



# Gum Tips

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# Lake Geobbrie



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In January 2013, two of the hospital staff were out assessing a koala when a call was received for a "tiny koala outside the private hospital". Experience has often been that "calls for tiny koalas" turn out to be big 10 kilo males so off they went muttering "yeah right won't be a joey at all yeah yeah yeah".

Well on arrival there was lots of egg on the faces of the rescuers as there, in a tree overhanging the bus shelter was indeed a tiny shabby bedraggled joey male.

On examination later at the hospital Lake Geobbrie, as he was called, was found to be in very poor condition with lots of fur missing and with an early stage fungal skin infection. He was very underweight at 2kg and should have been at least 3kg. Lake Geobbrie went into home care for many months and underwent a long course of treatment and supportive nutrition and he truly blossomed.

As he was a juvenile and had not acquired a home range, he was released seven months later into the Lighthouse Beach caravan park an area with lots of good vegetation and no higher ranking males. Lake Geobbrie decided this was home and grew and grew and grew.

One and a half years later Geobbrie came back into the hospital after being hit by a car outside the caravan park. He was only slightly grazed and clocked in at 7.2kgs which was an amazing growth spurt. He was released after a few weeks of care.

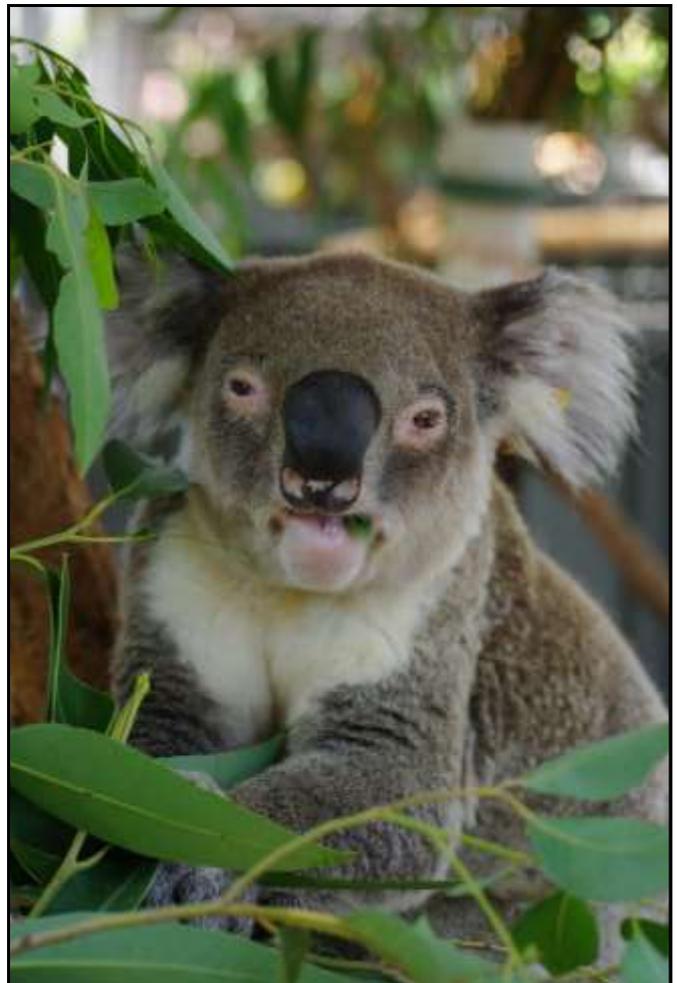
A little over a year later an even bigger Lake Geobbrie was admitted back into the hospital after the caravan park residents noticed he had a

"dirty wet bottom". Lake Geobbrie had become infected with chlamydia. He underwent a course of treatment and after a few months was deemed "chlamydia negative" and was released again.

In January this year during the heat wave residents noticed Geobbrie had infected eyes and he was duly caught and brought in for examination. He now weighs 9.5kgs and is a big robust well muscled male. Quite a change from the emaciated shabby tiny little animal four years ago, nonetheless chlamydia has struck again.

Lake Geobbrie has nearly finished his treatment and is looking really good and his release back to his home range is imminent.

Even though he has picked up chlamydial infection his transformation from a tiny, very rough looking joey, who we thought didn't have much hope at the time, to a very large high ranking male has been amazing. Lets hope that he doesn't come back again!



# Jade is a real Gem!

**O**n a Friday in September 2016, Jade Thompson, (aged 5) came home from school beaming. In her arms was a lovely little koala soft toy, nestled in a soft gum tree leaf, Jade had every reason to be beaming - she had done a wonderful thing on her own and her parents were very proud.

She then went on to explain she had donated her canteen snack money to a very important cause that week, several times! Being a nature lover and a carer of animals (she often assists at her Mum's Veterinary workplace), Jade unreservedly donated to the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital fundraiser.

