



Gum Tips

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Tasman
Brodie



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Tasman Brodie

In mid winter a motorist noticed a male koala sitting on the side of a suburban road not moving. He lifted the non protesting koala up onto the nature strip – thankfully he realised the koalas behaviour was not normal, called the hospital and staff brought him in for assessment. A small wound was noticed in his scent gland that at first looked like a dog puncture wound, plus he appeared to be reluctant to move his limbs and was rather wobbly.

Brodie was placed under a light anaesthetic for a better examination and staff found two very interesting wounds on his left leg. As the hospital supervisor comes from a herpetological background (reptiles), she immediately became suspicious that the “wounds” appeared to be snake fang marks and haemolysis (red blood cells rupturing and leaking into the tissues) was surrounding both of the fang sites. These findings were conducive to the clinical signs Brodie was exhibiting. A blood sample was taken and sent for analysis. A snake venom detection kit was used which not unusually did not



commonly found right throughout the urban area of Port Macquarie. Even though we had anti-venom available it was decided to watch his symptoms, keep him warm, well hydrated and see how he went rather than give him anti-venom as we had no idea how he would respond – Tasman Brodie is the first recorded snake bite koala in the almost forty years the Koala Hospital has been running!!! Brodie went into home care and was literally fed leaf by leaf as he was unable to lift his arms to grab the leaf. His appetite was excellent – that had not been affected!!!!



show a positive reading for what was suspected to be a local species of snake called the Red Belly Black snake (*Pseudechis porphyriacus*) which is

Brodie’s blood results the following day confirmed that he had indeed been bitten by a snake. As snakes do not eat during the winter period, their venom glands have only a minimum amount of venom and consequently lucky Brodie only copped a small amount. There is every chance the snake was curled up at the base of a tree on a very cold morning and consequently was unable to get out of the way quickly enough when Tasman Brodie probably came marching down the tree and probably stomped on the poor snake and thus whammo the snake bit the koala out of sheer defensiveness.

Even though we have no records of this occurring before, its quite likely it does happen in the wild but in summer the koala probably would have died a lot earlier. No one should blame the snake – that’s just nature in action.

Tasman Brodie took a couple of weeks to get over his dilemma, his limbs are working beautifully, he eats like a horse, is climbing trees and is just about ready to go back to his home range.

Maybe just maybe Brodie might check the ground before he lands from a tree in future and maybe just maybe that black snake may decide that sleeping at the base of eucalypts is not a good idea either.



National Koala Conference

17th 18th & 19th May 2013

Westport Conference Centre
Buller Street – Port Macquarie

THEIR FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS

A Conference focusing on all aspects of Wildlife Rehabilitation,
Research Findings, Translocation and Conservation of Wild Koalas

Imogen & Barry—A Very Remarkable Pair

Written By Claire (Mum)

It was love at first sight – and this pair were a perfect match.



Barry the koala, his spine deformed by scoliosis and kyphosis, and Imogen, a sweet-natured, friendly little girl who was waiting for surgery to correct her own severe scoliosis.

Imogen has a passion for all animals, especially Australian native creatures, and she's always had a soft spot for koalas in particular — so Port Macquarie's Koala Hospital was a natural destination for our holiday just before her big operation.

Imogen was born in London in 1999. At six months she was diagnosed with velocardiofacial syndrome, which entails developmental delays, both physical and intellectual, and several medical issues. Scoliosis is just the latest of those.

She had her first operation, aged three, at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London, to close a hole in her heart. They used what's called a

'device', a neat way of avoiding open-heart surgery. The surgeons feed the balloon-like device up through the groin until it reaches the hole. They then inflate the 'balloon' until it blocks the hole, and leave it in place. Within six months, Imogen's heart tissue had grown to cover the device, sealing the hole.

Her next operations were at the Queen Victoria Hospital in southern England (a renowned plastic surgery and burns unit that treated pilots injured in the nearby Battle of Britain). The surgeon tried twice to elongate Imogen's palate so that she could form consonants. The first attempt failed but the second was a success, and after therapy her speech eventually became much clearer.



Operation number four came after we moved to Australia. It was intended to seal a large perforation in one eardrum that caused chronic infections, but failed. She will probably need a grommet eventually.

More recently, after Imogen's scoliosis had been diagnosed and we were waiting (for over a year, as it turned out) for surgery, she fell heavily on a concrete path, doing a thorough demolition job on her elbow – one bone dislocated and one fractured. She had a metal plate and screws inserted ... then, five months later, while we were still waiting for the scoliosis surgery, she had the 'hardware' removed, as it would have interfered with her bone growth.

