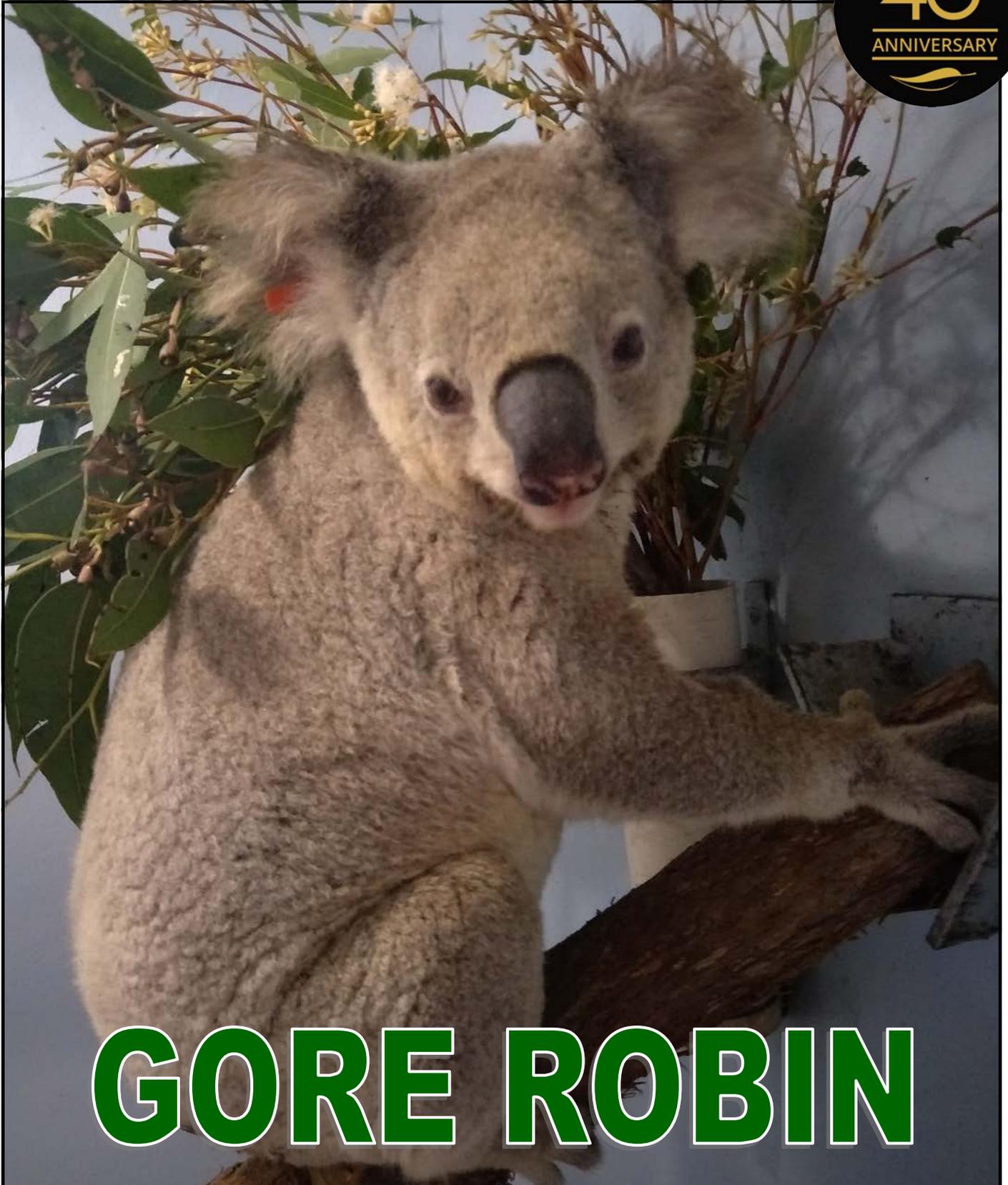




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GORE ROBIN

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Even though all koalas are special, there are some who are simply remarkable and Gore Robin is one of those koalas.

