



# Gum Tips

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Uralla Bailey



Armidale Mack



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# Armidale Mack and Uralla Bailey

For over thirty years the Koala Hospital has had an excellent working relationship with many other wildlife groups throughout NSW and Victoria which still continues today. As our wildlife rehabilitation licence is only authorised for work within NSW we can only physically assist NSW wildlife carers with matters concerning the health of wild koalas in their care and can only verbally assist Victorian carers with their koalas.

One of the closest relationships we have is with a wonderful wildlife carer from “over the mountains” Denise Friedman who is licensed with WIRES New England (Wildlife Information and Rescue Service) and cares for many species of wildlife with her first love being wild koalas.

Over the years, Denise has had literally hundreds of sick, injured and orphaned koalas in her home (plus birds, wallabies and kangaroos!). At times some of the problems her koala patients have require a “trip down the mountain” to the Koala Hospital for more intensive treatment – something we are always happy to do.



Mack

Two of her recent patient transfers have been Armidale Mack and Uralla Bailey. Both are big male koalas who have come from two towns that are only 40 odd kilometres apart from each other. Both came in with the same problem – bilateral conjunctivitis courtesy of the

dreaded Chlamydia bacteria. It's interesting to note that a lot of the patients we take into care from Denise are koalas who have come from very isolated uninhabited areas and its likely these koalas may have either never seen a human or have only had minimal contact with humans throughout their lives. With this sort of scenario in mind it would be easy to imagine that these koalas would be very frightened, defensive and “very wild” when they arrive at the hospital. Amazingly the vast majority of these “over the mountain” koalas are “dudes” – they are usually

very calm, easy to treat, easy to handle and respond to human care in a very positive way.

It's certainly a myth that koalas from different locations won't eat the leaf from another area – in our experience koalas are happy to munch on leaf no matter where it comes from! Or maybe the coastal leaf is sweeter and more palatable – who knows but we have never had any trouble getting “out of area” koalas to chomp down on the local leaf (with most gaining weight whilst in our care).

Most of the “over the mountain” koalas also look different. They tend to be bigger in stature, with fluffier and denser fur and have smaller eyes, smaller ears and faces. Another over the mountain koala we had recently in care was Gunnedah Boof who was a classic example. Unfortunately this koala was unable to be successfully treated and eventually succumbed to complications from dog attack injuries he had suffered (see article on dog attack injuries).

Nonetheless Armidale Mack and Uralla Bailey have gone and spoilt our views with both of these lovely

males looking more like Port Macquarie koalas than mountain ones – they are the exception to the rule!! Nonetheless Armidale Mack certainly has the gentle “mountain” temperament and is very easy to work with. Uralla Bailey doesn't fit the gentle koala mould in that



Bailey

he is a bit of a fireball and seems to enjoy slashing out at his human carers and is very partial to chomping down on a bit of human flesh if the opportunity arises.

Both koalas have responded well to treatment, with only Bailey requiring surgery. All being well Mack and Bailey will be returned shortly to their mountain homes fit and well, each with a new set of eyes and ready for the breeding season. Look out lady koalas!

Sadly, Armidale Macca passed away the night before he was due to return to Armidale.

# KOALA STORIES FROM A LONG TIME HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER

## PAM WHIPPY

I have been working at the Koala Hospital for over 13 years and started there in May 1998. I was born in Port Macquarie, and moved back there in 1997 due to forced early retirement.

On my return to Port, I visited the Koala Hospital, fell in love with the koalas and signed up that day. I began volunteering the following week and 2 years later became a Team Leader, a position I hold to this day.

I have performed many duties since joining, including working in the kiosk (shop), doing yard work composed of feeding the koalas and replenishing the leaf in the mornings, and training new volunteers. I have been involved in fund raising for the hospital as we do not receive any Government benefits and rely on public support, and have also gone on koala rescues and release when needed.

There is a "Walk and Talk" programme held each afternoon, giving visitors the story of our Australian icon, and letting them know what was going on at the hospital, and that was another task I enjoyed doing, but I think one of the things I loved most was being involved in Home Care. This is necessary for very sick koalas who need round the clock care, and for small joeys who are too young to manage for themselves.

