



# Gum Tips

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In late summer of 2015 this mature male koala was hit by a freight train in a small township called Breeza, which is located between Tamworth and Gunnedah on the northern tablelands of NSW. He was retrieved by a very distressed train driver whose name is Grant.

Breeza Grant suffered a fracture to the zygomatic arch (the bone surrounding and above the left eye) and partial loss of the left ear. It is amazing he survived at all, it was also found that he had a case of minor bilateral conjunctivitis, courtesy of chlamydia. Breeza Grant also has suffered a level of neurological damage (brain injury) which is understandable.

Breeza Grant underwent many months of treatment and rehabilitation with the wildlife group WIRES NSW (Wildlife Information Rescue Education Service) and Breeza was eventually transferred to the Koala Hospital for permanent care as his injuries have rendered him unable to be released.

Grant is one of those koalas who are quite accepting of human intervention, and as long as there is fresh eucalypt leaf daily and twice a day he receives his formula, then he appears to be contented.

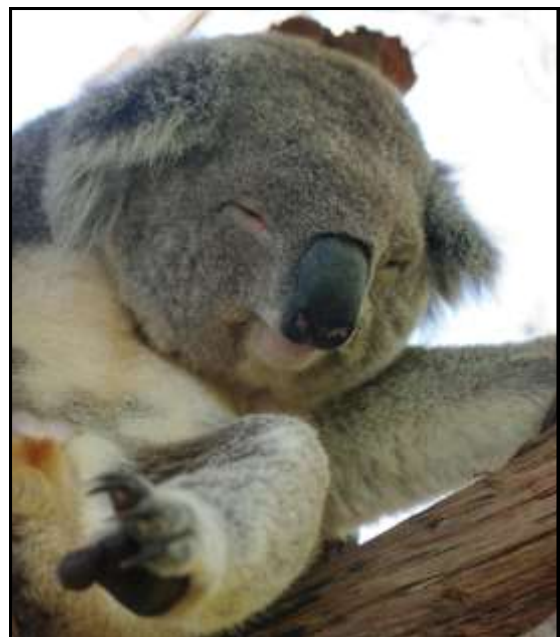
Nonetheless as with Breeza Grant, most wild koalas held at the Koala Hospital are housed with minimal human contact. These wild koalas held in captivity for rehabilitation will accept human

help provided it's done the same way every day – they don't like change. Regularity is a security factor for wild koalas as they come to expect certain outcomes when humans come near them – such as the fresh leaf is put in to their enclosures at a certain time each day and in a specific way. The yards are cleaned at a certain time and also in a specific way, they become conditioned to this routine and if we change it, many koalas become visibly distressed and pace their enclosures.

We also house the majority of our koala patients in solitary enclosures that all have the same design as adult koalas do not like having close contact with other koalas. We keep contact to a minimum – no touching or handling as wild koalas do not like physical contact with humans.

Unfortunately there is a myth that wild koalas like “cuddles” which is simply not true. If wild koalas truly liked to be touched, cuddled, patted or held then there would be thousands of koalas out there in the Australian bush cuddled up together in the trees, having a group hug maybe! That certainly does not occur and the only physical contact between adult koalas is mating. The only physical contact for joeys is when they are with their mother prior to weaning.

Breeza Grant is a koala in excellent body condition – he receives five star accommodation here by staff who are well experienced in dealing with the needs of wild koalas. Even though he has an appealing “cute cuddly” look about him – don't be fooled by this as with all koalas he has a very big set of incisors (biting teeth) and a set of very sharp claws! Koalas after all are a wild animal.





# Our Koalas are counting on Us!

**H**ave you seen a *Phascolarctos cinereus* lately? Chances are you have, as this happens to be the scientific name for our much loved koala, they are a long time inhabitant of the local region. You may be one of many local residents who have a koala food tree in your front or back yard, or you may have spotted a koala crossing a road in town or even in the rural areas.

Right now, being their 'mating season', koalas are especially active, crossing roads and climbing fences (and trees) throughout their home range to find a suitable mate.

Sadly, with the steady decline in their population, finding a mate and raising their young to the state of adulthood is no longer a certainty!