Finally we were given a date by Westmead children's hospital in Sydney for the scoliosis surgery, and I decided to take a short break first, as Imogen would be out of action for some time afterwards. A colleague suggested the Koala Hospital as a destination, and it took no more than two seconds for Imogen to give the idea a huge "YES!"

I sent off emails to enquire about hotels with disabled access, and whether the Koala Hospital could accommodate a wheelchair on its tour. Having received encouraging replies, I booked our flights with Virgin, which excelled itself with a wonderful disability service.

A very excited Imogen was duly wheeled around the koala enclosures, escorted by Marilyn Lees, the hospital's education coordinator. And as soon as Imogen saw Barry, she wanted to adopt him. I did the necessary form-filling on the internet as soon as we returned home, and we were soon well rewarded with a Barry toy and lots of other koala-related items. Since then, Imogen has referred to Barry as her 'son' — and he joins her two other 'B-boys', Buster the dog and Bob the cat. I am apparently grandma to all of them!

Imogen underwent spinal fusion surgery in July 2012, which achieved a 50-60% correction of her 85-degree curve, and she is

now slowly but surely recovering. Her first holiday request was to return to Port Macquarie to be reunited with her 'son'. How could I say no?



FROM THE KOALA HOSPITAL PHONE RECORDS

A lady called the hospital to let them know that there was a wombat curled up in a big empty plant pot in her garden. The rescuers found a sleeping koala.

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A lady rang up to tell us to come and get "your koala", as it was annoying her cat. The rescuers found the cat inside the house at the glass door, going berserk, and the koala sitting on the patio, just looking at the cat.

Supervisor's Report



The last few months have been relatively quiet which raises the question – is that good or bad? Interestingly we have not only had a number of reports of residents seeing many mothers and joeys out and about, but we have also had a “run” of healthy juvenile males out looking for new home ranges so the koala numbers are still happening out there.. As habitat for koalas is shrinking daily in the urban areas of Port Macquarie most of these healthy young males that have been captured and brought into the hospital, and have now found themselves eartagged, microchipped and sitting up in beautiful trees in some of the best koala habitat on the coast – much to their amazement and obvious delight.

Dooragin National Park (North Brother Mountain) is an enormous area of excellent eucalypt forest with minimal occupancy of koalas (was previously surveyed) is thus an ideal location for juvenile koalas struggling to find unoccupied ranges in urban areas (this sort of real estate is at a premium with almost nothing available to newcomers). So the planning is that a certain amount of young koalas are to be established in this park to recolonise what historically has been “empty of koalas” for the last 100 years or so due to a number of reasons. Its a great feeling seeing healthy young koalas settling in to this wonderful location – there are not many places like this left around!!!!

Even though Spring is noted to be dry, the weather at present is windy and warmer than normal as well. Hopefully things will settle but if it

doesn't we could be in for a scary summer season bushfire wise. Consequently we are getting our rescue teams and our staff all tuned up and ready in the event of things changing. We are hoping we are very wrong on this.

The organising for our upcoming National Koala Conference is in full swing. All our speaking programme is full - all attending should hear and see excellent presentations on what's been going on in the research, rehabilitation and legislative side of koala work. Its shaping up to be a pretty exciting information feast. On that note the planned meal menu is also shaping up to be a feast too!!!

All the staff are settling in well working with the new yard design and hopefully we will have all the cage furniture completed by summer for the outside yards. The tree guys are currently at the hospital doing their annual trimming of the deadwood of the eucalypts here, which is important to protect the staff working in the yards particularly on windy days and to stop “aerial highways” for escape routes of some of our patients!!!!

We have oodles of volunteers here at the moment – its seems each koala patient will receive attention each day from about five people!!! Talk about star treatment.

Everything seems to be humming along nicely.



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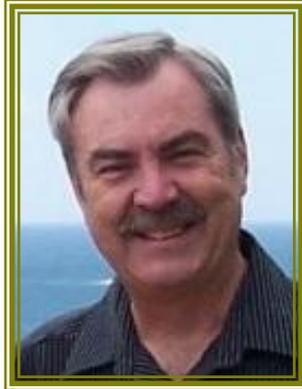
Treetops Annette



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from the President's Pen

We're almost there! The exhibitor's licence has been an on-going process for quite a while but it seems there is light at the end of the tunnel, together with the signing of our lease with National Parks. Hopefully, both will be finalised in a short time.