This female koala was first admitted in May 2003 as a young healthy adult after being attacked by a dog. Robin had a joey in the pouch as well. Thankfully the dog had not inflicted any injuries and she was released later that day. What was interesting was that her pickup location was a stone's throw from the CBD of Port Macquarie.

Seven years later Gore Robin was picked up not very far away, in the grounds of a large resort dripping wet – it would seem she had ended up in the river. Gore Robin had gained two kilos and was found to be in fine condition yet again, so she was released very close by.

Three years down the track, Gore Robin was picked up by the local Port Macquarie police just outside the carpark of a nearby major shopping centre. Jaywalking? Shoplifting? Illegally parked? No, it would seem that Robin had been hit by a car but thankfully again – no damage was evident. Our volunteers had to collect her from the police station which of course was the hot topic of the week for the police.

In August this year, we received another call about a koala wandering through the carpark at the back of the same major shopping centre. When we arrived to check the situation, this koala certainly knew where she was going and was already over the concrete wall and down in the trees beside the river.

Gore Robin was not only in excellent body condition but was also quite big for a female koala, plus she had beautiful pale grey fur.

Based on her tooth wear, her weight and other data at her first admission in 2003, we estimate that Gore Robin would have to be at least 18 years of age.

To reach 18 years of age is not that rare for koalas in this region, but to have lived her entire life right beside the CBD of Port Macquarie, amongst shopping centres, resorts, bowling clubs and extremely busy traffic is simply remarkable.

The other remarkable thing about this koala is her excellent health. Whilst she was at the hospital, we placed her under a general anaesthesia to give her a full health screen/check-up and everything about this koala was “tip top” apart from quite worn teeth which is to be expected at her age. No evident disease and no issues at all.

The genetics of this koala would be absolutely superb and testament to the research work done by the Australian Museum who have certainly found that the coastal koalas of this region are so genetically diverse they are of national significance.

We are sure that Gore Robin would have had a number of joeys during her long productive life and we hope that this “street savvy” koala remains safe for many more years to come.

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*From
the
President's
Pen*



It is now the third quarter and we are entering our busy season, not that the rest of the year is quiet as there are always a lot of projects and events the whole year round.

We are at the start of a very exciting year with the celebrations of our 45 years. It is a tribute to all the hard work and dedication of not just the paid staff but also all of our volunteers, as without them running the hospital would be an impossible job. As events are organised we will let everyone know.

During the last couple of months I have been away in Europe; the majority of the trip was a holiday but also I attended a two and a half day event at the Duisburg Zoo in Germany. Previously I mentioned that we had a visit earlier in the year from Mario Chindemi the Head Zookeeper of the Australian Section at the Zoo. Following Mario's visit we were invited to join the Australian Event at the Zoo. A decision was made in the interest of building relationships with the zoos in Europe that we would attend. Duisburg Zoo holds the breeding programme for koalas in Europe and has been very successful in this regard. It was a very rewarding visit and the President of the Zoo and all the workers were extremely helpful and very much appreciated our involvement.

We will continue to nurture this relationship as we see a need to help not only koalas in the wild but make sure koalas in captivity are looked after and treated as they should be. We also met with the doctor who looks after the Australian animals at Zurich Zoo in Switzerland and presented her with one of our Rehabilitation Manuals advising her if she needs any assistance to contact us. My thanks go to Susanne Scheuter who very patiently translated for me and did a lot of preparation work for this event. Turn over a page and you can see more about this visit including photos.

We now have all our permanent koalas on the Adopt a Wild Koala list, as well as the two joeys Myoora Jarrah and Balmoral Mini, who have been raised in home care.

A big thank you must go to Sue Ashton and her team as while I was away they successfully entered into the Port Macquarie Business Awards and won in the Tourism and Attraction category. You can read more about this award further in this issue.

Thanking you for your support and we look forward to your visit to our wonderful hospital.



Myoora Jarrah, one of the joeys you can adopt.

