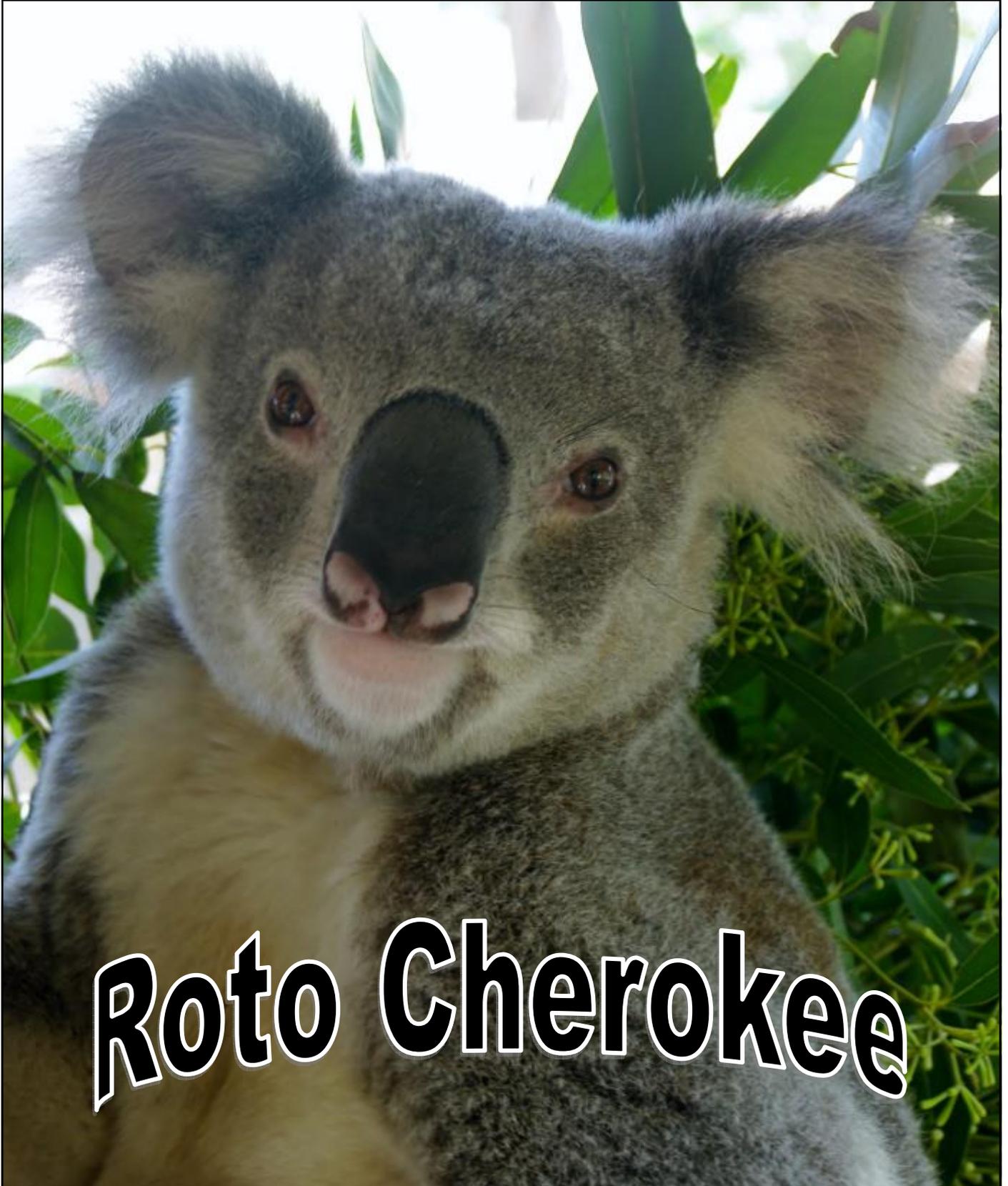




Gum Tips

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Roto Cherokee

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In 2012 a magnificent young male koala was located in the grounds of Macquarie Nature Reserve, where the Koala Hospital and Roto House are located. As “Roto Randy” was the alpha male at the time, it was interesting to find that a 9.3kg male hanging around as well.

We suspected that Roto Randy’s dominant status was about to fall from grace. Staff noticed Roto Cherokee had a slight stain on his rump, he was easily captured, brought in to the hospital and put under anaesthesia for a screen for Chlamydia.

Unfortunately he was found to be Chlamydia positive, he was then treated for six weeks on antibiotics, he responded beautifully and was released back into the grounds after his post treatment screen.



In May this year we received a call from a concerned home owner who noticed two big male koalas fighting in a tree in his backyard.

One of the koalas had a dirty stain on his bottom and the home owner was aware that this could mean trouble, and of course, it turned out to be Roto Cherokee.