We now have over 150 working members, which is an amazing total of volunteers and I am extremely grateful to all of them for what they do, as they are the backbone of the koala hospital.

My thanks go to Graeme Meers for his efforts on our behalf as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. This is much appreciated.

We are all very excited about the events of next year, which will commemorate the 40th year of the inception (foundation) of the Koala Hospital by Jean and Max Starr. The major event is the koala conference in May and already the engagement programme is filled with top speakers from around the world expounding their knowledge on our favourite marsupial. We will all benefit greatly from their combined expertise.

Applications to attend the 3 day conference are available on the internet. Hope to see you there!

THE HAZARDS OF THE KOALA BREEDING SEASON

On a Tuesday night in late August, the Koala Hospital was called to a rescue in Gordon Street opposite Growers Market.

A young koala had decided to cross 4 lanes of traffic. It went under a car and came out the other side unscathed – probably due to his small size.

It then climbed to the top of the nearest telegraph pole and sat on the electric cables. The rescuers were unable to reach it as it was too high and very dangerous.

An approach was made to the Port Macquarie Fire Brigade and 6 firemen arrived 10 minutes later in a large fire truck. Using a ladder and poles, they brought the young male down to safety.

The Koala Hospital would like to say a big thank you to these firemen. The koala has been named "Gordon Firie" in honour of the firemen and will be released into a safer area after a short R n R at the hospital.

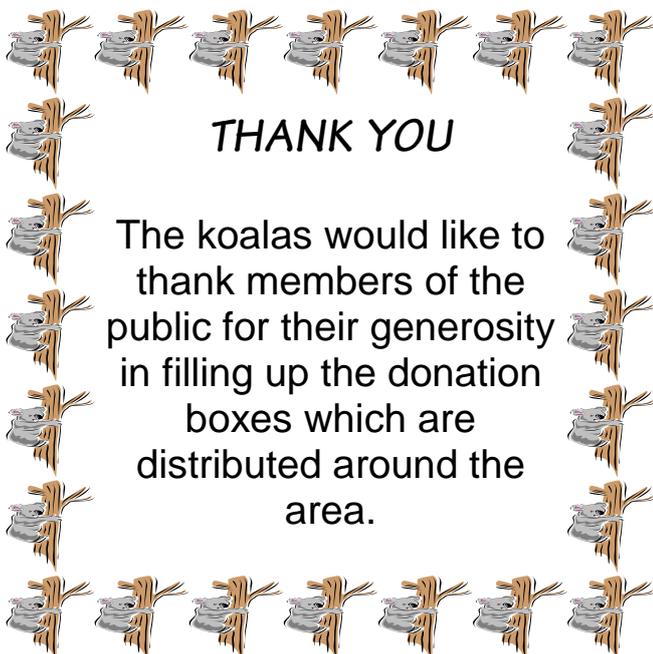
What a lucky koala!!

It would have been terrible to lose this young male as he is part of the Koala Hospital's future breeding stock, but unfortunately this type of rescue will be occurring more frequently now because the koala breeding season is underway.

Koalas will be moving around a lot more now and we have already had koalas admitted due to dog attacks and motor vehicle accidents. Sadly, some are not surviving. Young males in particular will be moving around to establish a new home range for themselves.

We would entreat the public to please take care when driving around Port Macquarie and environs, and to please lock up their dogs at night.

The survival of koalas is very important to us all.



BARRY'S ADVENTURES IN WANDERLAND

It started out as cold, wet winter in Port Macquarie this year so Barry decided he'd like to holiday somewhere a bit warmer to ease his old bones.

Still feeling the winter chills a little, Barry decided he'd head on up to Egypt and check out the sights. The big areas of desert reminded Barry of inland Australia and also the fact that there's not many gumtrees for a koala round there. So after having a look at the pyramids and the Sphinx and having a camel ride, just like he's done at Lighthouse Beach in Port Macquarie, he joined up with his friend, Corina, who was flying back to Switzerland.

Barry had a great time on the plane – the pilots were thrilled to have such a well-known traveller aboard and took time to show Barry around the



cockpit and tell him what all the instruments were for. He was disappointed that they wouldn't let him fly the plane but then realised that he was just a bit too small to operate all the gear and he didn't have a licence. He thought it best to leave the flying to the experts and just enjoyed some quality air time.