I also began a scrap book of newspaper articles, and still keep this up-to-date.

Each year we have the "Carnival of the Pines" in Port Macquarie and I always walk in the parade as part of the Koala Hospital participation.

As for memories, I have so many, but a few special ones come to mind. There was "Fenech", the blind koala who lived for 18 years, and "Pebbles", the first koala I fed formula to. She would jump into your arms as soon as you walked in the gate of her yard, and loved licking your face!

"Cloud" was another very special koala who arrived at the hospital with terrible burns caused by bush fires. She was a very gentle koala, who loved a cuddle and a brush, and would often go to sleep while being groomed.

"Miss Beautiful" has a special place in my heart. I took her into home care but did not expect her to last the week. I looked after her for 20 months, and she was eventually Euthanased at the grand old age of 21 years.

My first responsibility as a home carer was with a joey named "Jim Beam". He was like a son to me, and had the run of the house. He loved to play hide and seek, and liked sliding down a chair leg as though it was a fireman's pole. He had his own room, complete with gunyah and leaf, but loved sleeping in my bed. He often pushed me to the other side of the bed so that he could lie on my pillow and look out of the window. On occasions, I would wake up and find him lying on my chest, puffing into my face to let me know it was time to play, no matter if it was one or two in the morning!



Jim Beam

## ENVIRONMENTAL DONATION

I remember doing a rescue with Jason when I caught my foot on something and tumbled down an embankment for about 5 metres. I was tangled up in vines and sticks and was covered in dead leaves. Not a pretty sight but a lot of laughs.

Last but not least, who could forget "Birthday Girl"?



**Birthday Girl**

Our old lady of 25 years was a sweet treasure.

Needless to say, there are many more that could be named. Every koala that comes through the hospital is special, and every now and then one will come in who really grabs you by the heart. That's how "Gunnedah Boof" affected me. As soon as I saw him my heart went straight out to him; he was so cute.

He loved his formula so much, it was nearly impossible to clean his unit until he had his "milk", and his fresh leaf. Everyone fell in love with "Boof", and it was very upsetting to all when he passed away in July this year.

Although it is very sad when we lose a koala, it is also heart warming to know we are doing our bit to help them.

Volunteers at the Koala Hospital are very aware of the need to conserve water. This has sometimes been difficult, however, as the leaf in the containers in the koala yards need to be misted twice daily to provide the animals with the moisture they require, as well as keeping the leaf fresh.

Until recently, volunteers misted the leaves with small spray bottles which constantly required refilling, and were sometimes difficult to use.

Hills Holdings have generously donated a number of large pump spray bottles, complete with harness, for use in the yards.

We at the koala hospital would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to the Managing Director, Graham Twartz, and Warehouse Supervisor, Sean Ackerman of Hills Holdings, for these pumps, which are going to make such a difference not only to the volunteers, but to the ability of the hospital to reduce water usage in the yards.

As you can see here, Jane is finding it much easier and less time consuming to use the spray pump, and the koala doesn't seem to find it a problem either!!



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## *Supervisor's Report*

## *from the President's Pen*

Since the last report we have had both a busy and a quiet time. It always seems to come in bursts. For example at one point we had a quiet few weeks with virtually no admissions then we had three rescues one Friday arvo in 75 minutes all in different towns – but that's the way it goes!!! And on another day we had five rescues in one morning – all of whom were OK which was a blessing.



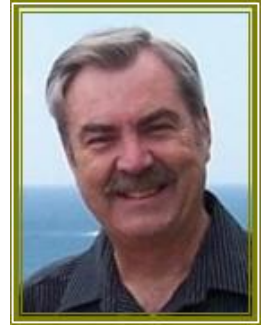
Sadly we have had a number of dog attacks which is so frustrating and so unnecessary especially as there have been virtually no dog attacks for many months prior to this. Admitting juvenile koalas too young to even breed that have died as a result of a dog attack is awful. These are the breeding animals of the future; these are the koalas that keep the population going. In some cases the poor dog owners are so distraught at what has happened and want very much to try to prevent it re-occurring so we certainly feel for them too. It's the small amount of irresponsible people who don't seem to care are the ones we just don't understand.

