07.05.12
07.05.12	Armidale Betty	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Died 16.05.12
08.05.12	Spinnaker Petal	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 30.05.12
08.05.12	Tele Point Libby	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Died 24.05.12
09.05.12	Kempsey Cookie	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Treating
10.05.12	Grasmere Bubby	Fell into pool—checked	Released 10.05.12
15.05.12	Gunnedah Blossom	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Treating

15.05.12	Lake Barton	Suspected Chlamydia	Died 23.05.12
17.05.12	Emerald Downs Golfie	Advanced Chlamydia	Euthanased 23.05.12
18.05.12	? Sus	Dead on arrival	Dead on arrival
18.05.12	Major Innes Chris	Dog attack	Treating
22.05.12	Morcombe Daisy	In yard with dogs—checked	Released 23.05.12
23.05.12	Ocean Jamie & Joey	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
26.05.12	Bundaleer Sandra	Low in tree	Treating
26.05.12	Comboyne Diehard	Moribund	Euthanased 28.05.12
28.05.12	Comboyne Kath	Hind Leg Injury	Treating



Do you suffer sleepless nights?

Why not put it to good use and become a night phone call taker for Koala rescues!

***Hours very reasonable
4.30 p.m. to 8.00 a.m.
one night per week.***

If you are interested please see Cheyne.

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FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE KOALA HOSPITAL

What a relief! Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny and a collective sigh went up from the volunteers getting the tables and other paraphernalia necessary for the Koala Hospital Family Fun Day. Our volunteers are very capable at having everything under control, but the one thing they have no power over is the weather.

No problems today however, and the people flocking in during the morning were enjoying the best Port Macquarie had to offer for this time of the year.

There were plant, book, cakes, craft and white elephant stalls there, with the BBQ doing a brisk



trade as usual. Steve, helping out at the BBQ, looked a bit startled. I wonder what he was asked for? Maybe a grilled gumleaf sandwich? If you were tired of tramping around, the morning teas were available for

recuperation.

The raffles were also busy, as it's nice to win a bottle or two of the local wines, which were kindly donated by Bago Wines, Cassegrain Wines, and Innes Lake Wines. They were very much appreciated.

This is a nice photo of Marilyn, our assistant editor, who is a wizard on her computer, with



Jan, who looks after the many adoptions that come in from all over the world as well as at the kiosk.

I've never seen a koala look like this before.



This little girl looks a bit worried about what she might end up looking like, but she is in the capable hands of one of our overseas volunteers, who was caught on camera later with Rachel, another of our overseas volunteers.



This is one of our hardworking teams of Kiosk volunteers. The weird-looking koala in the front is called Peter. He looks quite comfortable there, doesn't he? He's been with the hospital for so long, he probably thinks he is a koala.

Everyone there seemed to be enjoying themselves; visitors and volunteers alike. Volunteers frequently took visitors around on a "Walk and Talk", explaining about the koala in our care, and giving them an insight into the life of a koala.



Another great day in the life of the Koala Hospital.



New Members

April—May—June

Louise	Warrick
Alan	Ashlee
Kodi	Jessica
Samantha	Rachel
Wendy	Linda
Graeme	Mavis
Philippe	J Rotterman
Miriam	Caroline
Ruth	Anne
Helen	Emma
Wilma	Gabriella
Vanessa	Sandy

2012 Calendar

15 Jun 12	Management Meeting
20 Jul 12	Management Meeting
29 Jul 12	General Meeting
17 Aug 12	Management Meeting
21 Sept 12	Management Meeting
19 Oct 12	Management Meeting
16 Nov 12	Management Meeting
18 Nov 12	General Meeting

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