Koala sighting data has been collected over many years from thousands of caring citizens throughout the region. This valuable data allows local authorities and government agencies to be able to better understand seasonal movements and dispersal of koalas, and it helps to support koala conservation efforts.

At the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital, typically they receive multiple weekly sightings from the members of the public, especially where there is a concern for the koala's welfare.

Koala rescues and their relocation by hospital volunteers may occur as a result of the sighting information provided.

In the coming months, the Koala Hospital will be running a Citizen Science promotion, with the aim to help encourage MORE people to report ALL sightings. More information on this promotion will

be provided soon, so please keep an eye out for it. Because our koalas are counting on us!

## How to report a Koala sighting:

Call the Rescue Hotline 6584 1522 for sightings that require an immediate response.

Other koala sightings can also be reported to the Rescue Hotline or they can be emailed to our sightings@koalahospital.org.au email address (including photos if possible)

Don't forget you can follow the Koala Hospital on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.



*Keeping our koalas safe from dog attacks and car strikes is our responsibility.....so help them to help themselves.*

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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***

# Mt. Boss Forest Fire Koalas

**A** koala and her joey who were rescued from bushfires by Forestry Corporation of NSW firefighters in the Mt Boss State Forest in late September were released back into the same forest in October after the fires were controlled and the area was assessed as safe.

The koalas were cared for at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital while the fire threat passed. The hospital named the mother Mt Boss Matilda and her joey Banjo. Forest Protection Coordinator Shane Dickinson, who found Mt Boss Matilda and Banjo in the path of the fire, smoke affected and dazed, said it was a relief the koalas had made a full recovery and could be safely returned to the forest.

“Fire season has started early this year and we’ve had all hands on deck fighting fires up and down the coast for several weeks. When I spotted this mother and joey in the path of a fire I immediately called the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital to get their advice and made sure we could get them out of danger,” Mr Dickinson said.

“It was great to be able to see the koala and joey in such good health today after the shock of the recent fires and I was pleased to be given the opportunity to return them to the same place I found them, now that the fire danger has passed.”

Forestry Corporation Senior Ecologist Chris Slade thanked the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital for caring for the koalas while the fires were brought under control.

“The Port Macquarie Koala Hospital are the experts in caring for fire or smoke-affected koalas so we were grateful to be able to call on them to get Mt Boss Matilda and Banjo to safety,” Mr Slade said.

“Now that the forest is safe and the koalas have been given a clean bill of health, we’re thrilled to be able to release them back into the forest where they were found.”

“We’ve been monitoring koalas and their habitat in local State forests for many years and we know that bushfires are a real danger, so it was fortunate that Shane was able to move quickly to get this mother and joey out of harm’s way and that our firefighters were able to contain the fire rapidly before it did too much damage to their habitat.”

Forestry Corporation firefighters have been battling fires throughout the region for the past couple of months, including many deliberately lit fires. While the cause of the Mt Boss fire is

unclear, there are now 120 hidden infra-red equipped cameras in State forests around Wauchope, Taree, the Hunter, Coffs and Casino areas to catch arsonists, following a spate of suspicious fires and ranger patrols have been ramped up in all State forests.

Solid Fuel Fire Bans also apply in all State forests on the north coast, meaning campfires and barbecues using wood, charcoal or other solid fuel are banned at all times.

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## ***Bushfire Awareness***

We are now coming into the most treacherous time of the year in Australia in regards to bushfires. Apart from the obvious damage and loss it causes to people in regards to their property it also causes immense problems for all local fauna, not just koalas.

So take the time to be aware of the conditions when you are in bushland areas and always look for the prevailing conditions that are sign posted and if you are burning off in any area make sure to take all precautions necessary.



*Mt. Boss koalas Matilda with her joey Banjo being cared for at the Koala Hospital before their release back to their home range.*



# Koala Clinic Renovation

**R**enovations to the Koala Clinic have improved the Hospital in more ways than we had imagined. Following a request and a bequest from the Koala Hospital founders the late Jean and Max Starr, improvements to the hospital have been long awaited and well received.

flexibility and for completing the build in a timely manner. Well done!