On a brighter more positive note the National Geographic documentary of the Koala Hospital is now being aired internationally and we are getting some excellent feedback from viewers overseas. They are very supportive of our cause and want to help which is fantastic. Locally the support for the hospital is also on the increase – more and more Australians are coming on board to help preserve this precious native mammal along with all our other threatened native wildlife.

We still need to push the Australian government to be more proactive and protect our unique wildlife. Changes to legislation is imperative that will ensure the koala and every other wonderful creature that call Australia home remain for future generations to also be in awe of.

As usual a big thanks to all the wonderful volunteers without whom the hospital would not exist.

During this term we have seen the new water service installed from the back of the property due to the main in Lord Street being disconnected from the water supply by our local council. The installation of a water tank at the rear of our sheds will supply water to the rehabilitation yards and the laundry.



Our lease with National Parks falls due in November; although we have agreed to renewing the current lease, National Parks are discussing with us variations that will include standard arrangements for our Open Days. The parking area adjacent to Roto House has provided some help but the walkways are yet to be constructed. Port Macquarie Hastings Council will provide road marking in Lord Street for coach parking.

The computer system has been a strain on staff with each computer being used by various staff. This has caused niggly issues that are very frustrating; we hope to re-arrange them so that the overlap doesn't interfere with others' work.

While Cheyne had some time off our volunteer team leaders carried on and provided the professional care to the koalas that came in. My thanks go to Mary our Vice President who filled in for me during July.

Again the staff and volunteers do a magnificent job and on behalf of the Management Committee I thank them for their commitment and dedication.

### *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.

# DOG ATTACKS ON KOALAS

Why does this happen?

Both domestic and feral dogs no matter how much “breeding out” of undesirable traits we humans try to do are still basically an opportunistic hunting pack animal. This does not make them bad animals; it’s simply nature in action and what nature designed them for – a higher order predator (remember that dogs are descendents of wolves). So having a “go” at another animal is part of the “wildness” that still remains in a dog.

We have often been asked why don’t koalas defend themselves and fight back when a dog attacks them.



Koalas body shape and their behaviour is designed for a life in the trees – they are arboreal. Their long recurved claws, and heavily muscled limbs are for pulling them up thick trunks of trees and for manoeuvring around branches. The long sharp incisor teeth are purely for biting off stems of leaves and their molars are for grinding up the leaf.

Even though two male koalas will fight its usually a short lived affair where a bit of blood maybe drawn and fur may fly with the more lower ranking koala usually conceding defeat pretty quickly. Basically koalas are lovers not fighters.

For an animal in the wild to change its body form and its behaviour takes thousands of generations of breeding and in many cases millions of years. So koalas have not had the “evolutionary time” to have the body changes to be able to stand up to a powerful dog. The same applies for domestic and feral cats that also hunt and kill millions of native birds and small mammals (which include young joey koalas).

Dingos have only been in Australia for less than 10,000 years which is a drop in the ocean in evolutionary terms. Feral and domestic dogs have only been here for a few hundred years.

Koalas as we know are territorial – that is their home range is where they live for the duration of their lives or until they get pushed out by a more dominant animal or their habitat is removed.

Dogs live with humans whom they see as part of their pack, so they defend where they live as part of their territory also.

In urban areas where dogs are in many backyards, there are often both choice eucalypt trees and fences that koala find very useful as a quick track to get from one lot of food trees to another. This is where the problem occurs.

The koala either descends to the ground to cross the backyard to get to a tree and meets up with the family dog or sadly koalas are often pulled off the top of fences by big dogs.

A koala’s instinctive behaviour is to try to get up the nearest tree as quickly as possible or if trapped on the ground their defensive mechanism is to curl up in a ball. Occasionally a koala will try to defend him/herself by slashing at the attacker with their long sharp claws or bite but usually a koala is no match for a dog who has all the right equipment to inflict far more serious injuries.