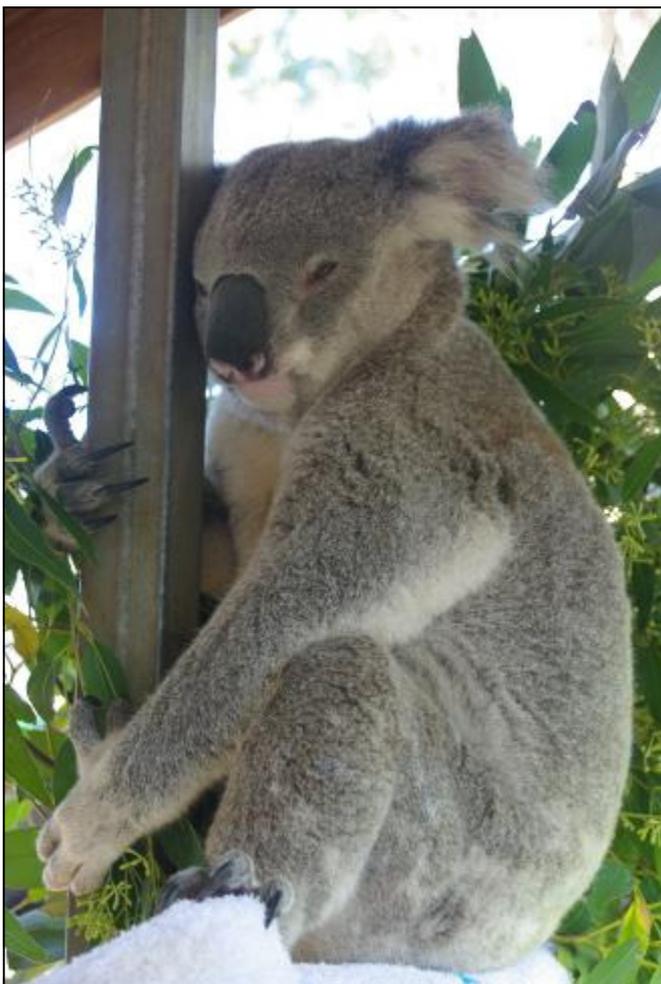
He was now a healthy 10.2 kilos which is very big for koalas in this area – he looked like he had been doing weights for the last two years. Males in N.S.W. tend to have a maximum weight of around 9.5kgs, whereas Victorian male koalas can reach a staggering 14-15 kilos in weight. Its called “clinal distribution” where the further south you go, the bigger the animal. Queensland koalas are smaller than NSW.

Unfortunately, Chlamydia had infected him again, so it was back into the ICU for another course of treatment. Within two weeks of being in the 5 star ICU – Roto Cherokee weighed in at 10.7 kilos. What a stud!

Cherokee has responded well to treatment and has won the hearts of not only all the staff with his gentle nature, but all the female koalas in the hospital think he is pretty cute too. He is a very handsome boy.

Being such a huge animal puts Roto Cherokee into alpha male status especially now that Roto Randy is no longer with us – this gives him the opportunity to dominate the other males who maybe seeking to challenge his home range. Not a chance!

Roto Cherokee will be released shortly – hopefully he will remain Chlamydia free.



We didn’t see Roto Cherokee again after this – maybe being injected daily was enough to make him leave the area!

Giant Koalas set to invade Hastings Area!

Now that I have your attention!.....The Hello Koalas Public Sculpture Trail becomes a reality this September in the Hastings area. The hello Koalas Sculpture Trail is a public art project which will see fifty 1 metre high fibreglass koalas strategically placed throughout the Hastings and its hinterland.

The project is designed to help promote cultural tourism, environmental sustainability, creative industries and community participation.

Each koala has a corporate or community group sponsor and the trail will be auspiced by the Port Macquarie Hastings Council. The project was conceived by Arts and Health Australia, whose executive director Margret Meagher said that the organization is dedicated to advocating the use of the arts and creativity to enhance health and wellbeing.

“Public art is one of the most effective ways to engage members of a community, from children to older age and from diverse backgrounds, and encourage interaction, participation and contribution within a community” Mrs Meagher said.

A very prominent entertainer is among the artists chosen to design one of the koalas. Legendary singer, songwriter and artist John Williamson who is a patron of the Koala Hospital, will be putting his paintbrush to work to highlight his love for our furry friends.

“I have been a patron of the Koala Preservation Society Australia ever since I met one of the founders, the late Jean Starr, in the early eighties” Williamson said.

He will capture the essence of the plight of the koala, as he has done in the past with his well known and unforgettable song Goodbye Blinky Bill, in his design on one of the koala likenesses.

“I could not stand by and watch the demise of our precious marsupial around Port Macquarie so I began to pass the hat around my audiences at my concerts and also recorded the song Goodbye Blinky Bill.”

“We raised a considerable amount of money and that was donated to the Koala Hospital and enabled them to build a new wing which houses their intensive care unit”

Most may not be aware John Williamson is an accomplished visual artist as well as an award winning musician. “It seemed only natural that I have a go at painting a koala sculpture, he said.

“Ever since I was a kid I dabbled in art and I hope I can do the koala justice”. He said his own design will incorporate stars as a reminder of Jean Starr and her husband Max, and it will be inspired by the evening vista to the west from his cliff top home on the Gold Coast.



A depiction of what one of the metre high koala sculptures might look like at Town Beach foreshore.

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Help keep our Koalas in Good Hands!

The Koala Preservation Society will gratefully accept bequests to help insure the continued work of the society. You can log on to our website, click on the *Act Now* section on the front page and read all the information under the *Bequest* heading.

Make a commitment to protect an endangered and unique Australian icon

Wildlife struggling with loss of Habitat

SEVERE degradation of Port Macquarie's natural environment is increasingly threatening the stability of native wildlife populations.

There has been a disturbing spike in the number of seriously ill animals being treated by the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and FAWNA (For Australian Wildlife Needing Aid) rescue teams.

And, activists say the problem comes down to a significant loss of viable habitat. It comes on the eve of the United Nations' World Environment Day, a global event calling for the protection of the planet's greatest asset.