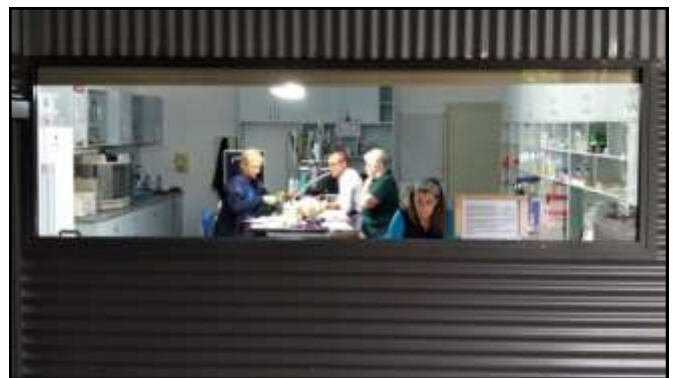


*The clinic halfway through the renovation process.*

Inside, the cabinetry and flooring have that “new clinic smell”. The new shelving and cupboard space is vast, while the orientation of the treatment table creates more space to move around each other in emergencies. In addition we have a purpose-built workstation for our data analysts, and a comfortable parking spot for the ultrasound machine.



*A pensive Cheyne Flanagan (Clinical Director) assessing the changes to the new viewing area.*



*The revised external view of the clinic interior. Increased viewing area with a tiered section to accommodate visitors.*



*The finished interior of the renovated clinic.*

From the outside, we have relocated the viewing window to around the corner and created an area without glare or reflection. Included are tiered viewing platforms for improved visibility for our visitors.

Our thanks go to Paul Randall Building and Renovation Services for their fine workmanship,



*The revised and enlarged viewing area to give Koala Hospital a better view of any procedures being performed.*

We are grateful for being able to upgrade our clinic and look forward to the opportunity to also improve other facilities for our wonderful volunteers, who work tirelessly to care for our koalas.

# Clinical Director's Report



Over the last three months we have seen a spike in admission numbers, which is to be expected at this time of year. We have had a number of chlamydia cases - particularly eye infections. Thankfully most (but not all) of them have been successfully treated and the koalas released.

Even though our dog attack statistics appear to be much lower than most other groups we still have had dog attack admissions coming in.

The joint pilot dog training project with the Port Macquarie Hastings Council, Koala Hospital, local dog trainers and Steve Austin - a dog trainer extraordinaire, has proved very successful.

This project involves teaching problem dogs to ignore koalas, plus dog owners who wish to ensure their dogs do not go near a wild koala. As it has been so successful the project will be continuing into the future.

We recently renovated (and basically completely changed) the hospital clinic. It is now much bigger, with a lot more room and storage space as well, and is really wonderful to work in. We also have built a three tiered viewing platform outside for the visitors to watch what we do.

The design is very accommodating for the public

but at the same time is not intrusive or stressful for the koalas at all. All enclosures and exhibit areas are now completed with everything looking ship shape and tidy.

The Koala Hospital is currently involved with two big research projects which is very exciting.

One project is about capturing a set number of koalas, assessing their health status, then placing radio tracking collars on them and following them for 12 months to ascertain their home range sizes and behavioral movements.

The other research project is being done in conjunction with the University of Sydney, looking at pharmacokinetics of various medications. To put this in laymen's terms...how the drugs are, or are not working in the koalas system.

Finally 2017 is drawing to a close (wasn't it five minutes ago it was January 2017?), so we wish all of our readers and supporters a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous 2018.

**Cheyne Flanagan**

## K9 Koalas Program

Dog owners and their pooches have been put through their paces in a final assessment as part of a pilot program. The program, which is the first of its kind, aims to reduce dog attacks on koalas through specialist training. Port Macquarie Hastings Council engaged renowned dog trainer Steve Austin to share his knowledge and teach local dog trainers. Nineteen dog owners and their pooches have participated in the pilot program.

The owners and their dogs went through a set program in a final assessment at Town Beach Reserve on November 10. More owners and their dogs will be assessed on November 11. Mr Austin said training dogs was critically important and so too was ensuring people were responsible for their dogs.

"I think the most important thing is to make people aware that dogs and koalas don't mix," he said. "It's our job to make sure that all owners of dogs understand that and be responsible with their dogs around koala habitat."