Her school, Bellingen Public School, held a raffle for all the kids that had placed donations and thus Jade won her koala toy prize. Affectionately called "Koalaree", the soft toy has spent every night in Jade arms in her bed since. Jade also adopted a koala, "Bonny Hills Dianne" and explained that her donations were going to help the koala get well.



*A happy Jade Thompson and her prize*

Jade's parents knew nothing of the koala education & fundraising that week at school and Jade promptly got them up to date. She spoke of things that put koalas under stress and have them become sick, what trees they like and where koalas might be living nearby and near roads. She also spoke of what dog owners should do to be responsible for their dogs, like having dogs on leads and securing dogs to their yards. Jade now had a very good

understanding of what the koala signs mean in our suburban streets and how wildlife crossings work on our local highways.

She still routinely points out any koala signs and wildlife crossings and reminds her parents to drive slow. Jade took such a keen interest in the health and aid of koalas, she asked for months to go to the koala hospital, and in January her wish finally came true. A visit was planned as a special overnight Port Macquarie stop on their holiday and Jade had watched many a YouTube video on the hospital in preparation.

On the day after an essential photo next to each koala statue, she had excitedly peered into the hospital room and saw it looked quite a bit like her Mother's work, where the koalas may have operations or medicine. Jade and her family then visited near each koala enclosure and learnt of the recovering koalas including Oxley Kaylee and a very sleepy Barrington Xavier who had fallen asleep at the base of his tree!

Following in his sisters footsteps, Jade's younger brother, Arden (aged 2), then went on to adopt his own koala, Oxley Kaylee, and give

his thumbs up on just about all the merchandise in the gift shop at the hospital. Jade was excited to find her adopted koala, Bonny Hills Dianne, had since been released into the wild.

This won't be the only time Jade and her family visit the hospital or donate to a necessary and wonderful cause. How lucky the koalas of the Port Macquarie area are to have such wonderful volunteers and staff to give them such needed care. Thank you Port Macquarie Koala Hospital.

*With thanks to Karen, Colin, Jade and Arden Thompson*

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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***

# Education Centre Workshop

**F**rugal Arts in conjunction with the Koala Hospital ran a workshop for one week in January. The concept of this workshop was to replicate a lifelike Eucalypt Forest Canopy. The branches were created from scrap materials that would otherwise end up in landfill.



*Work begins on creating the forest canopy with some enthusiastic participants led by the Frugal Arts team*

Once completed this Forest Canopy will be attached to the ceiling and walls of the Hospital's new Education Centre. The project began in local schools and from there, Frugal Arts moved to the Koala Hospital's Education shed for a week.

An overwhelming response was received for the workshops & guided tour package with every day being fully booked. The fabulous Frugal Arts team: Bryony, Chay, Jill, Kelly, Irene, Angela and Soozie led everyone through the various steps of creating their individual branches.

Many children and adults enjoyed twisting wire, threading plastic gum nuts and creating their own little piece of art which - when joined together, would become the forest canopy.

There are over 900 different species of Eucalypts in Australia but the Koala population will only eat approximately 50 to 60 of these.



*A proud display of some of the eucalypt flowers created at the Frugal Arts workshop at the Koala Hospital.*

The Koala food source branches chosen for this project were: Paperbark, Tallowwood and Swamp Mahogany and the materials used were:

*Melaleuca leaves & fruits (Paperbark)*  
green-bags, paper wrappers, mushroom bags, electrical cord, remnant wool and irrigation pipe.

*Tallowwood*  
silage mesh, toilet paper wrappers, electrical cord, silage wrap, garden ties.

*Swamp Mahogany*  
X-rays, remnant paint, silage mesh, irrigation pipe, air-conditioning duct wire.

The structure of each branch was created from tent poles, electrical conduit and scrap steel.

A big thank you to everyone from Frugal Arts, your expertise and passion is greatly appreciated and will be enjoyed by thousands of people who visit the Koala Hospital every year.



*The finished product that now graces the ceiling as part of the canopy in the Education Centre.*

With your knowledge and guidance, eager participants have created a stunning Forest Canopy.

A few members of Frugal Arts - Bryony, Chay & Angela prepared the stencils, which were applied to the ceiling by Silvana and Bryony. Once this was completed the branches were attached.

The Koala Hospital is also a research and study centre. Our new Education Centre is located next to the kiosk and will provide many interesting facts on Koalas along with interactive displays.

A much loved male Koala who passed away in July 2015 has been preserved and will also be a part of the exhibit. Everyone who visits the Hospital, will enjoy learning more about this unique animal - our beautiful Koala.

***The Koala's Forest Canopy is now complete***

*Jennifer Baker*

# Bushfires and Burns

**W**e can categorically say this has been the hottest summer on record and even though at the time of writing we are close to the end of summer, the extreme conditions persists.