The Koala Hospital's Cheyne Flanagan has blamed habitat decline for a recent, and concerning, rise in the number of koalas presenting with chlamydia – a devastating disease, which is incredibly difficult to treat.

The bacterial infection can lead to a host of symptoms including eye-infections leading to blindness, infertility, chronic pain and ultimately death. Cases of chlamydia have accounted for up to two-thirds of Port Macquarie Koala Hospital's latest admissions.

"It's not even the season, and we're seeing a lot more than we are used to," Ms Flanagan told the Port News. "But there is no doubt chlamydia and habitat loss are directly related."

She said koalas have a very specific hierarchical family structure, which dictates the boundaries of each animal's territory relating to their age, sex and dominance.

A loss of habit is a precursor for a range of problems.

"They hate being near each other," she said. "When they're forced together in smaller areas it leads to fighting for food, in-breeding, depression and closer contact which spreads the disease."

Unfortunately, this problems affects other native animals, too.

The poor health of Port Macquarie's kangaroo and wallaby populations, and glider families coming into care are also of particular concern, said FAWNA president Meredith Ryan.

"It is vital that in all developments, sufficient wildlife corridors are sustained for our wildlife," Mrs Ryan said. "Populations are being isolated and squeezed into ever-dwindling areas."

Ms Flanagan echoed FAWNA's views on the importance of sustainable development in the region.

"We just need to keep our trees," Ms Flanagan said. "Port Macquarie needs to be designed around our vegetation."

"There's no use cutting down a 200-year-old tree and replacing it with a new one.

"It takes at least 10 years for those trees to become viable, and in that time generations of animals miss out."



Hospital supervisor Cheyne Flanagan said it represents a disturbing trend in the Hastings area when koalas continue to present with chlamydia, recognising it as a sure sign of loss of habitat.

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**Thanks go to
All the People who
have donated generously
to helping our koalas
too
numerous to mention
individually**

Koala food supply future Secured

A binding contract is in place for the purchase of a 94 hectare parcel of fertile bushland at Maria River, with the deposit already lodged and contracts exchanged on 22nd May, 2014. Completion is conditional upon Port Macquarie Hastings Council approving the subdivision plan and the current vendor fencing the area and making improvements to the existing dam.

This land acquisition by the Port Macquarie Koala Preservation Society is the result of years of planning and fund raising and will see an investment of more than \$500,000 in the future of koala care, as well as a significant long term project to enhance the local environment.

The Society had been searching for many years to find a suitable property to plant koala food trees in an attempt to alleviate the pressures and environmental impact of harvesting leaf from the eucalypt tree clusters across Port Macquarie residential area.

The Maria River property is owned by local surveyor Graham Sayer who will work collaboratively with the society to map the land and plan future plantings on the site.

The land will not be developed in any way, only enhanced by the planting of more trees in the area, as well as the ability to be able to use the existing trees to harvest food leaf.

Previously the society was looking at the former Fantasy Glades site as an ideal central location for a food forest, but financial constraints forced them to broaden the search.

Currently, society volunteers fill a truck every day with eucalypt leaf harvested from trees dotting Port Macquarie residential streets to feed sick, injured and rehabilitating animals at the Koala Hospital. It was proving increasingly difficult to gather enough leaf to meet all the ongoing daily requirements without having an adverse impact on the environment. It was also becoming a concern for the existing koala population that use these trees as a

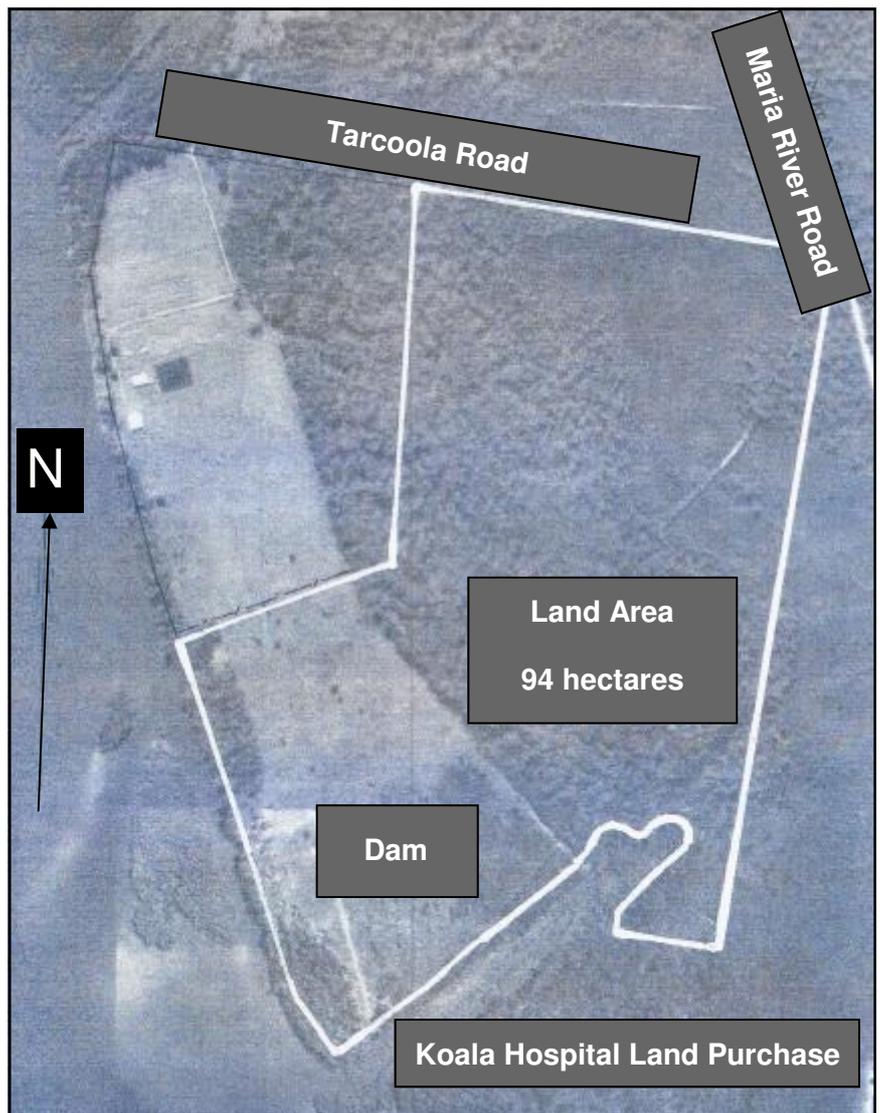
food source for themselves, and was becoming a regressive situation to damage trees that these healthy koalas were feeding from.