He only had a short stay in Switzerland – all those mountains and yodelling were making him feel a bit dizzy. He caught up with Sabina and Harold in Italy to enjoy some beach-going and nightlife, and learned to say "Ciao a tutti" which means "hello to all" in Italian. He admired the view from high on the hill at Gabbici Monte in northern Italy. It used to be a fishing village but it now known for its beaches of blue stones.

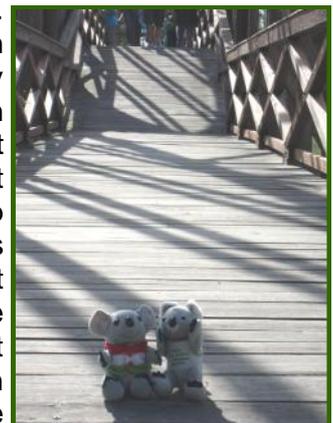
Barry then accompanied Sabina and Harold to Aquileia on the Adriatic Sea in Italy. He was very excited to see the excavations of the town that had been one of the wealthiest in the early Roman Empire. He was quite flabbergasted to

see the beauty of the 2000 year old tiled floor that is all that remains of a great cathedral that was



built in the 4th century and then destroyed in the 5th century by Attila the Hun and his savage hordes of soldiers.

Being the multi-lingual master that he is, Barry then joined Sabina and Harold in Hungary and said Jo napot kivanock (hello in Hungarian) to his old friend, Count Esterhazy. Together they visited beautiful Lake Balaton. The lake freezes over in winter but fortunately Barry was seeing it in summer when its vast expanse reflects sunlight to warm the air and help grow the world-famous wine-grapes from that region. Barry and the Count (whose great grandfather was an infamous spy for the German empire in the late 19th century) were particularly impressed with the beauty of the Kis-Balaton and had their photo taken together on a bridge within this huge wetland habitat that is a sanctuary for an amazing number of endemic and migrating birds.



As Barry is interested in cultural events Sabina and Harold took him along to visit the lighting installation at Vienna's St. Stephen's cathedral.



While still in Europe, Barry met up with an old friend, Bea, who took him on a 4 wheel "Tour de France", sometimes following the path of the world famous cyclists.

He tried wine tasting in Burgundy, where so many



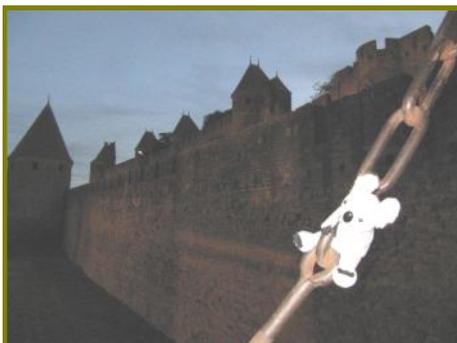
great wines are made, but although he would have loved to own a vineyard complete with chateau, he felt he should really stick to eucalypt juice as the wine made him feel a bit queer.

Barry always bounces back well, however, and he was soon off again, this time to Bordeaux, where he and Bea climbed the Dunes of Pilat.....so much sand! He e



imagined he had been dropped into the Great Sandy Desert in Australia, but Pilat has the highest dunes in Europe, whereas the Australian Desert is flat.

Still in France, he visited Carcassonne, a medieval town which had been fortified centuries ago by the Romans, and restored in 1853. He tried to breach the walls by



climbing up a chain on the outside, but ended up entangled in one of the links. He thought he could accomplish what others had tried in the past – some chance!!

He had seen enough of Europe for the time being so he jetted off to Alaska, where he met up with Hector and Carla, who drove him along a seemingly endless road, lined with some of the tallest trees he could remember seeing. At the end of this road is the tallest peak in North America, Mount McKinley. Barry was worried



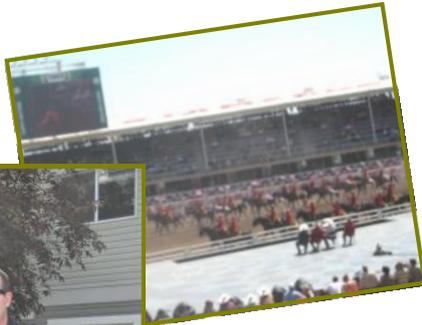
when they stopped for a break, and decided the safest place to be was on the yellow line in the middle of the road, so he could see all around him as he had heard there were large brown bears nearby.