The program encourages pet ownership behaviours including keeping dogs on leads in

public reserves, tying up dogs in yards at night and desensitising dogs from koalas. Council's acting director Dan Croft said the pilot program was important for the council because of our significant koala population.

"One of the main threats to koalas is dog attacks," he said. Mr Croft said the program also raised awareness about responsible pet ownership. Port Macquarie's Kate McKinnon and her golden retriever, Jimmy, passed the final assessment. Miss McKinnon said she really enjoyed the training, which gave her a stronger



Dog trainer Steve Austin (right) gives Kate McKinnon and Jimmy the golden retriever the thumbs up in their final assessment..

relationship with Jimmy. For more information on future koala dog training programs contact council's environmental services staff on 6581 8111.

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# From the *President's* Pen



It is now November and the last three months have passed in a blink of an eye. We continue to receive many visitors who are impressed with our hospital and the work we do and are always surprised by the fact that we have so many volunteers. Many local, interstate and overseas visitors express a wish to be able to come and volunteer here. If you are an overseas visitor or from interstate you can visit our website and book a months working experience and for locals you can apply at any time for regular volunteering as we are always looking for more helpers.

During the last three months we have seen some renovation works carried out. The long overdue upgrade of the Clinic and better facilities for visitors to observe the treatments in progress and you may be lucky enough to come when we have a patient admitted or one that needs treatment.

This new area is under cover which means it is great in all weather conditions. The planting of food trees on the North Shore continues to go ahead in leaps and bounds and there has been a lot of earthwork, clearing weeds and making fire breaks and building a new dam. The research work continues in conjunction with Sydney University and the University of Queensland as well as other institutions, to overcome the problem of diseases.

We have had mostly aged koalas come into care and a couple of juveniles from the Gunnedah and Armidale areas who will stay for a couple of months until cleared for return and release. A most wonderful experience for me has been looking after a female joey called Myoora Jarrah, it is a privilege to care for her in our home.

Visitors are always welcome and daily at 3pm is the Guided Tour that takes you up the outside walkway where you can see some of our patients being fed, their stories and information on koalas. Motor vehicle strikes continue to be a big issue and you can call us 24/7 and we will rescue. We also request that locals keep a watch in their area and report any sightings, sick or injured koalas. If you have any questions during your visit, talk to the guides or volunteers in the souvenir shop and they will always endeavour to advise you.

**Jane Duxberry**

## **Thumbs Up**

*(Koalas have 2 thumbs on each hand)*



Thumbs up to Paige who witnessed a koala being run over. She very carefully picked the koala up and put him in her car to bring in to the Koala Hospital. Unfortunately the koala died on the way in but her efforts were appreciated.



Thumbs down to the driver of the car who killed the koala mentioned above and didn't stop to help.



Thumbs up to all the owners and their dogs who passed with flying colours the pilot program - Training dogs to live with koalas.



Thumbs up to the people who phone in sightings of koalas for our records. We often receive photos as well - good work!



Thumbs up to the people who availed themselves of the offer of free tree tube stock to plant on their property. Hopefully we will have a lot more trees for koalas into the future.

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

# **Thank You**

The koalas would like to thank the public for their continued generosity with your support to our donation boxes distributed around our local area.



# More than just a Koala Hospital

For the first time, we would like share with our dear readers the extensive work that this little Port Macquarie Koala Hospital is involved in. While reading, please keep in mind that we are strictly a volunteer based organisation, which is funded via donations of time and money by not only our local, but a global community.

Port Macquarie locals know that we are available for advice on koalas, or rescue koalas 24 hours a day and every day of the year! We examine and treat all koala patients from our local area, and from all our other licensed areas.



*An exhibit in the Koalaseum opened to the public earlier this year.*

We take in koala patients that range from south of Sydney, as far north as Lismore, and as far west as Moree and down to Dubbo. We are also asked by NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to examine and write reports on koalas from other locations in NSW when issues arise.

As well as rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing wild koalas, scientific research is an important component of the Koala Hospital work. We are collaborators on and also collect samples for numerous research projects for the University Sydney, University of Sunshine Coast, Federation University, Murdoch University and the Centre for Wildlife Genomics at the Australian Museum.