During the worst heatwave in mid February 2017 some 100 fires were (and many still are) burning across the state.

The fact that a large percentage of all bushfires in Australia occur through some form of human interference is a bitter irony that stretches the resources of all the emergency services, home owners and wildlife carers.

For native fauna and flora, it can mean a total wipeout of not only their habitat but also the ecological communities within.

Ironically, bushfires are also natural phenomena that create change with many species of plants only germinating post fire. Whether the fire is a low intensity fire or a crown fire (flames licking the tops of the trees) can often dictate the level of burns suffered by arboreal species such as koalas, possums, birds and some reptiles.



*NATF Zenani whose claws were damaged that badly in a bushfire she is now an exhibited koala at the hospital and won't be released.*

For koalas, the natural instinct when threatened is to climb higher in the tree. In a low intensity fire with little smoke, the koalas survival is enhanced through retention of some of the trees foliage for food. If the koala descends to the ground to search for further leaf, often the lower parts of the trunk are still burning and smouldering and can badly burn the pads of the koalas feet.

Once on the ground the hot smouldering surface can also cause painful burns. If the koala suffers minor burns the koala can heal and survive with minimal long term damage. But partial or full thickness burns are another matter.

A crown fire where both flames and smoke can go hundreds of metres into the air, has the potential to wipe out everything in its path, leaving behind a blackened desolate landscape.

Occasionally small pockets of bush escapes the inferno and becomes a refuge for species that have the mobility to flee or who were already living there.

Koalas more often than not do not survive a high intensity crown fire. Depending on the heat of the fire, the height of the trees, the amount of smoke and the position the koala is in, can dictate the severity of burns the koala receives.

The Koala Hospital in conjunction with the local wildlife group FAWNA have a fully trained team of Bushfire Wildlife rescuers. The job is hot, long, draining and frustrating but at times rewarding. Rescuers can spend literally weeks searching the burnt out scrub for injured animals. At times, the resilience of wildlife is astounding in them being found alive with horrific burns some days or even weeks later.

When bushfire time is on, the Koala Hospital is a hive of activity with staff and volunteers putting in long hours treating and caring for the many burnt koalas and other native wildlife that come through the doors.

Burns injuries in all native fauna and particularly koalas is a highly controversial and difficult area of wildlife rehabilitation work. Currently a state wide protocol is being compiled to give those working with koalas strict guidelines on injuries that are treatable and those that are not.

As wildlife rehabilitators it is our duty to look at what is ultimately the most humane option for the koala long term. A koala with intensive treatment *may* survive horrific burns, but from a welfare perspective living a life of permanent pain, reduced movement through disfigurement and scarring is not an option we are comfortable with, nor is it our policy to do so.

So, consequently watching the weather each day during the summer period is something at which we have become quite expert.



*A koala receiving care in the Treatment Room at the koala hospital for burns received in a bushfire.*

# Clinical Director's Report



The summer that we have just been through on the eastern side of Australia is considered to be the hottest on record. There have been temperatures on the coast that are just mind boggling - 42 degrees right on the beaches in Port Macquarie in late January through to the worst day ever - 12th February with an unbelievable record of 47 degrees in Port Macquarie to 49-50 degrees in the hinterland.

These scorching temperatures were reflected up and down the coast. Of course coupled with this were horrific bushfires — that were classed as catastrophic. Some of these fires impacted our own region affecting the good people of Pappinbarra - a location where koalas and many other species of wildlife also live.

Over the summer period we have also been very busy admission wise, with lots of koala patients coming in with chlamydial infection, particularly ocular (eyes). There tends to be a spike in chlamydial infection in hot dry periods which is likely to be connected to dehydrated animals.

Interestingly we did not see any admitted koalas after the horrific heat. Long range weather modelling is apparently predicting another horrible record breaking summer later on this year - that's not good news at all.

On a brighter note the new education exhibit is very near to completion and is looking fabulous, even though its not "officially open" yet, we have allowed some of our visitors to have a sneak look and on the whole their response has been great. We have plans to redesign the treatment (clinic) room as it is bulging at the seams in there, plus we want to make it a better visitor experience as well. No one is allowed inside of course and if our

design works out, the visibility for visitors will be increased and koalas will be unaffected. We're working very hard at the moment preparing the National Koala Conference which will be held from the 2nd to the 4th June this year at Rydges here in Port Macquarie.

We hosted the 1st National Koala Conference in 2013 which was highly successful. There has never been a conference on koalas of this magnitude in Australia before and we are very proud to be the hosts of this venture. The speaker program is full with a few speakers on standby in case of cancellations. The quality of the speakers range from academics, researchers, government agencies to wildlife rehab personnel and they come from all over the country.

There have been many changes to our facility over the last couple of years - new yard designs, new cage furniture designs and changes to our licensing systems plus our new exhibit display.