From there they visited Denali Park and Reserve. Wild animals large and small roam unfenced



lands here, living as they have for ages. The Cultural Resources Programme there documents and shares stories of the land and its people, and helps preserve their special history which is believed to date back 12,000 years. Barry knew koalas dated much further back than that but was too polite to mention this.

Travelling further south, he recognised Margaret, one of the volunteers from the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie, and joined her at the Calgary Stampede in Alberta, Canada. This is an annual rodeo festival held in July every year and can be traced back to 1886. Animal rights organisations have tried to ban rodeos, and no-one was quite sure if Barry did or said



something to warrant his arrest, but he was bundled into a police car and Margaret had to bail him out.

That was enough to frighten him into thinking maybe he should head for home, but he decided to call in and see the Koitabashi family, who had visited him at the hospital in Australia. The



temples they took him to were very interesting, and a bit different from all the castles he had recently seen in Europe.

Landing in Australia, he was pleased to spend some time in Hervey Bay in Queensland, where he met Jane, another volunteer from the koala hospital. It was quite amazing to find so many of his carers on his jaunts around the world. He wasn't sure if it was just coincidence or if they were trying to keep an eye on him and perhaps return him to his yard there. He made friends with her dog, as he couldn't believe another animal would try to do anything wrong to him.



He decided it might be a good idea to hitchhike to Port Macquarie but on the way he met Greg, who asked him to go a little further south and attend an AFL game with him. Not knowing much about Australian Football, Barry thought this was a good idea, so agreed to accompany Greg to the indigenous round he would be going to. He loved the game, and found out there was a team called the Kangaroos, so he became a supporter as he felt he should be loyal to marsupials. Although



he succeeded in sneaking in to his yard at the koala hospital soon after, he was so enthused about AFL, that he decided he would make an extra effort to get to the next Kangaroo's game. He would ask Kaylee, the little koala at the hospital who always seemed to know everything, when and where they would next be playing. Sounds like he has his next escape already planned!!

Barry Photo Competition Winners this issue:
 Margaret Hearle—Barry arrested in Canada
 Bea Keller—Burgundy vineyard & Chateau

KOALA DREAMING

High above the noisy clatter of daily life sits a lonely figure, basking in the filtered rays of the morning sun. Stirring briefly to scratch, without so much as moving an eyelid, he is oblivious to the world below. Not blessed with a high level of intelligence, and unaware of the position it now finds itself subjected to, this forlorn male koala goes by the name of Roto Randy, a name he has earned over a decade or more, due mainly to his amorous nightly exploits in Macquarie Reserve. He has been blessed with a home range which includes the Koala Hospital and Roto House at Port Macquarie. Randy has been a patient at the hospital on many occasions, more for Rest and Recreation rather than anything more sinister.



Randy is a popular sight in the grounds of Roto House. Seemingly unafraid of humans, he occasionally comes down from his treetop domain and hotfoots it across to another tree close by, crossing the path of amazed onlookers, who are stunned by this close

up encounter with a truly wild koala.

In the good old days there were often female koalas to be found in the Reserve, and Randy is thought to have fathered the joey of Annabel, one of the other resident koalas. Male koalas enjoy the pleasures of parenthood with none of the responsibilities, as it is the duty of the female to nurture and raise the young, as well as educate them on the dos and don'ts of koala life.

However, for Randy, those days are gone, and he can only dream of a time when things were different. Now he can see desirable female koalas in the yards of the koala hospital, and for a lonely and virile male



this is what he thinks is a great opportunity to push the boundaries of his range and find a mate. He was recently spied dangling from slender twigs, much to the horror of onlookers, but was unable to gain access to any of the yards, due to the surrounding metal fences.

Today he is fast asleep in his favourite Blackbutt tree, dreaming of the captive audience of suitable females just a short distance away. In his dream, he imagines himself entering the hospital yards and making his choice. As a virile young male, in his koala mind he thinks that any of the female koalas there would be happy to see him. Without access to the outside world, his appearance should be very welcome.

Unfortunately, dreamers must awaken to harsh reality. He thinks of faking an injury to be admitted to the hospital, which might just give him a slightly better chance, if he ended up in an adjoining enclosure to a lady, or maybe, though, Cheyne would see through his plan and stick a needle in his butt and send him packing.

Oh, well, a koala can dream, can't he?

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GUM DROPS from KAYLEE

Well, dear readers, I must admit that I am not quite feeling my usual cheery self at the moment. I've had a bit of an upset but have been well looked after here at the hospital and will be feeling better very soon. Let me tell you what happened.