We are currently co-authors on 12 published papers accepted into various scientific journals. We also contribute by offering considerable funding to crucial research projects at Sydney University, which are of significant importance to



*A recent roundtable discussion held with PMHC and Government agencies*

wild koala populations Australia wide.



*Clinical Director Cheyne Flanagan and Asst. Clinical Director Scott Castle working with the new Koala App program.*

Our varied projects include studies on diseases that affect koalas, drug efficacy, koala population dynamics, distribution and behavior. We share our knowledge through our Koalaseum (adjoining the Hospital), media, literature, and through our educational programs with schools, businesses, zoos, organisations and directly to the public. We also collaborate on many levels with our local, state and federal government agencies; fellow Australian wildlife rehabilitation organisations; and museums.

We work very closely with the Port Macquarie Hastings Council (PMHC) and have done so for a



*A koala fitted with tracking collar.*

number of years. In conjunction with PMHC, a "Koala App" has been developed using a specific program that is recording all sightings and admissions of koalas and currently holds the last 44 years worth of koala data for our local government area (LGA). This App also captures important management data such as dog attack, motor vehicle and disease statistics which are used for development planning purposes.

All the data in this App corresponds to a comprehensive clinical database



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that PMHC has been developing free of charge for us over the past two years. The normal data on admission is entered and we also include the ultrasound measurements, radiography, post mortem and pathology reports. This database will shortly be available free of charge to all wildlife rehabilitation groups working with koalas and the App will also be available to other government agencies in the near future.



*Clinical Director Cheyne Flanagan addressing the audience on the opening day of the 2nd Koala Conference held in June this year.*

It is important to note that all of this data is crucial to the ongoing research and management of wild koala populations.

A new research project that we are currently working on will observe the health status and population dynamics in our semi urban koala population. We have captured koalas at three sites in our local government area, screened them under anaesthesia then fitted radio collars on them, and are following their movements for the next year. At this time we have eight koalas collared and being tracked.

PMHC and the Koala Hospital have developed a pilot training program where specially trained dog



*Educating the young - One of the many visits the Koala Hospital volunteers make to local schools and organisations to educate about the Hospital and to help improve koala awareness.*



*Dog Trainer extraordinaire Steve Austin enthraling the audience with a specially trained "koala dog".*

trainers are being employed to teach problem dogs who have previously injured/killed koalas to be retrained to leave koalas alone. If this pilot study works which we believe it will, it is to be extended to training puppies at puppy schools to ignore koalas. We are hoping this will work and can be extended to protect other species of our wildlife as well.



*The Koala Hospital conducting a 2 day WIRES Training Workshop held last year.*

We will be commencing a project early in 2018 with Forestry Corporation NSW, which will have a similar objective. This will be to capture, health screen and radio track a population of koalas with state forests to ascertain their viability in logged forests.

This new project will be conducted in conjunction with the Department of Primary Industries using acoustic surveying technology.

We are a recognised training organisation for wild koala rehabilitation. We are the contracted koala training facility for WIRES NSW and we facilitate workshops throughout NSW, Victoria and S.A. to other wildlife groups and vets. We teach veterinarians, vet nurses, zookeepers, ecologists and undergraduate students capture and handling techniques of wild koalas; and also

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advise veterinarians on treatments, sonography and post mortem techniques.

We sell our Koala Rehabilitation Manual (200 pages) throughout Australia, which is now in its 4th edition. This manual is used as part of our training package, and is the most comprehensive koala rehabilitation manual in Australia.

In June this year we hosted the National Koala Conference here in Port Macquarie. This was the second national conference we have hosted, and we will host a third in two years time.

The Koala Hospital's Clinical Director, Cheyne Flanagan, sits on a koala expert panel for the NSW government and also sits on three local government expert panels advising on matters concerning wild koalas.