Clinical Director's Report



The last three months at the Hospital have been very quiet from an admissions point of view which fits in with the predicted decline of the NSW coastal koala populations. New housing estates, large industrial blocks and large tracts of vegetation continually being removed to accommodate the influx of humans to the coast are the drivers for this decline. The amount of development in this region is alarming. As a result we have had a complete turn around in our policies— we are not encouraging tree planting in new estates, nor right in the coastal strip, as the threat to the survival of koalas in these incredibly busy areas is very high. We now encourage tree planting and conservation “west” where koala populations have a chance to survive and in some areas— thrive. All adult koalas who do live on the coastal strips and in urban areas are still supported and returned to their home ranges. Koalas have “site fidelity” which means they stay within their home ranges for life unless age, disease or a more powerful koala removes them. All juvenile koalas dispersing from their maternal home ranges and who have not sourced a home range for themselves, often find themselves in “urban distress” and end up becoming part of scientifically based translocation projects to ensure their survival.

The Hospital has almost completed a highly successful release and radio tracking project of a number of koalas who had suffered burns in the Limeburners National Park bushfire from December 2017. More on this in later issues !!

We will be commencing stage one of a number of planned projects in conjunction with Department of Primary Industries and Forestry Corporation NSW in late August. The project will involve up to 10 koalas in two state forests that occupy unlogged reserves. Adjacent to these reserves are logged coups and ones earmarked for logging. We will be assessing health status, age,

fertility, genetics etc, then fitting radio telemetry collars and the koalas will be tracked for a 12 month period to see whether they use logged sites. The data from these projects will be very useful for management of wild koalas in state forests.

The recent Koala Rehabilitation Workshop conducted by us for WIRES NSW and a number of other licenced NSW wildlife groups, veterinarians and researchers was well received. We had 100 attendees for a 2 day workshop and it was all theory on day one where we presented on a number of areas from capturing/handling, enclosure design, diseases, behaviour, population dynamics, bushfire burns and joeys. Day two was the practical day with leaf arrangement, cage design, capture equipment and post mortems for the attendees to be involved in. We thoroughly enjoyed it as there were so many interesting questions and we came away learning new things as well.

Even though the patient load has been very light, we are extremely busy working on many projects.

What we need now is really good spring rain as it is becoming extremely dry.

KOALA HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS

Port Macquarie Business Award

The Koala Hospital submitted an entry into the Port Macquarie Business Awards and we won!! Competing in a talented field it was great to win the **Tourism and Attractions category of the Port Macquarie Business Awards.**

The Koala Hospital Media Coordinator, Sue Ashton, accepted the award on behalf of the Koala Hospital, and stated in her acceptance speech that, "The Koala Hospital has six staff and over 160 volunteers. This award is for all of them, and of course our wonderful koalas. On behalf of our volunteers, thank you for the award".

On behalf of the Koala Hospital staff and volunteers we would like to thank Sue Ashton for the excellent submission put forth to enter the award.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED
TO OUR WIN.**



Sue Ashton presenting the trophy.

Changes at Gum Tips

Ken Rivett has resigned from the position as Editor in Chief. Also resigning is Gaby Rivett, a regular contributor.

We would like to thank them both for their dedication and contributions to Gum Tips over the past few years.



Visit to Duisburg Zoo

Duisburg Zoo is located in the north eastern part of Germany and was founded in 1934. It is one of the largest zoological gardens in Germany and has over a million visitors each year. It is especially known for its Dolphinarium and since 1994 for breeding koalas. They are in the planning stages for a big face lift; the koala house was originally a shed converted for a six month trial and nothing has changed to this day.

Zookeeper, Mario Chindemi, has done a great job under such difficult circumstances. The first koala was born in 1995 and since then there have been 34 successful births to the present day. The main exhibit houses five females and a breeding male is kept in a separate enclosure.



Above: One of the two mother koalas with her joey.

The Zoo normally hosts a one day yearly event, but this year a decision was made to increase the event to two and a half days and to invite the Koala Hospital to participate. In the Australian section there were many stalls set up with information, goods and interactive children's games.

Set up day was Friday morning with the event starting at 2pm. As it was a very hot day (38 degrees) not much happened as the locals are used to only a 25 degree summer high. We awoke on Saturday to a grey and rainy morning; starting time was 11am and eventually the sky cleared and the temperature rose to 33 degrees resulting in a gradual increase in numbers.