It was a dark and stormy night.....! No, no, I think someone else has already started a story that way.

It was actually a fairly quiet night when I heard a loud crack and felt myself falling and then there was a loud bang and then I hit the ground with a thump. I was so frightened that I just ran in the dark and climbed up the first tree I could get to and stayed there a few days to recover my breath and my dignity. Now everybody knows that we koalas like to live in eucalypt trees which are the type of trees most likely to drop their branches without any warning, and that's what happened to me. It seems that the branch fell onto the rotary clothes line in the yard next to mine and this probably softened my fall onto the ground.

But I didn't escape entirely unscathed – somehow my right eye was injured during the fall and despite the wonderful care I received here at the hospital the vet decided it was best to surgically remove my eye. Now it's been done and I'm in recovery and feeling very lucky that this happened to me here where I've been treated so well. It would be a different story for a koala out in the bush. And I can't feel sorry for myself – Emerald Downs Barbara who lives in the yard next to me has had both eyes removed and still lives a healthy and peaceful life. And Black Mountain Denise has had one eye removed and I hear she will be released into the bush soon. We're tough cookies and can overcome life's setbacks.

Tasman Brodie also had a nasty brush with Nature when he was bitten by a black snake and wasn't too well. He was treated by staff and sent to special homecare with Joyce and Brian who worked so hard to nurse him through his ordeal. His recovery is a real success story and I hear he'll be released back into his home range soon. I do hope he's a lot more careful about snakes in future – all creatures must share the bush space that is our home.

And talking of bush creatures, a local lady who walks in the hospital grounds regularly has seen a mother echidna and her baby getting around in the sunshine near Roto House. And I heard reports of another echidna seen burrowing under Roto House – it must be Spring!

Now I must tell you a few funny things that I saw happen to our volunteers and carers before I ended up in ICU. One afternoon Anne and Marilyn were hosting the walking tour for a group of about 60 people from China. That's a long way for people to come to see us so Anne was being extra friendly and polite. She bowed low to the visitors and said, "Konichiwa! That's all the Chinese I know." She was quite mortified when they laughed and she was told that she had spoken a Japanese word for welcome!

And I know we shouldn't laugh when someone has an unfortunate moment but Vice-President Mary had us all in stitches one day. Little Edwards Montana was in the big tree near the clothesline and a trap was put around it to catch her for a check-up. Mary found Montana in the trap and tried to pick her up to transfer her to a safe place, but she couldn't open the trap. So she was down on her knees holding Montana and volunteers Jane and Chris had to pick her up under each elbow to stand her up – laughing as they did so. Not a very dignified pose for the Vice President – and she got a nip on the hand from Montana for her trouble!

Roto Randy has been posing for attention lately – he often sits in a tree right next to the kiosk area and makes himself very visible which thrills the visitors. I've heard some of the volunteers say though that Randy might be given a run for his money by another local park resident. Roto Cherokee is a big handsome male koala who has been making his presence felt lately. When I'm back in my home tree I'll be on the watch for him.

Now I know you all like stories with happy endings and this is one that makes me smile. While I'm here resting in ICU the two little female joeys, Findlay Xena and Merrigal Flick, will be released back out to the bush to find a home range. What's really exciting is that they will be accompanied by two young males who were having trouble finding new home ranges in town. Young Gordon Firie had a rather dramatic rescue after he crossed four lanes of traffic and climbed up a power pole and had to be rescued by six burly firemen. And then Amethyst Simon was seen sitting on a mountain bike in someone's garage, probably planning a Tour de France adventure, so he was brought in to the hospital too. Now these four young ones will be taken by