We make comment and we also present many submissions to the NSW and also the Federal government on various wild koala matters. Some of the panels include:

► Expert Panel for Species Recovery - Koalas under the Save our Species Program, NSW State

Government-Office of Environment and Heritage, Sydney

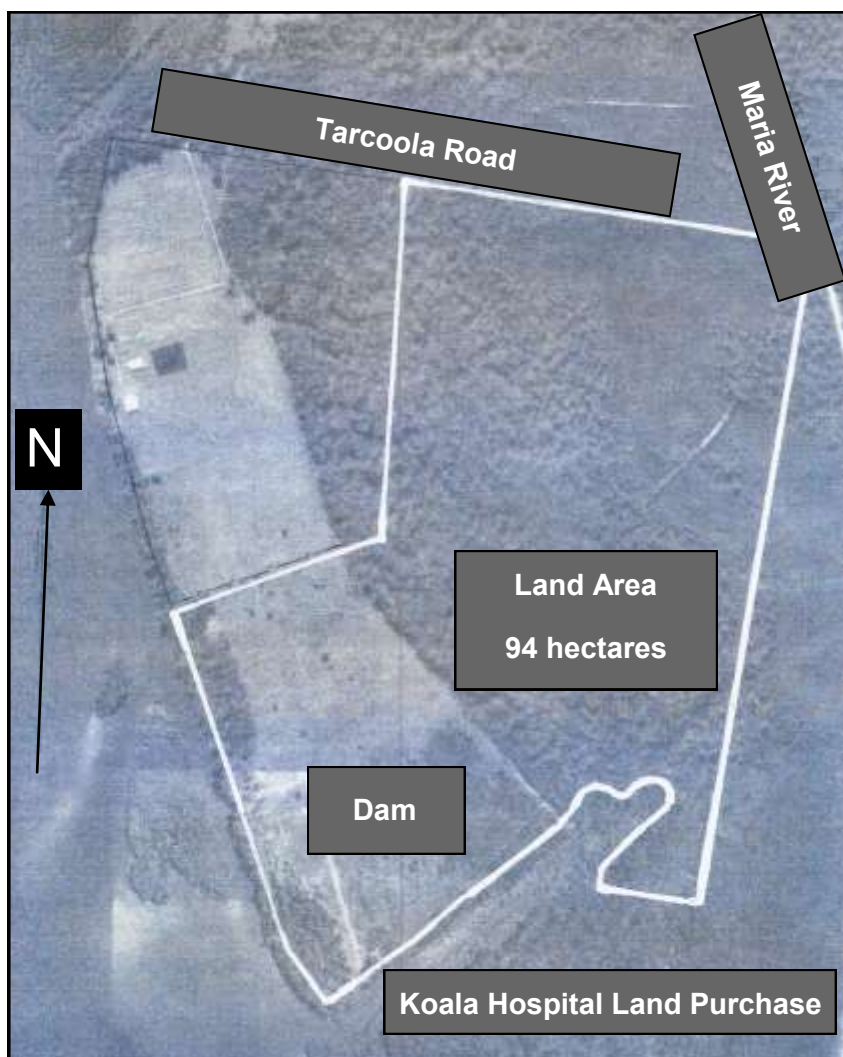
► Expert Panel for Koala Management - Port Macquarie Hastings Council

► Expert Panel Biodiversity - Port Macquarie Hastings Council

► Expert Panel - Fire Management Koala habitat - Mid North Coast - which also includes various agencies such as PMHC, Forestry Commission, RFS, OEH, and Birpai Land Council.

We are very heavily involved in a huge issue with koalas in the Blue Gum Plantations of western Victoria. Interestingly, the current estimate of the koala population in these plantations is likely to be a minimum of 200,000 koalas.

The Koala Hospital has planted thousands of trees for over 40 years, up and down the mid north coast of NSW. We have also done mass plantings in Kempsey and nearby areas. We work very closely with PMHC, Landcare, Forestry Corporation NSW and private landowners in planting tube stock all over our LGA.



We grow and sell (for a minimal cost) tube stock of known koala food trees. We have just recently given away 500 tube stock plants to the public as part of the Planet Ark National Tree Day...it was Tree Month for us!

The Koala Hospital has purchased a 265 acre property on Maria River Road three years ago, as a mix of conservation habitat and to start up a koala food tree plantation. Currently the hospital has around 4,000 koala food trees growing. The intention is that all leaf harvesting for feeding the Koala Hospital patients will come from this site. We also hope to make this browse available to other zoos when required.