While there are clutches of existing food trees on the site to source food leaf, the long term plan is to plant several thousand more trees across 20 hectares of the site.

The Society is also looking for sponsors to help finance the next stage, calling on local organisations, individuals and businesses to become acreage sponsors.

For \$2000, a sponsor will fund the planting of one acre of koala food trees and be recognised for their generous donation.

Anyone wanting to be a part of the koala food tree sponsorship program can contact the Society on 6584 1522.



Supervisor's Report



Well winter is finally here – very cold at night, very chilly in the morning and beautiful balmy days with the occasional freezing wind! This weather change will wake up the koalas and breeding season is about to commence and unfortunately this will mean more admissions due to love struck males and females on the move.

Unfortunately this results in crossing roads, and backyards where dogs abound, plus it also spreads chlamydial infection. Since the last Gum Tips we have had a steady flow of koalas with ocular (eye) chlamydial infection, that commonly occurs at the end of summer. Thankfully we have very good success in treating this infection with most of the koalas being successfully released.

We are still receiving many “out of area” koala patients with the same complaint so it’s definitely not a local phenomena.

The redesigning of the exhibition yards are nearing completion and everything is looking very smart. The hospital has an excellent team of volunteers on board, and the interest to join up

seems to be on an upward trend, the Koala Hospital is a very popular place these days! The overseas volunteer programme is also very busy, we are even filling vacancies for 2016 – such is the popularity of our magnificent wild koalas. Our work experience students also have a very full calendar of people wishing to come and learn about wild koala rehabilitation work.

Even though we have not had a lot of rain over the last season, the ground conditions in the bush are quite good at present, for us this means a low bushfire risk at this point, but forecasts for spring are not looking wonderful.

We will wait and see. All in all, the hospital is running along very well, and again its important to acknowledge the wonderful work all the Hospital volunteers do, without you the hospital simply would not exist.

Cheyne Flanagan

A sad Farewell for Little Flea

A tiny koala joey lost its battle for survival, after very special circumstances gave her a second chance at life. Narani Fleagle was “a little block of ice” when an inquisitive beagle found the fragile animal as it lay dying. She was rescued from Narani Crescent reserve, and taken to Port Macquarie’s Koala Hospital.

But despite the best efforts of her canine hero Fleagle the beagle, it’s owner Leslie Higgins and volunteer team leader Yon Veenstra, no more could be done for “little Flea”.

The Koala Hospital’s Cheyne Flanagan said the tiny animal’s passing was devastating, yet far too common among little ones left fighting on their own. And, she said, served as a stark reminder of how hard it would be to bring the population numbers back once koalas have become more threatened by extinction.

“Koala’s are notoriously hard to hand-raise when they’re small,” Ms Flanagan said. “Mother koalas provide a full package of anti-bodies to their joeys through the entire lactation period, we humans simply can’t replicate that”. In a heart warming



Little Narani Fleagle in hospital care

display of dedication, Ms Veenstra was meticulous in feeding little Flea a milk formula every two hours from the time she came into her care.

Soon after, the marsupials four-month journey, would come to an end. “Sadly, that’s how quickly it can happen,” Ms Flanagan said. Pneumonia and other health factors may also be causes for death. “Farewell Little Flea you are now in the great gum tree in the sky,” was a much shared post on the Koala Hospital Facebook page.

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*From
the
President's
Pen*



It's an honour to have been elected as your president. I will endeavour to represent you all with the utmost transparency and not take this responsibility lightly.

Bob Sharpham has been a wonderful president. In his 10 years with the Koala Preservation Society he has lifted the profile of the Koala Hospital higher with many accomplishments while in the chair.

Thank you Bob, staff and members who have worked tirelessly to take care of our koalas. I have an abiding faith in you all, knowing you will continue with your good work.

In the past 5 years I have been involved in Habitat, spending most of my spare time in the field learning about the type of trees koalas like to eat, and planting koala food trees for them. This role has been handed to John Barber, I'm sure he will do his very best to continue this very important role, after all "No Tree No Me".

I'm excited at the opportunity of working with you. After just 2 weeks as president, I'm taking every day at a time. I will encounter many challenges in my new role, however with a great team and shared motivation from you all, we will continue to see the Koala Preservation Society grow in the future.

Milicia McCosh

Thumbs Up

(Koalas have 2 thumbs on each hand)



Thumbs up to the taxi driver who accidentally hit a koala and then remained with the koala at 2am in the morning until rescue arrived. Then with another taxi mate helped get the koala into the basket and also gave a very generous donation to help look after the koala. Happily the koala survived and is now back home.