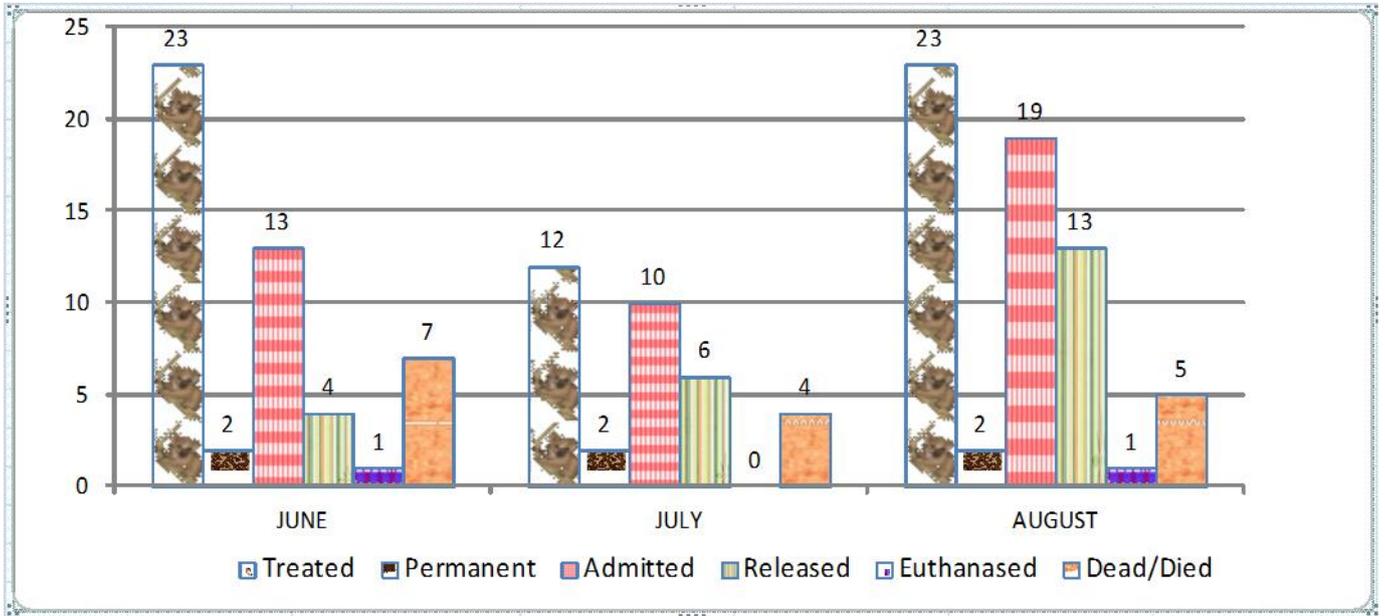
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Hospital Activity Report



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	Treating
07.09.11	Findlay Xena (Joey)	790 gms, severe concussion + bruising	De-humanising
22.11.11	Merrigal Flick	Orphaned joey	De-humanising
01.03.12	HKS Sammy	Transfer from HKS	Euthanased 13.07.12
16.03.12	Pacific Choccy	Chlamydia	Euthanased 27.06.12
29.03.12	Black Mountain Denise	Eye Infection	Treating
07.04.12	Pacific Chris	Dog attack	Treating
22.04.12	Ashdown Cathie	Aged - on ground	Euthanased 06.06.12
25.04.12	Lookout Harry	On ground	Treating
09.05.12	Kempsey Cookie	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Treating
15.05.12	Gunnedah Blossom	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Died 01.07.12
19.05.12	Major Innes Chris	Dog attack	Released 20.07.12
23.05.12	Ocean Jamie & Joey	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 14.06.12
26.05.12	Bundaleer Sandra	Low in tree	Died 02.06.12
26.05.12	Comboyne Kath	Hind leg injury	Euthanased 18.07.12
02.06.12	Lake Bill	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
04.06.12	Amira Jeremy	Chlamydia	Released 17.08.12
06.06.12	Cullen Cindy	On Ground	Died 07.06.12
09.06.12	Ocean Drive Cutey	Chlamydia	Treating
10.06.12	Oxley Yvonne	Lymphoma	Dead on Arrival
15.06.12	Cathie Kyah	Dog attack	Euthanased 21.06.12
17.06.12	Edward Montana	On telephone wires	Released 25.06.12
17.06.12	Shelly Flanagan	Chlamydia	Euthanased 25.06.12
22.06.12	Ocean St. Pauls	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
22.06.12	Ashdown Ken	Diseased Eye	Released 23.07.12
27.06.12	Tasman Brodie	Snake Bite	Treating
20.06.12	Cathie Alex	On Ground	Died 30.06.12
04.07.12	Hastings River Dr. Tiph	Dangerous area	Relocated 04.07.12
04.07.12	Inverell Eddie	Papilloma Left Eye	Released 13.07.12
05.07.12	Oxley Squeak	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 05.07.12
05.07.12	Oxley Squeaky (Joey)	Joey of Oxley Squeak	Died 14.08.12
15.07.12	Granite Lily	On ground	Died 15.07.12
18.07.12	Roto Randy	Limping - checked	Released 18.07.12
19.07.12	Ocean Jemima	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
26.07.12	Spring Ridge Joe	Moribund	Euthanased 27.07.12
20.07.12	Myoora Alan	On Ground	Euthanased 07.07.12
16.08.12	NATF Matty	Unknown	Euthanased 22.08.12