Above: Our stall setup at the Zoo.

Sunday was a perfect day weather wise and only 28 degrees. As soon as we arrived and started to set up at 10am we had people waiting to talk to us. It was a very busy and satisfactory day. We managed to sell all soft toys, lots of pens, magnets and pins, as well as many adoption packages.



Left: Mario Chindemi talking to interested kids about the plight of koalas in Australia.
Right: One of many visitors who adopted a koala.

Visit to Duisburg Zoo

At 4pm we were invited to the final auction in the outside koala area for official photos and a surprise presentation of a cheque as some of the zoo keepers had set up a stall selling home made goods giving all the proceeds to the Koala Hospital.

The event concluded at 5 pm. At this stage I will say that all of the zoo staff were very welcoming, helpful and a joy to work with.

We also received a very positive response from the visitors. Some came because they knew we were there and they wanted to participate and donate. Others came to the stand and were extremely surprised that we had come all the way from Australia for this event. To many of the visitors we were an eye opener to the plight of the koalas in Australia. Before this event they had seen the koalas only as a cute and cuddly animal but not as a threatened species. Some were even moved to tears by the reality and by the stories attached to our five adoptees.

Some people adopted a koala, went for a look around the zoo and then came back and adopted another one. A couple of people even adopted all of them.

Next year Duisburg Zoo celebrates their 25th Anniversary of Koala breeding and they are keen for our return. In the interim, and for the future of koalas in European zoos and in Australia, we will continue to strengthen our relationship.

Our thanks go to all at Duisburg Zoo, in particular Astrid Stewin (President) and Mario Chindemi (Head Keeper Australia Section) for all their enthusiasm, generosity and assistance during our visit to the Zoo. And also a big thank you for the monetary contribution to the Koala Hospital.



Above: Jane Duxberry and Susanne Scheuter receiving the surprise cheque from the Zoo team.

KOALA HOSPITAL CELEBRATES



It is well known that the Koala Hospital was founded by Jean and Max Starr in 1973, but how many of us know the real story behind its establishment. So lets "Turn back the clock" to 1973 and read in Jean's own words how the Hospital started.

(Original article written by Jean and published in Gum Tips in March 2003)

In December 1957 Max and I moved from the New England Tablelands and purchased a Mixed Business in Port Macquarie, which from memory had a population of about 3000. A pipeline was being installed to supply water and there was no sewerage. There was a large fishing fleet and a long narrow iron bridge linking east and west Port Macquarie across the tidal waters, oyster beds and mangroves.

A high levy under the Gordon Street bridge prevented salt water from entering Kooloonbung Creek where there were no mangroves; rather an abundance of water-lilies, fish and birds. There were extensive wetlands surrounded by paper barks and eucalypt trees. We were astounded to see many koalas in these forests or ambling from tree to tree. They appeared to be less robust, had smaller ears and were not as thickly furred as the colder climate koalas.

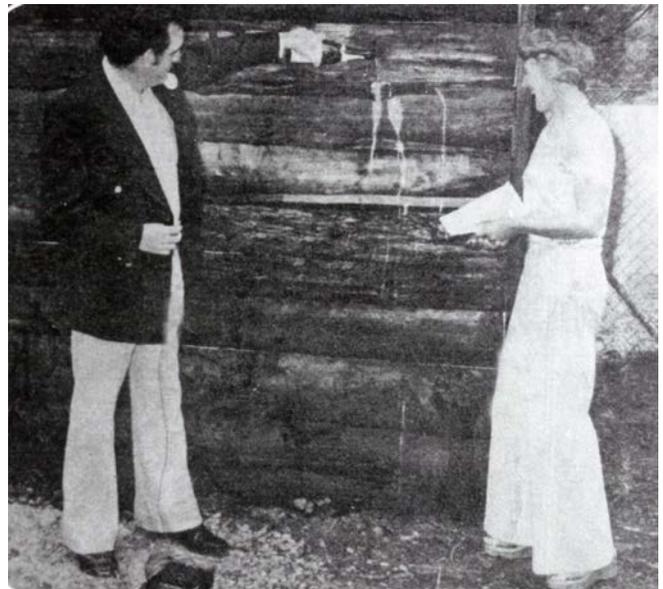


Jean Starr in the white dress in early 1970s.