Thumbs up to the couple in Wauchope who found a koala sitting on the road. They carefully picked up the koala and met the rescuers at the Donut, saving them a lot of time. Sadly the koala did not survive.



Thumbs up to another couple in Wauchope who found another koala sitting beside the road near Ellenborough Falls. The koala was so quiet and ill he was easy to pick up. He was in a very bad way and thanks to the couple bringing him as far as Wauchope he was treated sooner. Sadly he was released from his pain.



Thumbs up to the Probus group from Wauchope for their very generous donation when they came for a tour of the hospital.



Ocean Summer

Adopt Ocean Summer

In 2012 a healthy female koala and her joey were both hit by a car in Port Macquarie. Sadly the mother didn't survive and a tiny joey was found at the scene, sitting on the side of the road crying for her mother. Ocean Summer was just over one kilo in weight and was taken into a hospital staff's private home to be cared for round the clock.

She was extremely traumatised by the event and it was noticed that Summer was not responding very well to stimuli. It wasn't long before we realised that Summer could not see, even though there is no obvious trauma to her eyes, which has resulted in her having minimal vision. Ocean Summer has now grown into a healthy young adult koala and because of her blindness, she will not be released into the wild and will remain here at the Koala Hospital indefinitely.

For Adoption details login to www.koalahospital.org.au/adopt

Barry's Adventures in *Wanderland*

Time to be off again, thought Barry as he planned on jetting overseas to catch up with some of his many friends. But first he went to say goodbye to all his mates just up the road at Sea Acres. This small but

Hospital with everyone she knew. When Brenda and her Mum were heading off to the USA on a flight from Sydney, Barry hitched a ride with them and thoroughly enjoyed the inflight service and drinks, maybe just a little too much, they said there was a shortage of gum leaf on the flight!



beautiful National Park is a protected area of 76 hectares situated on the Australian east coast at Port Macquarie. It is a popular tourist area with a 1.3 km long boardwalk through a remnant of seaside rainforest and is home to many wild creatures including goannas, brush turkeys and some koalas as well.

Elaine took Barry to the Westport Club so see if he could win himself some spending money for the trip but all the lights and bells and whirring pictures on the poker machines made him feel a bit dizzy.



So Elaine took him to Woolworths to get some headache tablets and a few personal items to take on his travels. He just loved whizzing down the aisles in the trolley pretending he was Jack Brabham in a racing car.



His new friend Brenda had visited Barry at the Hospital and was very impressed by the care and attention given to all the koalas there. She said she was going to be sharing Barry's story and the work of the



A stopover at Waikiki Beach in Honolulu seemed like a great idea so they spent some time on the famous golden sands and watched the surfers riding the waves and listening to ukulele music.

Nova Scotia in Canada was Barry's next stop. He joined Leslie in the harbour town of

Parrsboro and they visited the Ship's Company Theatre where plays by maritime writers are performed. This is due to Parrsboro, located in the Bay of Fundy, is an historic seaport and is quite renowned for the variable tides there that reach preposterous extremes of highs and lows.



Tim and Charlotte met Barry at Gatwick Airport in London and took him to meet the Harrods Bear who welcomes everyone to the airport store in his handsome green uniform. Harrods created their first Christmas Bear back in 1986 and make a new one every year. That makes them very collectable and Barry thought it was a lovely tradition.



Barry didn't think he'd been to the Channel Islands before so was happy to go along with Tim and Charlotte to St Helier on Jersey. Was he ever

surprised to see a herd of the famous Jersey cows in the middle of the town! He was even more surprised when he realised that they were life-size bronze statues. "Very clever" he thought, "No need for effluent control."



"How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Paree?" was the ribald old song ringing through Barry's head as he left Jersey and headed to Paris to catch up with Lynne and Stuart. He thought it was such a beautiful city and was quite keen to try his climbing skills on the fancy wrought-iron balconies on the picturesque buildings but they talked him out of it for safety reasons.

They went on a trip to the French countryside to the huge river delta area of The Carmargue nestled between the two arms of the Rhone river and the Mediterranean Sea. All those lakes and marshland areas produce lots of seafood so they tucked into big plates of delicious paella with prawns and fish and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



There was more celebrating for Barry as he joined up with Melanie in Germany for the fabulous week-long Carnival in Cologne. He got right into the spirit of things as everyone dressed up in costumes for the Rose Monday procession to honour The Prince, The Peasant and The Maiden.

Now Barry had heard that some people see pink elephants when they've had a bit too much to drink, but he really thought he'd gone dotty when he saw a giant pink bunny! His friends Sabina and Harald took him to the Albertina Museum in Vienna and there it was. He was quite relieved to discover that it was only a plastic replica of the famous painting from 1502 by Albrecht Durer that was on show in the museum.



Knowing that Vienna was famous for coffee and cake refreshments, Barry was delighted to join Sabina and Harald at a special class to learn how to bake cupcakes. He had a great time messing about with flour and sugar but he particularly enjoyed licking the spoon that was used to make the fancy icing!



Barry was beginning to worry about his waistline expanding when he arrived at Corinna's house in Kerstenholz in Switzerland. He was so touched that she had decided to welcome him with a very special home-baked chocolate cake. What a surprise to see that she had decorated it with a very clever koala picture!