The most common site of injuries in a koala is the hindquarters where the dog has grabbed the koala as it climbs the trunk of the tree. The other common site is around the neck – a typical carnivore place to grab prey. As dogs have jaws designed for eating meat and bones, the damage that is done to a very soft bodied animal such as a koala is horrific.

We have a term called “the iceberg effect” – the injuries on the outside of the koala may appear minimal but inside the koala is torn to pieces. When a koala is attacked by a dog and is admitted to the hospital most of them either arrive dead or die within 24 hours. What they actually die from is shock that results from massive internal bleeding and trauma to their internal organs.

We can certainly give the koala the best possible treatment available but it boils down to how much damage has occurred internally. If the damage internally is not too bad then we do usually have some success. Some koalas do suffer injuries that maim them – such as loss of digits, or a permanent limp etc.

It is not common for a koala to die from a septic infection after a dog attack – if the injuries are so bad that the flesh is very traumatised then usually its blood loss not infection that does it.

Nonetheless dog attack injuries are so frustrating for hospital staff as they are something that is so preventable with good sound responsible dog ownership. Locking dogs up at night (when the majority of attacks occur) , fencing off koala food trees with timber runners to the fence, planting trees in front yards not back, keeping dogs on leads when out in bushland are good options. Having breeds of dogs that are less likely to attack wildlife is also good responsible caring for wildlife.

Sadly the Staffordshire bull terrier is the number one breed of dog that attacks koalas (we keep a record of all breeds of dog in these cases). Yes, Staffys are wonderful family dogs so we implore owners of these breeds to be aware of this problem and be responsible. Thus said there are certainly plenty of caring responsible dog owners out there who do the right thing and protect the wildlife that live in their area.

## HELP!!

The Koala Hospital will be celebrating its 40th birthday in 2013 and to mark this great occasion, Gerry Walsh has kindly offered to create a montage of photos and stories concerning the past 40 years of the hospital.

If you can help with any photos or memorabilia which he can borrow to complete a 40 year history of the hospital, we would be very grateful.

Gerry can be contacted directly on

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or Cheyne at the Koala Hospital during week days.

### **GIVE OUR KOALAS A CHANCE TO SURVIVE**

If you hit a koala whilst driving at 80 km per hour, the koala has only a 20% chance of survival.

If you hit a koala whilst driving between 40 and 60 km per hour, the survival chance increases to 40-50%.

So PLEASE when driving in signed areas and 50km zones keep your driving speed no faster than the 50 km limit so that the koala can have a 50/50 chance of survival.



# GUM TIPS KIDS' CORNER



## *The Adventures of Bruce and Macca*

Bruce and Macca had been travelling with some of our native animals and birds who had lost their habitat when developers moved into their area. There was Will the wallaby, George the galah and Jack the corella who had become close friends with the two koalas and had been in their adventures as they had tried to find a new home.



George and his mate Clarissa had flown ahead and found a place they believed would be ideal for the group to settle safely.

Along the way they had had to deal with motor vehicles and dogs which made their journey more dangerous.

The group had stopped overnight before carrying on their journey and were almost ready to begin when George suddenly appeared before Bruce in a state of great agitation.

"We can't continue along this way", he cried. "There is a bush fire ahead of us and we need to go around it. There are lots of fire fighters trying to extinguish it and I noticed the koala ambulance there as well".

"Well", answered Macca, "We can't just ignore this and keep going, we'll have to see how close we can get and try to help any of the animals who are in danger. The koala ambulance will take the injured koalas to the hospital but we may be able to redirect the ones who have made it to safety. They



may like to join us in our new location."

George agreed, and he and Jack the corella flew ahead while the plucky little koalas followed.

Unfortunately, when a fire starts on the ground, koalas try to escape by climbing trees, which puts them in great danger when the fire climbs up the trunk and branches.