Many years later the area between Port Macquarie Golf Club and Lake Cathie was declared "prime koala habitat" and was included in NPWS "Lake Innes Nature Reserve". Sadly, because of its peat base and vegetation, it was also discovered to be fire prone. One massive crown fire led to the rescue and release of 89 koalas (many of them joeys) by the Koala Preservation Society. The number who perished or later starved to death is not known.

By 1966 Max and I had moved to a Menswear and Shoe Store and until 1972 collected a list of comments regarding koalas.

We were alarmed by reports of koala habitat destruction, especially the filling in of wetlands and the felling of surrounding eucalypt trees.



Jean Starr and Port Macquarie Apex President Jim Ritchie at the official opening of the Koala Hospital in 1975.

In early 1973 armed with photos, I sought advice from Mr Charles Uptin, Proprietor of the Port Macquarie News, re forming a koala protection group. Charles was a tower of strength and recommended an approach to the newly formed Government Department of National Parks and Wildlife Service. The local office was based at Taree and there we received support from Senior Rangers. They in turn put us in touch with a Field Officer who had prior experience working with koalas. He addressed a public meeting of over 100 people, many representing organisations. His concern for the future survival of the koala on the Mid North Coast of NSW was timely as at the same time Port Macquarie was declared a strong population growth area. His talk still applies to koalas today. The meeting moved to form a "Save the Koala Group".

45 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

An inaugural meeting was held on 18th March 1973 where office bearers were elected and the name voted for the organisation being "Port Macquarie Koala Preservation and Protection Society" which was later shortened to "Port Macquarie Koala Preservation Society" and then to "Koala Preservation Society of NSW Inc". I personally think the last name lost the identity of being local.



In 1985 Jean Starr was awarded the Order of Australia Medal. Her award was for the protection and preservation of koalas. Jean showing the medal to her husband Max.

At the General Meeting Charles Uptin took the chair and immediately resigned as President, then nominated myself for the position. I had no experience nor did I want to accept but he was very persistent and I realised, he was always a devil, had this all planned. The Port Macquarie News continued the wonderful publicity with headlines such as:

Scientists Talk on Koalas
Koalas Battle for Survival
Monier Combining with Rotary to Help Koalas
Local Koalas and How We can Help

Port Macquarie now had a population of 11,000 people and thousands of visitors.

This was the era when conservation was frowned on, "the environment can look after itself" attitude. However, the community embraced our aims and gave great support.

It is thanks to these dedicated people, that the Koala Hospital was born.

The first Koala Hospital building was constructed in 1975 on the present site thanks to the Port Macquarie Apex Club, as it was one of their projects for the year.

The building was primarily for treatment of koalas, but also used for storage of equipment and food and catered for disease research and a library.

Jean Starr worked long and hard on fundraising, tree planting and various medical programs, all designed to better the existence generally of the koalas. There are newspaper articles from the time, referring to the urging of Council to prosecute landowners for felling trees on their land. The Koala Hospital warned at that time that the Port Macquarie koala population is threatened with extinction unless immediate action is taken.



Jean Starr with "Little Chapel", a 3-year old koala, who was attacked by a dog in 1985.

In 1985 Jean Starr's dream became true with the completion of a new building, giving much more space for the treatment of sick and injured koalas. This was a milestone in the history of the Hospital.

We will take you to this exciting period in our next issue. Stay tuned.



Kaylee's

GUM NUTS KOLUMN

Hello everyone.....what cold weather we've had lately!!! It's no wonder when the Team Leaders come in to 'read the leaf' or in laymen's terms – to see how much we have eaten, they find some koalas sitting extremely high in their yard tree to warm up in the early morning sunshine!

The Koala Hospital has had a very busy time and you'll read all about it in this issue. To start tantalizing your taste buds, just like ours when we smell Nicholai leaf in the air, I will mention some items. But, you'll read all the 'juicy bits' as you turn the pages....no peeking!