The picture made him feel quite homesick to he started making his way home to Oz. On the way he had a very happy reunion with Jane who was on



holiday in Greece. Jane is one of the many volunteers at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and so they had lots to chat about as they enjoyed some fresh mussels and a glass of Ouzo!

After all that cake and seafood Barry was eager to get back to his favourite place at the Hospital in Port Macquarie to gobble some gum leaves and snooze peacefully while he dreamed about his next big adventure. Where to go to next time?

Thank you Marilyn!

A big thumbs up to Marilyn Lees for all her work and input as the outgoing editor of the Gum Tips newsletter.

Compiling the quarterly newsletter along with her other duties at the hospital must have stretched her time resources.

But all your friends - human and koala alike thank you for your concerted efforts.

From the Koala Hospital Volunteers

Vale Roto Randy

Once again we have to say goodbye to an old friend, a real character "Roto Randy". He lived in the reserve adjacent to the Koala Hospital for quite a number of years. Many times he has been seen coming down from a tree and wandering amongst the visitors at the hospital, much to the delight of all in attendance, maybe he was just looking for the front door?

A sweet, gentle boy with record visits in the Koala Hospital. I think he just liked coming in here to be pampered and most certainly to check out the girls. R.I.P. little mate, you will have a lot of friends in the "Gum Tree in the sky". Yes Randy plenty of females miss you!

Pam Whippy

Farewell Yard Nine

Farewell Yard 9 – Hello Peter's Yard.

Under the watchful eye of our koala patients, Yard 9 is currently being renovated into the Koala Hospital's new Exhibit yard.

A 'Name the New Yard' competition was held at the hospital with a lot of interesting suggestions being placed in a highly secured cardboard box!

After much scrutinizing and head scratching the judge's choice for the renaming of Yard 9 was.... Peter's Yard! So a big thank you to our winners Margaret Hearle and Gerry Walsh for their great suggestion in honouring our late and much loved volunteer and friend, Peter Schulties.

Peter's grumbling mate, Westhaven Barry has also approved by giving us a 'double thumbs up'. Thank you to all the volunteers that participated and congratulations to Margaret and Gerry who will receive a whale watching voucher and don't forget your camera Gerry.

For all the 'runners up' there will be a 2kg bag of fresh pellets ready to be collected outside the back door. That also includes me!

Gaby Rivett

And the Koala's say Thank You!

As a volunteer at the hospital and the enviable privilege of being "up close and personal" with these endearing furry patients, you become aware when there's something in the "lemon scented eucalypt air".

Well, one morning a koala, and I'm sorry but I can't name my source, asked me for a favour.

Apparently this "spokeskoala" asked if I would be able to write what was discussed among them during the previous evening in the yards. I said that I'll do my best. *What might that be, I hear you ask?*

They are very impressed how well the volunteers look after them, not every koala has fresh leaf cut from a tree every day. Once cut it's then brought back to the hospital so it can be carefully trimmed and placed in containers with clean fresh water, served at just the right height, so they can enjoy munching their breakfast without any effort.

Catching up on all the gossip is also enjoyable while being fed their favourite formula. They're a bit embarrassed about having the gunyahs raked of pellets, so they pretend they're asleep. Having regular visitors at 3pm and hearing all the lovely stories and information told about them by the guides, gives them a warm furry feeling. They also mentioned that some guides can talk for a long time!

Later on, afternoon formula, more rearranging and freshening of the eucalypt leaf and a friendly scratch behind the ear, it doesn't go unnoticed! The patients would like to thank Gerry for painting the ICU units and the maintenance men replacing gunyahs. A special thanks for the volunteers that clean the ICU units, realising how uncomfortable it is for their backs, the bending up and down, especially after some of us "trashed them", but the outdoors can be too much of a temptation and they get frustrated!

The joeys would like to say a big THANK YOU to their "mums" for the special care their mums have given them. And not forgetting the rescuers, they don't like the big stick or the bag much but they're happy that you came to their aid when they need it most and are very impressed that you never complain about the time or weather conditions (at least, not within earshot, and we all know how well they can hear!)

Of course let's not forget to mention Cheyne (or as they call her "Alpha Mum"), who gives them a thorough check up on arrival at the hospital, but don't really appreciate being jabbed with a sharp pointy thing and have "yucky creamy stuff" poked in their eyes!

They realise there's a lot of people that do many important tasks in "the big green building", they haven't met everyone but there are just so many hours in a day. And before falling asleep...again, he whispered a very big Thank You to all!

Anon



GUM DROPS

from

Kaylee

Well, Geobbrie's finally been released but I don't feel so bad knowing he's in a safe place and can now climb trees to his heart's content and be a real koala again. I miss him though.

We have had lots of new arrivals since I last spoke to you; there are always some sad things happening to koalas in the outside world. Thank goodness we have this hospital to care for us, and many of the sick and injured koalas have been returned to the wild after treatment here.