George and Jack flew along the tops of the trees before the fire reached them and warned any of the koalas to climb down to where Bruce and Macca were waiting for them. Luckily there were not many in the trees, and when they reached the ground, they all decided to join the group and travel with them. Many kangaroos and wallabies had bounded ahead of the flames and wanted to accompany them also.



George informed Macca that the koala ambulance had found two other koalas and had taken them back to the hospital, from where they would be treated if necessary and relocated to a safer area.

By now the fire had been dowsed and the little band of travellers, with the new arrivals were able to skirt around the burnt out area and continue their journey.

It was nearing dusk when George returned with the news that their new home was just ahead. There were plenty of eucalyptus trees of different varieties and not many houses nearby. It would be a safe haven for the animals and birds who had braved the hazardous journey to find a new life.



**WORD PUZZLE**

**Pets Corner**

Words can go horizontally and vertically either way, but not diagonally.

Words may overlap but do not share letters

budgie goldfish pony tortoise  
cat guinea pig rabbit turtle  
dog hamster rat  
gerbil mouse snake

r w r m b u d g i e t w d z  
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w l i b r e g w r t p d w o  
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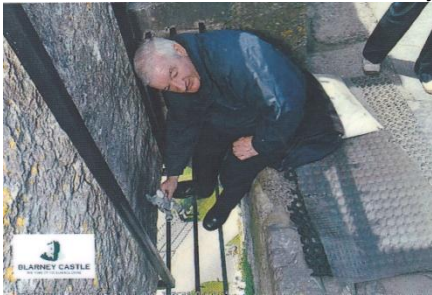
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## *BARRY'S ADVENTURES IN WANDERLAND.*

In the last episode of Barry's travels, he had disappeared from Easter Island, perhaps because he felt a little insignificant next to so many huge statues, and he definitely likes to be the centre of attention!

He evidently felt homesick, because his next appearance was back in Sydney where he visited the home of a relation of one of the Koala Hospital's long time volunteers. He may have remembered the care given by Natalie in his old yard there, and since he was so far away from her, gave her niece Verity a big kiss instead.

Since he had been given such great care at the koala hospital, this may have helped him decide to join Lorraine, one of the volunteers, who was going on a visit to Ireland. At Blarney Castle, he must



have been still in the mood for kissing, only this time, instead of it being on warm skin, he was held gently over the Blarney

Stone and deposited one on cold stone! He even received his very own certificate to prove it. When he returns to Oz, we can only imagine the stories that the Port Macquarie koalas are going to be subjected to. They won't be able to shut him up!



Back in London he was pictured with Gabby and a beefeater at the Tower of London, before crossing over the Tower Bridge for a different view of the city.

Heading south then, his old enthusiasm for monoliths and standing stones found him at Stonehenge, no doubt trying to figure out their mysterious stories. This was too much for a little koala's brain, so he slipped out of England and landed in Istanbul in Turkey. His Australian heritage came to the fore and he attended the Dawn Service at Gallipoli. He seemed very moved

by the service, but it was not enough to send him hurrying for home.

Still in Europe, he took off for a trip with Joanne, where he excelled himself by visiting so many tourist sites in a short time. It was difficult keeping up with him, but he was seen soaking up the culture at the Louvre in Paris, before enjoying the beauty of the gardens of Versailles. No gum trees there, so he met up with an old friend, Sabina, and went on a tour of several cities in Italy, including an ancient Roman camp site near Vienna. After a cruise in a sail boat he ended up spending some time at the beach, resting after his exhausting trip and getting some sun. Wonder if he thought of the Australian beaches.



*An ancient Roman camp near Vienna*

After managing to get a seat to see the operetta "The Gypsy Baron" at Morbisch in Austria, he jumped on a plane and flew over the continent of Africa, to land in Cape Town to meet up with Colin. At the Waterfront there, he peeked through the telescope for a better view of Table Mountain, and



*Cradle of Mankind just outside Johannesburg, South Africa*

then joined Colin at the Cradle of Humankind just outside Johannesburg. The name *Cradle of Humankind* reflects the fact that the site has produced a large number, as well as some of the oldest, hominid fossils ever found, some dating back as far as 3.5 million years.