18.08.12	Ocean Dr. Demi	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 20.08.12
23.08.12	Roto Cherokee	Chlamydia	Treating
24.08.12	Morcombe Graham	Dog attack	Euthanased 24.08.12
27.08.12	Balmoral Place Barry	On road drinking from gutter	Treating
27.08.12	Amethyst Simon	Displaced juvenile	Observation
28.08.12	Uralla Les	Dog attack	Treating
28.08.12	Gordon Fire	On power line - displaced juvenile	Observation



boat across the lake to the beautiful Dooragin National Park at North Brother Mountain to start new lives as free creatures in the bush. Isn't that just so adventurous and romantic! I feel all wobbly inside!

Speaking of good stories, a few days before my tumble I had a visit from a famous author who had come to Port Macquarie to give a talk at the library. Katherine Howell used to be a paramedic and now writes crime fiction novels that feature her ambulance experiences. I noticed she was very interested in our koala ambulance and the stories of all the koalas staying here. The best news is that Katherine has joined all the other lovely people who support our koala adoption program and she has adopted me! I do hope I never have to call on her paramedic skills in the future though.

Now my poor head is buzzing so I will sign off and have a well-earned sleep to recover my strength so that I can get back out to my tree in the yards. Thanks to all for your get-well wishes – it's lovely to have friends.

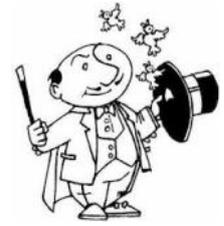
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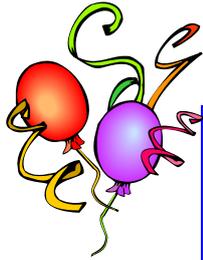


KOALA HOSPITAL



FAMILY FUN DAY

**SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
9 AM TO 2 PM**



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

Troppo Bob, The Magician

The Blue Note Ensemble

Sausage sizzle

Devonshire Tea

Raffles

Face painting

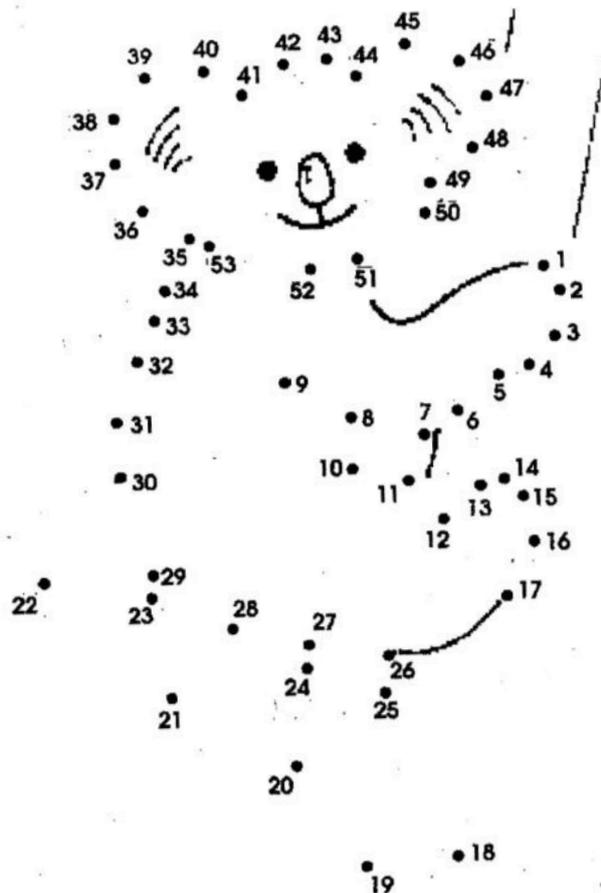
Walk and Talks

Guess the Poo

Wizzy the Waterdrop



JOIN THE DOTS TO FIND
SOMEONE SPECIAL.





New Members

July-August

Rachel	Erin
Bryan	Glenys
Tiahne	Amy
Pat	Aysha

2012 Calendar

21 Sept.12	Management Meeting
29 Sept.12	Family Fun Day
19 Oct. 12	Management Meeting
16 Nov. 12	Management Meeting
20 Nov. 12	General Meeting
16 Dec 12	Christmas Lunch
26 May 13	AGM

These dates may change at short

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