We are also trialing some new drugs which at this point is still "a work in progress". There are also some really exciting ventures occurring between the hospital, Hastings Council and dog training, all will be revealed soon. We would like to applaud our maintenance team who have absolutely excelled themselves in the redesigning of our rehab yards. We now have six new yards as a result which not only look great but will be so useful, thank you fellas! We would also like to officially welcome Scott Castle to the position of Asst Clinical Director as a result of our previous ACD Yon Veenstra moving interstate (we wish her well). He is a bit overwhelmed at the moment but doing a mighty job nonetheless.

*Cheyne Flanagan*

## Bellevue Gardens Residents Donation

We are very fortunate in Port Macquarie to have so many of our locals that think so kindly of the Koala Hospital and the work we do for our koala population.

The residents of Bellevue Gardens are a case in point and recently they decided on a project to raise funds for the hospital.

There are a number of talented artists in the village and one of them Anne Harris donated a painting she had produced of a koala and her joey to aid for the fund raising.

The ladies raised a substantial amount of money for the hospital and our Treasurer Mary Stewart was asked to draw the winner.....thank you ladies for organising such a great event.



*Some of the ladies from Bellevue Gardens with our Treasurer Mary Stewart (2nd from right) and the painting donated by Anne Harris.*

# From the *President's* Pen



It has been a busy three months with lots of activity in and around the hospital. We have welcomed many visitors over the Christmas / New Year period and this continued throughout the school holidays. It is amazing just how many people are interested in the koalas, our hospital and the work we are doing and positive comments are made about the fact that we operate with a small number of paid staff and many volunteers – we get lots of thank you messages for all the hard work and many people wishing they lived here.

Over the last few weeks we have been very busy with patients, koalas are still coming in with various issues and unfortunately there were a few from out of our area that came to us too late to save. There has again, as usual during the school holidays, been a number of road related incidents.

The new koala mapping program is up and running and we are seeing the benefits of the system already. It will make record keeping and the pinpointing of koala locations so much easier and accurate.

We continue to improve our facility and have been able to build more rehabilitation yards in readiness for any increase in the number of patients due to any event like bushfires, as we are having a particularly hot, dry summer.

Work on the new Education area is nearly finished and it looks really good; the work is impressive and innovative. During the school holidays workshops were held and locals booked in to help make pieces for the canopy, those who participated enjoyed the experience immensely. We look forward to the opening that will happen in March.

Planning is well underway for both the yearly Open Day and the National Koala Conference. This year's exciting Open Day will include guided tours of the exhibition patients, BBQ, stalls, tea & cakes, entertainment, games and raffles to raise money for the care of our koalas. The National Koala Conference will be held from the 2-4 June and provides an excellent platform for discussions regarding the care and conservation of this wonderful icon.

**Jane Duxberry**

## **Thumbs Up**

*(Koalas have 2 thumbs on each hand)*



Thumbs up to the gentleman who escorted a koala along Koala St, waved the traffic around the koala and made sure it was safely off the road.



Thumbs down to the driver who hit a koala, then stopped to check on the koala, then drove off leaving it in the middle of the road for other vehicles to run over.



Thumbs up to the man in McLaren Drive who helped with the rescue of a koala in his yard. He made sure his dog was kept away and he used his ladder to get the koala. A job well done.



Thumbs up to the many people who stay with the koala until we can get there, especially at night when it is difficult to find the koala. Especially the lady who parked in a very dark area in Owen St., the night rescuers are particularly appreciative of this extra help.



Thumbs down to those people who poison trees just so they can get a view. Remember NO trees means NO koalas.

*Safe, responsible and alert driving around the environs of Port Macquarie to protect our unique koala colony.*

# Our Furry Friends need help

It's time to save Australia's iconic furry animal before it's too late. "In New South Wales and Queensland, koalas are declining across the board, end of story," warns Cheyne Flanagan, Clinical Director at the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie.



*Koala Hospital volunteer Carole Grant feeding a nutritional supplement to a koala recuperating from age related disorders.*

Ms Flanagan's comment comes on the back of a NSW government move to shape the direction of a new koala strategy for New South Wales, including community consultation and the acquisition of land specifically sensitive to koalas. A three-month consultation program will include regional community information sessions, stakeholder meetings and webinars. People will also be able to access a web portal for information and to provide feedback.

"Having the community involved is very important," Ms Flanagan said. "When the community is engaged in something like that they become more possessive of the animal because they are involved in discussions and they've got an input, so they are more likely to care."

She said a State Government initiative to acquire land to protect koala populations, is a great step forward. Land will be voluntarily acquired in 'strategic corridors' where vegetation connects with key habitat over the next five years. Although, the \$10 million land acquisition program, the first stage of a statewide strategy to protect koalas, might just not be enough.