We appreciate the truly amazing support that we receive from our local community, who aid us greatly with the local koala population by not only reporting sightings to us, but at times assisting with rescues.

We are grateful for our national and international visitors who support us with ongoing donations, adoptions and by spreading the word of all our significant work.

We are always thankful for the positive, helpful feedback that we receive in the media and on TripAdvisor.....Thank you so much!

*The land purchased by the Koala Hospital in 2014 to ensure an ongoing food source for the koalas and also provide a conservation habitat.*





# Kaylee's

## GUM NUTS KOLUMN

**H**ello once again to everyone! As you may have noticed I have updated my photo for this issue only to conform with WHS directives as the Koala Hospital has had a few 'events' happen these past few months.

Firstly, Alpha Cheyne aka the 'Clinical Director' has had her 'home range' renovated. Yes, the treatment room has been revamped and not only does it look very "noice" (direct quote from Alpha Cheyne) it's now known as 'The Clinic'.

Alpha Cheyne has been busy directing all the builders on how she would like it to look with new cupboards and storage. There's new flooring and a 'bespoke' treating table being constructed or perhaps, a clinicians table.....oh, I'm getting confused now!

Anyway, even the observation window has been moved and a new viewing area has been created with a tiered platform. It's all undercover so our visitors don't get wet when it rains. So, with all the jack hammering, concreting, timber and sheeting being placed it's been quite hectic.

Some of us koalas didn't quite get our 18 hours sleep although I did notice that Elparra David slept through just about everything.....a typical male. We females, are catching up on our beauty sleep.

Another reason for wearing my 'hard hat' was that we had a rather big storm come through the Port Macquarie area bringing very gusty winds, thunder, lightning and heavy rain. By the end of this storm there were many broken branches about, so the following day our dear friends from Port Tree Fella came around and cut up a lot of dangerous branches needing safe removal and put them through a 'mulcher'.

Again, us females lost a lot of sleep and again Elparra David slept through all the noise. Breeza Grant and Maria River Road Ian started bellowing and hooting thinking they can be louder than the chainsaws! Years ago, the branch I was sitting on – feeling the wind in my face – broke and I fell and injured my eye so badly that it was removed.

I'm much more careful now! Also next time I'm

going to wear earplugs or ear muffs with my hard hat. Then, I tweaked my hat for the Melbourne Cup, yep I wore it as a fashionista! Oops, I meant a fascinator! I mean, what else would I wear?

Visitors are fascinated watching me move about my tree with a hind leg missing! Oh, for all our overseas readers and visitors, the Melbourne Cup is a very famous horse race. I won't get into that discussion, I have a very strong opinion about it.

So, that's what has been happening around the hospital that I would like to comment about but there's lots of important reading in this issue of Gum Tips that I'm sure you'd enjoy reading about. Lots of pictures too!

Before I go I would like to mention that it's nice to see some young adult and juvenile koalas in our dehumanisation yard. They're beautiful to watch and now our young juvenile male Uralla Dave, is starting to find his voice and bellow! His scent gland is on show so watch out Armidale Trinity, he may be after you! But poor Inverell Nick has a bewildered look on his face (but not for long).

I'm getting sleepy now in the warm sunshine so back to my catching up on the lost hours of sleep.

*Until next time – take care of yourselves and us!*

### ***Adopt a Koala***



### ***Amethyst Simon***

A local home owner Simon, went out into his garage one morning to do a few odd jobs, heard a noise, looked around and there was a small koala sitting on the tyre of one of his children's bikes. Staff from the Koala Hospital "rescued" the offender and he was subsequently brought in for assessment.

Amethyst Simon was in quite good condition and as he had been found in an area not known for having a good koala habitat, so he was eventually assigned for re-colonising.

As staff at the hospital had decided to release three other koalas all of similar age and health into a new area for re-colonising, our Amethyst Simon certainly fitted the criteria to be part of this new venture. He with another young male, and two juvenile females were released into what is arguably some of the best koala habitat in NSW.