Another plane trip, and he was crossing the mighty Atlantic Ocean after receiving an invitation to join Shane and Leigh in Peru. We are all aware of his love for ancient stones and where better to find those than at Machu Picchu, an old 15<sup>th</sup> century Inca site on a mountain range 2430 metres above sea level. He loved it there as there were many eucalypt forests, and thought they had been planted there just for him! He searched for the Peruvian koalas but couldn't find any and decided they must have gone on a holiday just as he had.



**Machu Picchu**

After an incident with customs concerning a large amount of Peruvian eucalyptus leaves, he continued going south east, and found himself in Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro with Barry and Enid. At the huge statue of Christ the Redeemer, he felt almost hugged by the 30 metre icon on the top the 2,300-ft peak of Corcovado mountain.



He thought of going home, but decided to take a few detours on the way, and stopped off in Hawaii with Robyn, to unwind after his exertions. Then it was on to Fiji, where the chef where he was staying took a liking to him and cooked his

favourite spaghetti bolognese, which he shared with Lyn and her family.

The next detour was Singapore, getting close to home now!! He was seen drinking a Singapore sling in the Long Bar at the Raffles Hotel with Shane, followed by a high tea, then he was caught eyeing off the bottles of bubbly set aside for VIP guests on the 57<sup>th</sup> floor of the Marina Bay Sands Hotel.

What a view!! Flying over the Harbour Bridge in Sydney would have brought a lump to his throat I'm sure. He wanted to learn more about his Australian friends and joined up for the Sydney Wildlife Macropod course. After sitting in class for ages, he was off again, and was sighted by Mack on the back of a Harley. He wanted to arrive back in Port Macquarie in style and obviously thought this the fastest means of road transport to get there. He'd had enough of plane travel and loved the feel of the wind in his fur. He was welcomed back to the koala hospital, and is now back in his favourite yard. How long he will remain there before he is bitten by the bug again remains to be seen. One of our foreign visitors may decide he will be the perfect companion for them to take back to their homeland, or perhaps a volunteer from the hospital will spirit him away in the dead of night for another exciting adventure.

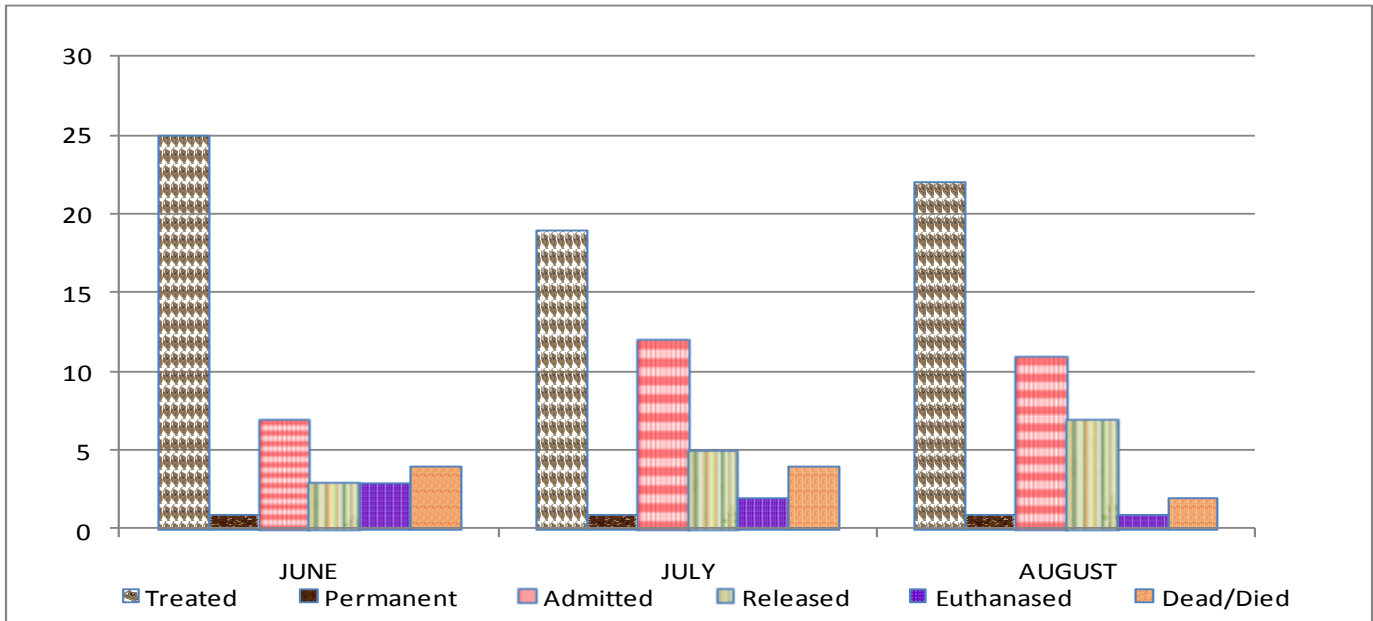
The winners this issue are:  
Christ the Redeemer – Barry & Enid  
Machu Picchu – Shane & Leigh  
Blarney Stone – Lorraine