"We could spend locally easily \$60 million to \$100 million to buy enough land here to look after the population," said Ms Flanagan. "\$10 million is better than nothing without a doubt, but \$10 million over five years is nothing. Koala's alone bring an estimated \$6 billion dollars of tourism to this country annually. And how shameful would it be if we lose this population in this country?"

"They've made the koala the mascot for the 2018

Commonwealth Games, but in southeast Queensland they are dying off at an alarming rate." However, there is good news – anyone can help.

"The most important thing that the average person out there can do is maintain the trees they've got, don't get rid of them," explained Ms Flanagan. "We are Australian and eucalypts are as iconic to Australia as the koala is. There's too many trees cut down because people don't like leaves on their lawn. People should learn to live with the eucalypts they currently have. Every person can make a huge impact by keeping what they've got, planting as many eucalypts as they can and volunteer with Landcare."

Contributing to buying land for conservation is a top priority for the future of the passionate workers and volunteers at the Koala Hospital. "Our major goal is conservation of the koala, not just here in Port Macquarie and the Mid North Coast, but across Australia," Ms Flanagan said.

"One of our long-term goals is to try, with help from people, to buy as much land as possible, and hold it for conservation purposes. "We have a conservation fund and we would love to buy land



*This is one koala who certainly enjoys receiving his daily nutritional supplement from a hospital volunteer.*

and then hand it over to the government as a national park. We would like to see a lot more of this land converted into national parks. "By conserving koala habitat, we are also looking after all the other critters that live in the same environment. It's not just koalas, different species of birds, tiny little mammals, all the wildlife."

To comment on the governments strategy's direction visit <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/animals/nsw-koala-strategy.htm>. To find out about the NSW Government's koala conservation efforts through the 'Saving our Species' program visit: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspecies/ProposedPASAmendments.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspecies/ProposedPASAmendments.htm)

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# Phone app to help Koala survival

**A** new mobile phone app will improve the collection of valuable information on our local koala population and access to this data. Port Macquarie Koala Hospital partnered with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to develop the GPS enabled tool to help provide relevant authorities with real-time mobile access to important historical, statistical and the location information on koalas.

This will assist in best practice management and facilitate the survival of the species. Historical records have been re-created in a digital format as part of the app's development. New data will be entered directly into the app and provide a streamlined process to create comprehensive digital records.

Port Macquarie Koala Hospital Clinical Director Cheyne Flanagan praised the development of the new tool saying that all the data collected will be extremely valuable.

"It will really help us ascertain where koala habitat is and back up much of what we already know in scientific form, and assist us to help conserve the koalas of our region," Ms Flanagan said. Koala sightings that are reported by residents will also be directly entered into the app.

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council Acting Director Tim Atherton said the app will help focus koala rehabilitation efforts and identify trends and hotspots for road-strike, dog attack and disease prevalence.

"The new app will assist Council in sharing the data and managing our local koala population



*A sight that can be a common occurrence in Port Macquarie - koalas in the wild - let's hope it continues this way.*

and movements and also contribute important information to matters such as our land use and infrastructure planning," Mr Atherton said.

"We're also particularly excited that the locally developed app technology can be shared outside of our region and assist other koala carers and councils.

"It will also help focus koala rehabilitation efforts and identify trends and hotspots for road-strike, dog attack and disease prevalence."

The Koala Preservation Society have recorded koala incidents and pick up locations since the early 1970's, with over 6,000 records collected since records began.

And while this is one of the most comprehensive koala datasets in Australia, the records were all paper based and were not readily accessible or easily usable by the many agencies that rely on koala data.

Community members who see a sick or injured koala are asked to contact the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital on 6584 1522 so their volunteers can attend and assist.



*Scott Castle (Asst. Clinical Director) and Cheyne Flanagan (Clinical Director) from the Koala Hospital learn how to use the new koala app.*

*We are very lucky in the Hastings to see koalas in the wild as it's increasingly rare in Australia. The new app will provide up to date information about Australia's best loved marsupial*

*This article had originally appeared in the Your Local Independent in January this year and we thank them for their kind permission to reprint the article for our readers.*

# Koala Hospital News and Views



## 2017 Open Day

**O**ur Open day is on Saturday, 15th April from 9am till 2pm and this year is set to be bigger and better than ever with heaps of entertainment, food, raffles, stalls and prizes.

Our major sponsor for the day is SFD Custom Surfboards which are located at 2/42 Gordon Street, Port Macquarie. This business has generously donated a surfboard worth \$820.

This board will be raffled for 1.5 months leading up to the big day and also on Easter Saturday at the Open Day. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and can be purchased from the Koala Hospital or FSD Custom Surfboards.

The response from local businesses wanting to help our koalas, has been so very heartwarming. To date of print 115 local business owners have kindly donated goods, food, money or vouchers for our major fundraiser of the year. There are going to be two barbeques this year, so for those people who would prefer something a little different to the 'good old aussie snag' we'll be cooking up egg and bacon rolls.