At this point I would like to thank and congratulate the Koala Hospital on its 45th Anniversary. Max and Jean Starr (our founders) had the foresight to start a little hospital to look after koalas and look where we are now! So, many thanks to all the past and present volunteers in every capacity and position for the FOUR R's – rescuing, rehabilitating, releasing and research!

Of course, there have been times and, in the future, will be times that not all of the patients that come into the Koala Hospital will have a satisfactory recovery but, Alpha Cheyne and Alpha Scott do their very best to help us.

Also, to Alpha Port Vet Clinic, they need our thanks as well. I know there are many other people to thank because I see a lot of meetings happening in 'The Clinic' but I don't know all their names but they know who they are so – thank you!

During these past years, our little hospital was mentioned in a song 'Goodbye Blinky Bill' by John Williamson and raised enough money for our Intensive Care Unit. And guess what? John was here just a couple of weeks ago. He had his picture taken with me in the background! I wish someone had told me at the time - I was asleep!

He wore our new KH shirt when he performed that night at the Glasshouse Theatre. Awesome! More visitors arrived – Leslie Williams MP

(Member for Port Macquarie) and the Minister for Environment, Gabrielle Upton. We were all on our best behaviour – just like always.

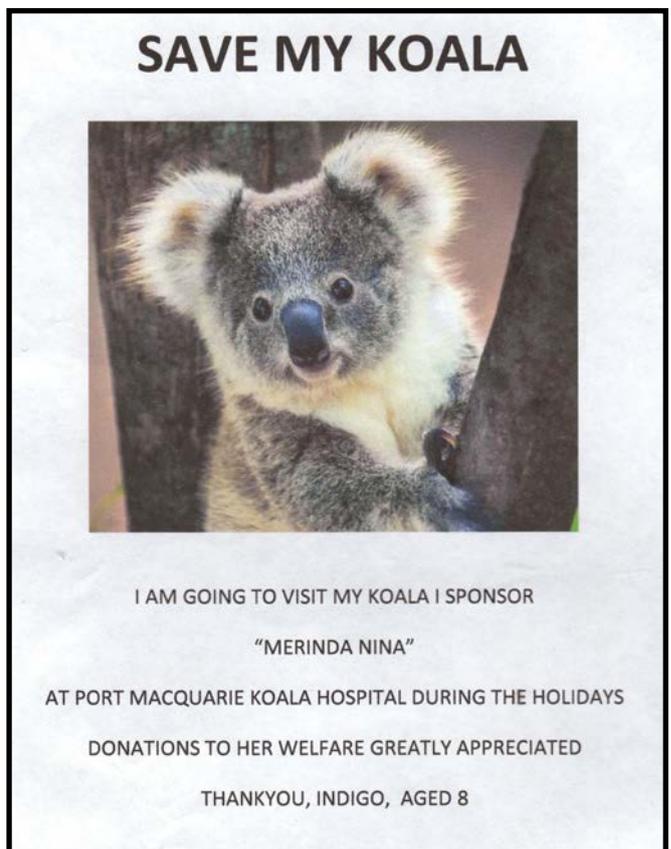
Alpha Cheyne and Alpha Scott are presenting a WIRES workshop weekend for volunteers caring for koalas in different areas. This seems to have become a yearly event so we will have many training sessions on capturing koalas and leaf cutting on the second day. Theory first, practice later! Don't worry they're not going to capture us here in the hospital. We're going to observe them with toy koalas – far from the real thing!

Lastly, it's my turn to say goodbye and thank all my 'Kaylee's Kolumn' followers for all your support.

It's time for this aged adult female (cringe!) to trade in her solar powered laptop for sleep and leaf and more sleep. I've enjoyed writing for Gum Tips over the years but I'm getting tired now and 'retirement' looks good!

Goodbye, take care and please come and visit – I'll look forward to seeing everyone!

YOUNG AMBASSADORS



Recently Indigo visited the Koala Hospital and presented a donation of \$84.15 which she had raised for her adopted Koala "Merinda Nina". Our thanks go to her for all her efforts.