# Hospital Activity Report



Admission	Name	Reason	Result
11.07.08	Westhaven Barry	Scoliosis of spine	Permanent Resident
12.03.10	Emerald Downs Barbara	Blind R. Eye - limited vision	Treating
24.09.10	Greenmeadows Alex	Locked right kneecap	Treating
22.11.10	Dunbogan Dave Joey	Fell from tree	De-humanising
04.12.10	Edward Elly Joey	Abandoned - tick infested - anaemic	De-humanising
06.01.11	Kooloonbung Paula Joey	Abandoned - tick infested - anaemic	De-humanising
01.02.11	Lake Private	Dehydrated, underweight	Treating
22.02.11	Crestwood Matilda Joey	Abandoned	De-humanising
25.03.11	N.A.T.F. Lin	Poor condition	Euthanased 20.07.11
20.04.11	Gunnedah Boof	Chlamydia, conjunctivitis	Died 11.07.11
24.04.11	Park Tricia	Chlamydia	Euthanased 09.06.11
25.04.11	Oxley Highway Matt	Chlamydia	Released 26.07.11
10.05.11	Vendal Lorraine	Chlamydia	Euthanased 10.08.11
11.05.11	N.A.T.F. Jethro	Weight loss, anaemia poor vision	Released 30.6.11
12.05.11	Acacia Tim	Conjunctivitis both eyes	Released 08.07.11
24.05.11	Lake Cathie Kai	Dog Attack -	Released 29.07.11
26.05.11	Bonny Hills Helen	Curled up on ground	Died 30.05.11
30.05.11	McLaren Pam	Suspect Dog Attack - checked	Euthanased 09.06.11
01.06.;11	Home Ridge Leila	On Ground	Died 02.06.11
05.06.11	Newmarket Harley	On Ground	Euthanased 09.06.11
16.06.11	Cathie Robyn	Chlamydia	Euthanased 20.06.11
19.06.11	Ocean Rebecca + Joey	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
19.06.11	Miss Platt	Limping - old injury	Released 30.06.11
24.06.11	Lake Cathie Teresa	On Ground	Died 25.06.11
26.06.11	Lighthouse Bev	Chlamydia	Euthanased 30.;06.11
09.07.11	Ruins	Unkn own	Dead on Arrival
09.07.11	Uralla Bailey	Severe Conjunctivitis both eyes	Treating
10.07.11	Golf Warren	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
13.07.11	Clearwater Steve	Chlamydia	Died 15.08.11
13.07.11	Lighthouse Wilson	In Yard with dogs - checked	Released 13.07.11
13.07.11	Bay Street Macca	Walking on busy road - checked	Released 13.07.11
16.07.11	Armidale Mack	Conjunctivitis both eyes	Treating
16.07.11	Armidale Rea	Joey in for de=humanising	Dehumanising
24.07.11	Jonas Barrington	Debilitated	Treating
27.07.11.	Somerset Summer	Chlamydia	28.07.11
29.07.11	Owen Jason	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 11.08.11
31.07.11	Cathie Ernestine	Dog Attack -	Dead on Arrival
01.08.11	Marsden Jamie	In dangerous area - checked	Released 01.08.11
04.08.11	Roto Bill	Dog Attack -	Euthanased 23.08.11
05.08.11	Hastings River Dr. Jim	Motor Vehicle accident - observation	Released 09.08.11