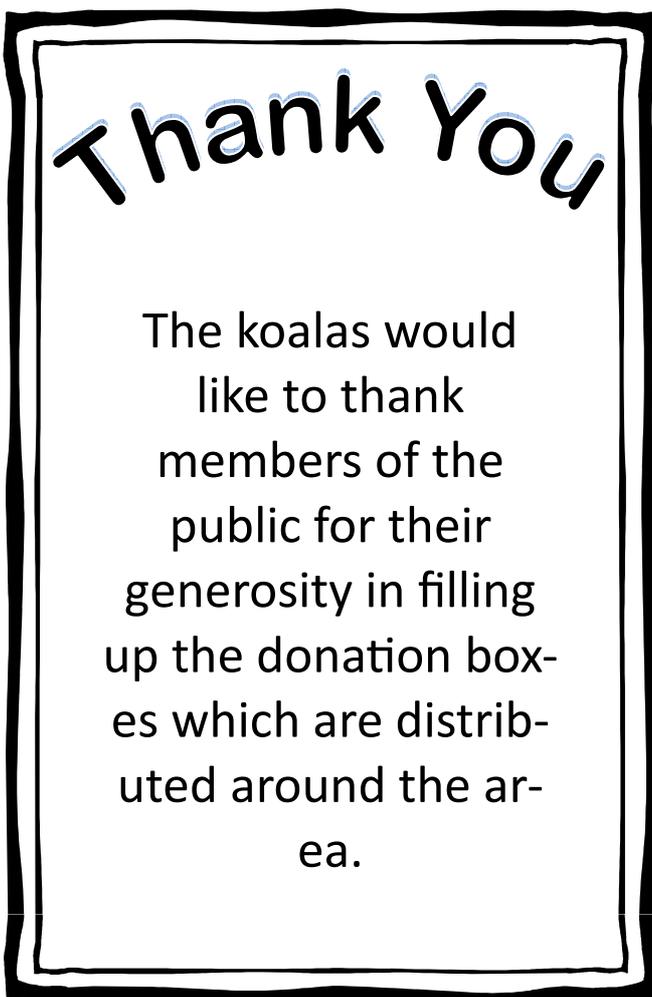
As you know, I keep my ear to the ground, (figuratively speaking, of course) and I've found out that some of us are being given nicknames – I ask you! What's wrong with the ones that we already have? I suppose having a nickname means we're a bit special, however. My name appears to be "Pirate", because of the patch on my eye, and Barbara, who is in the yard next to me, has been named "Wingnut" by someone who commented on our Facebook page. Honestly! Something to do with her shape, but I'm not sure whether that's a compliment or not, I suppose a wing nut is a handy thing to have around.

The weather is cooling down a bit now, so poor Barry is being taken inside each night as he doesn't handle the cold very well. I prefer to stay up here in my tree, but as you all know, I'm tough and very resilient, and don't need cosseting. But Barry is getting on a bit though and does need looking after. He seems to do a lot of travelling, according to our newsletter Gum Tips, although I've never actually seen him sneaking out. It's ok for some, I suppose, but I prefer to stay in my comfortable tree here at the hospital and have my servants, oops, volunteers, look after me. They

do this job so well that I can't see any point in leaving.

You hear such funny stories here too; like the other week when one of our nice volunteers was accidentally locked into one of the yards. Luckily she had her mobile phone with her, but the only hospital number she had on her phone, was that of the membership secretary so she called her and explained her plight. The secretary then rang the hospital to ask someone to release the locked in volunteer from her temporary prison. What a hoot! Anyway it just goes to show you that there's always a way out somehow.

See you next time.



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.



Gordon Firie

Adopt Gordon Firie

This magnificent young male decided to roll the dice when he ventured across four lanes of busy traffic. Reported to have gone under a moving car, come out the other side unscathed and in fright he went up the nearest "tree", which turned out to be a power pole. Luck continued when he climbed to the top and was found hanging on the electricity lines. Hospital staff were called to the rescue but the rescue was beyond their means, so they enlisted the help of Port Macquarie Fire Brigade. Four wonderful firemen arrived with their large fire truck and within minutes had rescued him.

At the hospital, he was found to have suffered only a small abrasion to his chin and a wound to his dignity. Named Gordon Firie as he was found on busy Gordon Street and of course "Firie" after the firemen who came to his rescue.

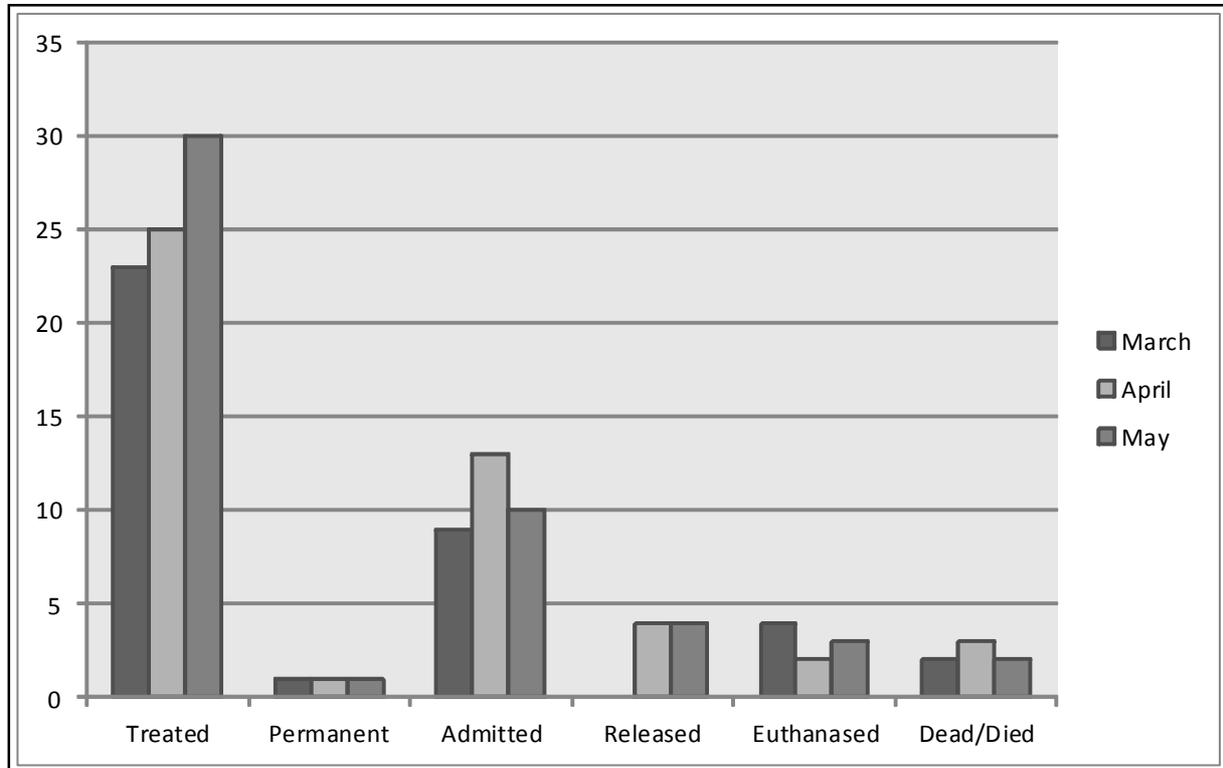
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Koala Hospital Activity Report