YOUNG AMBASSADORS



Lyla from the Blue Mountains, sat in on a koala talk during Xmas school holidays and took in all that was said about koalas possibly becoming endangered in the next 10 years. She decided that she wanted to help save the koalas. Every school holidays since she has painted fingernails for her friends and clients who come into her nana's hair salon for a coin. She has got both men and women having their nails done!

She has now adopted 2 koalas (Oxley Twinkles and NATF Zenani) and wants to adopt many more. She is 6 years old and all who have donated her a coin, love what she is doing for the koalas.

Hi,
I just wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know how the work you are doing up there has affected my daughter and her close friend.

For some time my 9 year old daughter, Hannah, has loved Koalas. So much so that we travelled to Port Macquarie for the Koala Festival on the recent long weekend. We also visited your Koala Hospital.

Recently the two girls decided to raise some money to help out the Hospital. With a bit of work and planning they held a cupcake stall yesterday to raise money for the work you do. Thanks to Facebook, word got around the local community and the two girls raised \$115.40. We donated this amount on your website on their behalf last night. We were so pleased to see that your Hospital has inspired these two girls to do something selfless like this for something they are passionate about.



Recently we received an email from Falk Laboratory School Principal about the activities of one of their classes. The following is an extract from his email:



“As a part of an independent study, a group of students learned about koalas, their habitat, and the dangers facing their survival. The children were initially drawn to koalas, because of the large role they play in their creative games and writing projects in school (yes, there is a cartoon involving koalas). Through this research, they learned about the great work being done by the Koala Hospital to rehabilitate these remarkable creatures, and the advocacy work around protecting their habitat. This message resonated with these students, and they found themselves educating their fellow classmates through conversations, and posters. The entire class decided (independently) that they would work together to fund raise on behalf of the Koala Hospital.

They emptied their piggy banks, asked their families, and donated their birthday party gifts to the fund. We are hopeful that their collective passion for finding causes to believe in and supporting them through acts of kindness and charity will follow them through the rest of their lives. All of this work was under the direction of their Class Instructor, Carolyn Mericle, whose remarkable passion for independent learning, leaning into a child's interests, and kindness for all creatures big and small made this all possible.”

VALE



Long term members of the Koala Hospital were saddened to hear of the passing of **Joyce Westoby** recently.

Joyce was a stalwart and life member of the Hospital and an avid koala carer. To give the newer members a clearer picture, we quote an article written by Mary Stewart in Gum Tips in September 2010 about Joyce:

“Can you imagine what it would be like to foster 50 children, not knowing for how long you would have each one in your care?”

Life members, Joyce and Brian Westoby, celebrated the arrival of their 50th koala, Walcha Julie, who was only staying over night, but some of the koalas that Joyce and Brian had were in their care for months.

The lucky koalas had 24 hour, five star treatment, as Brian built a special “Koala Haven” accommodation unit which fitted into the living area of their house. They also had a larger unit outside for koalas who were almost ready to return to the Hospital for imminent release.”

Brian and Joyce, who migrated to Australia from England in 1950, lived most of their lives in Sydney before moving to Port Macquarie on retirement in 1990 as a sea change. In 1995 they started at the Koala Hospital as they loved to work with animals.

Our condolences go out to Brian .



We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of **Verna Martin**.

Verna was Life Member of the Hospital and joined in 2002. Unfortunately due to poor health had to resign from active duties.

Those at the Hospital wish her husband Keith the very best and our deepest sympathies go out to him in his hour of need.



Mother of our current Hospital Co-ordinator, Joanne Hollis, **Margaret Hollis** sadly passed away recently.

Margaret joined the Hospital in 2011 and was part of the Education Team. She retired due to cancer, but after treatment was in remission. She also volunteered at Roto House.

She will be sadly missed.

Our sympathies go to Joanne and her family.