There will be a white elephant stand, book stall, cakes and slices, homemade jams & preserves, plants and raffles galore. For those who are a bit more sophisticated why not enjoy a Devonshire Tea with our yummy homemade scones, jam and cream.

We have the fantastic Z Cords (Ukulele group) to entertain you along with Sing Australia. Amelia will also be there, to show us all how to ..... Belly Dance !

The fabulous Troppo Bob is back again to amaze the children with his magic tricks and there will also be games for the



children and prizes to win. Mark the date down on your calendar and support our Beautiful Koalas.

Hope to see you all there on the day!

## Captain Koala

**A**nother addition to the Koala Trail that has proved so popular among not only the locals, but also the stream of visitors that regularly stop in Port Macquarie to visit the Koala Hospital. It is the new mighty marsupial Captain Koala who can be found gracing the premises of Nortec Employment in Short Street in Port Macquarie.



## Lizzy and Phantom



**S**urely there can be greater need for a mother than that depicted by the photo below. Lizzy the koala was taken to a wildlife hospital in an Australian zoo, with her male joey holding on to her side. Poor Lizzy had been hit by a car. Her little joey, Phantom, who was only just 6-months-old, was luckily unharmed and screamed when they tried to remove him from his mother.





# Kaylee's

## GUM DROPS KOLUMN

**H**i everyone! What a summer season we have had...so very hot. Thank you to all our volunteers for looking after us so well during the heatwaves by cooling us down with those lovely soft water drops coming from the hoses...they look like coiled snakes from the top of my gum tree.... but now I'm not so scared of them anymore....so refreshing.

We did have some fires in the Pappinbarra area and that's were Solange was from but I'm happy to report that our rescue team found one casualty only, and that was a wallaby – even one is too much. Thank you to all those that helped.

I'm sorry to hear that so many humans lost their home ranges, that is very sad. Remember in my last kolumn I spoke about my lovely joey Oxley Twinkles? Well, I got such a surprise when my friend Rachel Huggett arrived from England and showed me some photos she had taken – my eyes welled with tears (not really, koalas don't cry).

Anyway, I have asked the editor – a nice bloke – to place a photo with my kolumn so you can see her – she's beautiful and a big thanks to Rachel.

Things are busy here at the hospital we have a new Assistant Clinical Director, Scott Castle. He's busily learning all about us. New volunteers are also in the yards and kiosk, so welcome to all.

Also, I hear that there's an Open Day committee that are as busy as bees, organising our annual Open Day fund raising event on Easter Saturday.

I've heard that they have a belly dancer as part of the entertainment. That's great, but what's a belly dancer? All I can imagine is a big belly shaking around the place – but whose belly? – surely not Elparra David's.

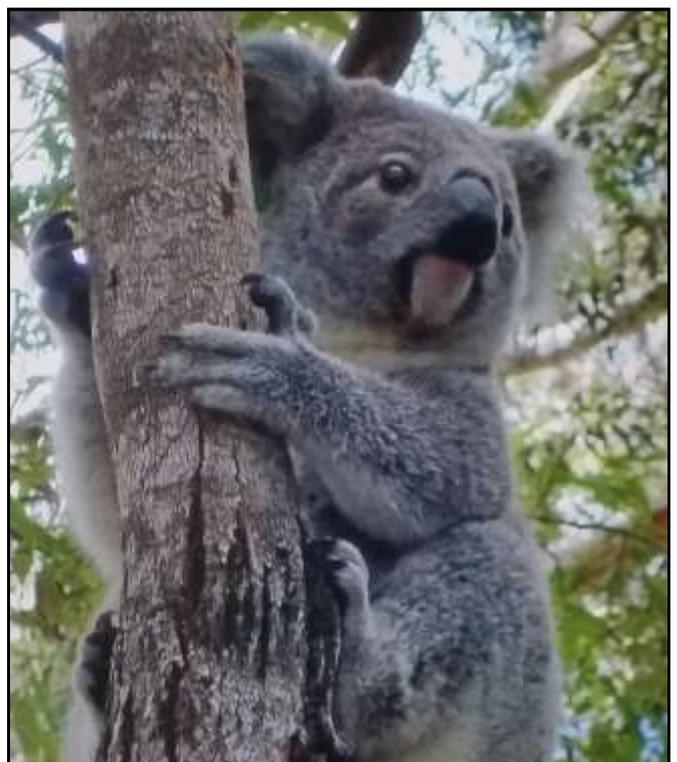
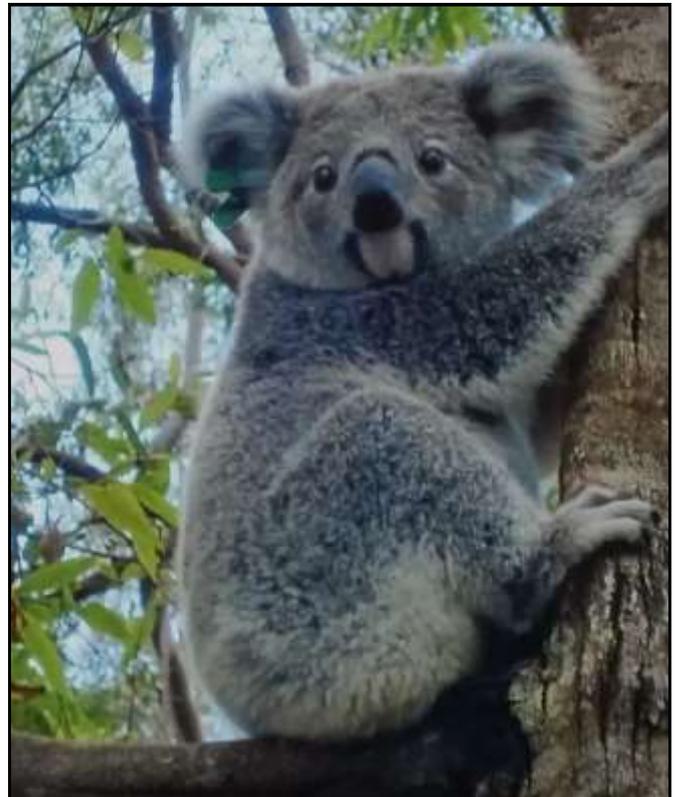
The committee has been working very hard to cater food and organize raffles, prizes and stalls. I can't wait to see all the visitors enjoying the day.