06.08.11	Ashdown Dawn	In Yard with dogs - checked	Released 10.8.11
07.08.11	Bangalay Ricky	On ground	Died 08.08.11
12.08.11	Lake Cathie Gower	Chlamydia	Treating
13.08.11	Hill Noel	Suspect Dog Attack - checked	Released 14.08.11
14.08.11	Ocean Drive Fred	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
15.08.11	Grant Howard	In Yard with dogs - checked	Released 17.08.11
26.08.11	Kulai Richard	Limping - old injury	Released 29.08.11
27.08.11	Nulla Bor	Dog Attack -	Treating



The Koala Hospital recently had a visitor from Uralla, near Armidale in New South Wales, who was here on work experience. She was happy to complete a questionnaire about her impressions while here.

Q. What is your first name?

A. Brooke

Q. Which school do you attend and where do you live?

A. I live in Uralla which is 20 km away from Armidale and attend Duval High School.

Q. Do you have a favourite animal?

A. I like all animals except spiders.

Q. Why are you particularly interested in wildlife?

A. Because we're Australian and we need to keep Australia's wildlife alive.

Q. What is your impression of the koala hospital?

A. It is a really good organisation helping koalas. There should be more of them.

Q. What has been the best thing about the hospital?

A. Probably feeding the koalas.

Q. What interesting things have you discovered?

A. That koalas have two webbed fingers and that they have thumbs.

Q. Which is your favourite koala?

A. My favourite is Elly because she is small and very cute.

Q. How has this work experience fitted in with your school subjects?

A. It has helped me decide what I want to do after my schooling life.

Q. What do you intend to do for a career?

A. I intend to do something with animals and help keep them alive.

# THE KOALA HOSPITAL



# FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
2011  
9 AM TO 2 PM



The Marc Clapton Band  
Troppo Bob The Magician



Stalls: Cakes/crafts/jewellery; plants, books;  
white elephant and much much more!!

- \*Sausage Sizzle
- \*Games
- \*Face painting
- \*Raffles
- \*Devonshire Tea
- \*Walk and Talks
- \*Guess the Poo
- \*Jumping Castle



KOALA KAPERS featuring *West Haven Barry* by =Ebeth Dec 2010 #3

YARD 10

Hoy, Flat One, on the fence! Why are you not straight today?



It's not much fun being straight all the time!

DONATIONS PLEASE



**May—June—July**

Fran	Logan	Kyah
Susan	Madeline	Stephen
Lizzy	Cole	Heather
Karen	Catharina	Aaso
Tony	Allan	Michael
Nicolette	Margaret	Linda
Sandra	Terre'Mer	Martin
Celia	Fred	John

**2011 Calendar**

16 Sept 11	Management Meeting
1 Oct 11	Family Fun Day
21 Oct 11	Management Meeting
18 Nov 11	Management Meeting
27 Nov 11	GM 4th Sunday 10 am
Dec 11	Gum Tips
11 Dec 11	Christmas Lunch
16 Dec 11	Management Meeting

(Please check before attending as these dates may change.)

**Koala Hospital worldwide websites**

Netherlands—Carla Sluiter	<a href="http://www.koalaziekenhuis.nl">http://www.koalaziekenhuis.nl</a>
Germany—Lutz Michel	<a href="http://www.koalahilfe.de">http://www.koalahilfe.de</a>
Liechtenstein—Viktor	<a href="http://www.koala.li">http://www.koala.li</a>
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