HOSPITAL ACTIVITY REPORT

| Admitted | Name | Reason | Result |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 8/10/2015 | Bellangry Wombat | Bilateral Kerato Conjunctivitis | Died |
| 12/09/2017 | Kundabung Mikha | Tangled in wire netting | Released |
| 16/03/2018 | Yarran Seenoevil | Sitting low in trees | Euthanased |
| 9/05/2018 | Oxley Brandon | MVA | Released |
| 14/05/2018 | Gordon Richard | Sore wrist | Released |
| 21/05/2018 | Matthew Flinders Sandra | In yard with dogs | Released |
| 30/05/2018 | Ocean Links | MVA | Euthanased |
| 4/06/2018 | O'Briens Zali | Sitting on ground | Euthanased |
| 14/06/2018 | Lake Brittany | On road, poor condition | Released |
| 14/06/2018 | Lake Chris | MVA | DOA |
| 18/06/2018 | WIRES Blossom & joey | Microcephaly vision | Treating |
| 21/06/2018 | Links Grant | Tangled in tennis court net | Released |
| 26/06/2018 | Colonel Barney Pod | Dog attack | Released |
| 3/07/2018 | Telegraph Pt Will | MVA | Euthanased |
| 9/07/2018 | Armidale Mary | Dehumanising | Treating |
| 9/07/2018 | Croppa Creek Matthew | Dehumanising | Treating |
| 11/07/2018 | Widderson Julian | MVA | DOA |
| 11/07/2018 | Granite Preston | Dog attack | Died |
| 16/07/2018 | Candelo Sophie | Sitting on driveway | Died |
| 17/07/2018 | Crestwood David | Captured for radio tracking | Released |
| 18/07/2018 | Kyla Keith | Captured for radio tracking | Released |
| 18/07/2018 | Heather Chris | On fencee near dogs | Released |
| 18/07/2018 | Angadell Allen | In pool | Drowned |
| 19/07/2018 | Crestwood Emilie | Unsuitable for tracking collar | Released |
| 20/07/2018 | Madden Donna | Hassled by dogs | Treating |
| 23/07/2018 | Murray Steve | On road | Released |
| 26/07/2018 | Hastings River Dve René | Playing on road | Released |
| 31/07/2018 | Lake Reese | In factory | Released |
| 1/08/2018 | Highfields Missy K | Curled up on ground | Died |
| 2/08/2018 | Waniora Colburn | Walking on roadside | Treating |
| 3/08/2018 | Armidale Barbara | Sitting on ground | Treating |
| 3/08/2018 | Maria River Rd Peter | Sitting on ground | Treating |
| 5/08/2018 | Bangalay Bobby | In yard with dogs | Treating |
| 5/08/2018 | Koala Neal | On the ground | Treating |

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| September 11 | Management Meeting | 10.00am |
| October 9 | Management Meeting | 10.00am |
| November 13 | Management Meeting | 10.00am |
| November 18 | General Meeting | 10.00am |
| December 11 | Management Meeting | 10.00am |

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ADOPT A WILD KOALA

Adopt a Koala



Emerald Downs Mary's Story

This young female came to us with a very unusual condition for a koala of her age.

Her left eye had very advanced glaucoma which is a condition not unusual in koalas but not normally seen in young animals.

Poor Emerald Downs Mary must have been involved in some sort of physical trauma – a fall from a tree maybe? Mary is a very gentle easy koala so the decision was made to surgically remove the remaining eye, which due to the high ocular pressure would have been causing her considerable pain.

As the Koala Hospital has many years experience in dealing with blind koalas we knew that Mary would cope well with life in captivity as a koala without vision.

Adopt a Wild Koala

Due to cost increases our prices for adoptions are as follows:

- Australia \$60
- Overseas \$70 (includes \$10 postage)
- eAdoption \$40

This is the first increase in 8 years. There are now 42 koalas available for adoption, including all koalas that we have on exhibit.

Many thanks for your support and your generosity.

THUMBS UP

(Koalas have 2 thumbs on each hand)



Thumbs up to the two French girls who managed to stop traffic at a busy intersection one night to allow a young koala to cross the road. While the koala went up a tree one of them grabbed a basket. They waited nearby till the koala came down and then caught the koala.



Thumbs up to the young lady who followed a young koala several blocks as he strolled down the road regardless of cars. It is gratifying to know that people care about the koalas.



Thumbs up to the guy who grabbed a basket, put it over the koala to catch it but before he could put a weight on the basket the koala wandered off. Better luck next time.

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