There's also a Bunnings Warehouse sausage sizzle happening on the 1st of April which I'm sure will help to let the local community know all about our Open Day and all the events that have been organized.

There's also another Koala Conference being held in June this year at Rydges, but more about that in my next kolumn. So, it's a busy time for everyone here at the hospital.

So now I will leave you and return back up my tree and look through more photos of my joey.

*Until next time take care everyone and hopefully I'll see you on Open Day!*



*My lovely joey Oxley Twinkles, I told you she was cute!*



# Koala Hospital Activity Report

Admitted	Name	Reason	Result
26.09.09	Oxley Kaylee	Left leg removed, damaged eye	Permanent
20.10.12	Ocean Summer	Limited sight	Permanent
16.07.13	Barrington Xavier	Limited sight	Permanent
02.12.13	NATF Zenani	Bushfire victim	Permanent
19.02.15	Maria River Road Ian	On ground - lethargic	Treating
08.10.15	Bellangry Wombat	Conjunctivitis	Permanent
11.10.15	Elparra David	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Permanent
30.12.15	Shelly Beach Scratchy	Swollen left ankle and foot	Treating
03.06.16	Emerald Downs Mary	Glaucoma right eye,damaged left eye	Permanent
26.07.16	HKPS Jo Lo	Cryptococcosis	Treating
24.08.16	Guyra Allan	Both eyes injured/diseased	Treating
07.09.16	Bangalay Bob	Papilloma	Released
26.09.16	Cobrabald Zahli	Walking in circles	Died
29.09.16	Hassall Chris	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Released
05.10.16	Hastings River Drive Paulie	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Released
06.10.16	O'Briens Blake	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released
13.10.16	Pacific Drive Henry	Infected right knee	Released
18.10.16	Kennedy Easy	On ground	Treating
23.10.16	Ocean Drive Duck	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released
25.10.16	Bellangry Road Colleen	In yard with dogs	Released
25.10.16	Armidale Tom	Wound on back	Euthanased
01.11.16	Waterlily Big Nut	Dog attack	Released
03.11.16	Armidale Mardi	Injury to nose	Released
04.11.16	Waniora Colburn	In yard with dogs	Released
04.11.16	Matthew Flinders Loki	Conjunctivitis right eye	Released
05.11.16	Denning Denise	Unknown	DOA
05.11.16	Chisholm Bo	Dogs nearby	Released
07.11.16	Savoy Brooklyn	In yard with dogs	Released
09.11.16	Waniora Winnie	Decomposed	DOA
09.11.16	Beechwood Leona	Dog attack	Died
09.11.16	Telegraph Point Emily	On side of road	Released
10.11.16	PSK Laguna Tailey	Wet bottom	Euthanased
10.11.16	PSK Karuah Koolah	Wet bottom and conjunctivitis	Euthanased
14.11.16	Ocean Drive Pat	Possible collision	Released
14.11.16	Candelo Kieren	Dogs in yard	Released
14.11.16	Inverell Joe	Transfer from WIRES	Released
14.11.16	Delungra Dot	Transfer from WIRES	Released
14.11.16	Black Mountain Denise	Transfer from WIRES	Released
16.11.16	Kalinda Luke	Limping on hind leg	Released
16.11.16	Breakwall Josh	Unsuitable Environment	Released
18.11.16	Colonel Barney Pod	Possible wet bottom	Released
19.11.16	Kempsey Franklin	DOA	DOA