Admitted	Name	Reason	Result
11.07.08	Westhaven Barry	Scoliosis of spine	Permanent Resident
26.09.09	Oxley Hwy. Kaylee	Hind leg amputated	Treating
12.03.10	Emerald Downs Barbara	Blind R. Eye - limited vision	Treating
26.10.12	Ocean Summer	Limited sight	Treating
08.01.13	Lake Geobbrie	Fungal infection	Released 15.04.14
19.07.13	Barrington Xavier	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Treating
06.11.13	HKS Steve	Lethargic	Treating
12.11.13	Ocean Drive Pat	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
15.11.13	Salamander Bay Tallimba	Loss of Habitat - Bushfire	Treating
19.11.13	HKS Richardson Jane	Bushfire Victim - burns	Released 09.04.14
02.12.13	NATF Zenani	Bushfire Victim - burns	Treating
22.12.13	Merinda Nina	Orphan Joey	Home Care
03.01.14	Roto Randy	Septic Right Knee	Died 12.03.14
24.02.14	Lighthouse Paul	Chlamydia	Euthanased 06.03.14
25.02.14	Amira Chaplin	Chlamydia	Released 30.04.14
04.03.14	Jasmine Carla	Chlamydia	Released 08.04.14
06.03.14	Delungra Dot	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Released 14.05.14
06.03.14	Bangalay Mal	On ground	Euthanased 13.03.14
16.03.14	Koala Lou Joey	Diseased right eye	Treating
20.03.14	Mimose Olly	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
24.03.14	Hastings River Dr. Neil	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 24.03.14
29.03.14	Ocean Ainsley	Chlamydia	Euthanased 03.04.14
29.03.14	Wauchope Poncho	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 31.03.14
31.03.14	Marbuk Jack	Motor Vehicle Accident	Died 02.04.14
01.04.14	Jonas Absalom Ev	Chlamydia/Conjunctivitis	Euthanased 27.05.14
06.04.14	Bangalay Jonathan	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
06.04.14	NATF Burrell	Chlamydia	Treating
08.04.14	NATF Yenko	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Treating
10.04.14	Koala Neale	Conjunctivitis left eye	Treating
20.04.14	The Binnacle Val	Chlamydia	Died 01.04.14
21.04.14	Armidale Kerry	Conjunctivitis	Treating
21.04.14	Ocean Rodette	Suspect Motor Vehicle Accident	Died 22.04.14
22.04.14	Newport Bridge Gloria	On ground	Euthanased 24.04.14
22.04.14	Elparra David	Conjunctivitis	Treating
23.04.14	Hart Ken	Chlamydia	Treating
26.04.14	Oxley Lucky Two	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 20.05.14
28.04.14	Warrego Olly	On ground	Euthanased 01.04.14
11.05.14	Roto Cherokee	Chlamydia	Treating
11.05.14	Mitchell Pascoe	Chlamydia	Treating
13.05.14	Amira Chaplin	Dog Attack	Dead on Arrival
16.05.14	Maria River Rd. Simone	Difficulty walking	Euthanased 20.05.14
17.05.14	Lake Nicole	On ground	Released 18.05.14

Admitted	Name	Reason	Result
22.05.14	Narani Fleagle Joey	Abandoned	Home Care
22.05.14	Nicholls Greg	Conjunctivitis Right eye	Treating
25.05.14	Dunbogan David	In dangerous area	Released 28.05.14
26.05.14	Ellenborough Howard	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Treating
30.05.14	Lake Geobbrie	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating



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July 17	Management Meeting
August 14	Management Meeting
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September 18	Management Meeting

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Walk and talk guide Jennifer starting a daily tour



Ken on Koala Rescue with new patient Long Point Kev



Volunteer Chris feeding an eager Westhaven Barry



Volunteer Sheila with the inquisitive NATF Steve



"And they think I look comfortable"
thoughts of Stoney Creek Sue



Treatment Room with a couple of onlookers
looking "very stuffed"



Female juvenile Merinda Nina looking healthy after a
stay in home care



A ravenous male koala with his afternoon meal
"Watch my fingers mate!"



"Really, I volunteered to get away from all this!"



Team leader Yon Veenstra with
Narani Fleagle (story on page 6)



And koala Zanani said "Seriously, can a koala ever
get enough sleep?"



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