Admitted	Name	Reason	Result
22.11.16	Bolwarra Scott	Unsuitable Environment	Released
24.11.16	Koala Peter	Possible wet bottom	Died
25.11.16	Maria River Road Graham	Diseased eyes	Died
28.11.16	Ocean Drive Maggot	MVA	DOA
29.11.16	McLaren Pam	Wet bottom	Euthanased
30.11.16	Ocean Jesse	Found in water on golf course	DOA
30.11.16	Hart Shanti	On ground	Died
01.12.16	William Street Blackfish	Unsuitable Environment	Released
01.12.16	Hindman Ruth and joey	Suspected Leg injury	Released
02.12.16	Lake Cathie Ivy	MVA	DOA
07.12.16	North Shore Adele	Dog attack	Released
10.12.16	Cherrygum Rhonda	Abandoned joey	Released
10.12.16	Armidale Sandy	Transfer from WIRES	Released
13.12.16	Dubbo Louise	Behavioural Assessment	Released
14.12.16	Amaroo Neville	Dog attack	Released
17.12.16	Waniora Colburn	In yard with dogs	Released
19.12.16	Ruins Way Chrissie	MVA	DOA
20.12.16	Clifton Jewel	Sitting at base of tree	Died
20.12.16	Hill William	Dangerous area	Released
21.12.16	Kennedy Kim	MVA	Died
21.12.16	Chatsworth Oakham	Dog attack	Released
24.12.16	Bangalay Bob	In yard with dogs	Released
26.12.16	Crestwood Rhonda	Wet bottom	Euthanased
26.12.16	Hollingsworth Brae	Dog attack	Died
28.12.16	Emerald Downs Brendan	On ground	Euthanased
01.01.17	Chisholm Bo	Possible wet bottom	Released
01.01.17	John Oxley Emily	MVA	Treating
01.01.17	Laurieton Scott	On road	Treating
02.01.17	Tristiana Brianna	Possible wet bottom	Euthanased
03.01.17	Reading Leslie	Limping on hind leg	Released
08.01.17	Pacific Drive Dry Retch	DOA	DOA
09.01.17	Bellangry Colleen	MVA	Euthanased
12.01.17	The Meadow Koko	Disoriented	Treating
14.01.17	Yarranabee Scott	Injured wrist	Released
14.01.17	Hudson Nick	MVA	Euthanased
14.01.17	Muston Yogi	Diseased eyes	Treating
17.01.17	Armidale Amy	Conjunctivitis	Died
18.01.17	Lake Geobbrie	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Treating
21.01.17	Pandanus Pete	Dogs in yard	Released
22.01.17	O'Briens Blake	MVA	DOA
24.01.17	Amira Boo Boo	Wet Bottom	Treating
28.01.17	Lomandra Grace	Fell from tree	Euthanased
29.01.17	William Street Blackfish	Dangerous area	Released
30.01.17	Elparra Sam	On ground	Euthanased
31.01.17	PSK Tolley	On ground	Treating



## 2017 Calendar

March 21	Management Meeting	10.00am
April 15	Koala Hospital Open Day	9-2.30am
April 18	Management Meeting	10.00am
May 16	Management Meeting	10.00am

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# What's Happening at the Hospital?

Every day at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital brings new patients, visitors and activities



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Young Jade Thompson (article on Page 3) enjoying her Koala Hospital visit.



Koala Kempsey Rhiannon getting ready for her health assessment in the treatment room.



The Hospital has always attracted other wildlife can you spot the Tawny Frogmouth?



The Meadow Koko looking slightly bemused by the attention she is receiving.



The kiosk volunteers receiving their Excellence award for their continued hard work.



Volunteer Carole Grant completing a morning feed for Telegraph Point Emily.



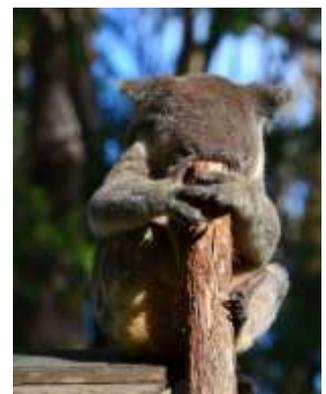
"Well Ok just hang on I'm trying to help but I don't want to fall off either".



Maria River Road Ian just trying to get cool during the recent heatwave.



Two of our recent residents just getting to know each other at close quarters.



Ocean Malakie says "OK guys I'm counting find somewhere to hide"



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