***For Adoption details login to  
[www.koalahospital.org.au/adopt](http://www.koalahospital.org.au/adopt)***



# 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  |
| 03.06.16 | Emerald Downs Mary     | Glaucoma right eye, damaged left eye | Permanent  |
| 24.08.16 | Breeza Grant           | Hit by train - brain injury          | Permanent  |
| 24.08.16 | Guyra Allan            | Both eyes injured/diseased           | Permanent  |
| 31.01.17 | PSK Tolley             | On ground                            | Released   |
| 26.03.17 | Morcombe Rick          | Wet Bottom                           | Released   |
| 27.04.17 | Mariners Cathie        | Possible wet bottom                  | Released   |
| 27.05.17 | Yarrabee Scott         | Dragging left front paw              | Treating   |
| 28.06.17 | Davoren Ted            | Wet Bottom                           | Released   |
| 15.07.17 | Uralla Dane            | Dehumanising                         | Treating   |
| 15.07.17 | Inverell Nick          | Dehumanising                         | Treating   |
| 31.07.17 | Denehurst Pavel        | Nose trauma                          | Euthanased |
| 05.08.17 | Myoora Jarrah          | Abandoned joey                       | Homecare   |
| 06.08.17 | Byabarra Jones         | Bilateral conjunctivitis             | Treating   |
| 14.08.17 | Riverside Drive Bear   | Conjunctivitis                       | Released   |
| 19.08.17 | Opal Jenny             | Trap - cuts on face                  | Released   |
| 19.08.17 | Town Beach Hope        | MVA                                  | Released   |
| 23.08.17 | Wyandra Harriett       | MVA                                  | Euthanased |
| 26.08.17 | Lighthouse Beach Sofie | On beach - unsafe area (dogs)        | Released   |
| 29.08.17 | Pacific Highway Coral  | MVA                                  | DOA        |
| 30.08.17 | Grandview Hemsley      | Wet bottom                           | Released   |
| 31.08.17 | Town Beach Hope        | MVA                                  | Released   |
| 01.09.17 | Lake Cathie Margaret   | Wet bottom                           | Euthanased |
| 02.09.17 | Crescent Head Maxine   | On road                              | Euthanased |
| 05.09.17 | Lake Innes Thor        | Research                             | Released   |
| 06.09.17 | Moruya Sam             | Dog attack                           | DOA        |
| 06.09.17 | Lake Innes Rebecca     | Research                             | Released   |
| 06.09.17 | Lake Innes Tim         | Research                             | Released   |
| 11.09.17 | Ascot Park Jackie      | Wet bottom                           | Died       |
| 12.09.17 | Lake Cathie Rich       | Left eye crusted                     | Died       |
| 12.09.17 | Kundabung Mikha        | Broken arm                           | Treating   |
| 12.09.17 | South West Rocks Zane  | In yard with dogs                    | Released   |
| 15.09.17 | Armidale Brian         | Bilateral Conjunctivitis             | Died       |
| 16.09.17 | Gunnedah Little Poppet | Bilateral Conjunctivitis             | Treating   |
| 18.09.17 | Pacific Highway Jim    | MVA                                  | DOA        |
| 19.09.17 | Narani Alex            | Dog attack                           | DOA        |



| Admitted | Name                      | Reason                                    | Result     |
|----------|---------------------------|---|------------|
| 21.09.17 | Allunga Jack              | Sitting on ground                         | Euthanased |
| 22.09.17 | Elkhorn John              | Dog attack                                | DOA        |
| 23.09.17 | Oxley Drive Sammy         | MVA                                       | Died       |
| 25.09.17 | Boambee Jode              | Died                                      | DOA        |
| 27.09.17 | Gunnedah Mr Bear          | Transfer from WIRES Gunnedah              | Treating   |
| 27.09.17 | Armidale Trinity          | Transfer from Uralla WIRES                | Treating   |
| 28.09.17 | Shelley Bch Imogen & Joey | Unsafe area                               | Released   |
| 29.09.17 | Mount Boss Matilda & Joey | Fleeing from bushfire                     | Released   |
| 30.09.17 | Hudson Jasmine            | Chased up tree by dog                     | Released   |
| 02.10.17 | Widderson Adrian          | Sore Left eye                             | Died       |
| 02.10.17 | Kundabung Joe             | Died                                      | DOA        |
| 04.10.17 | Little Owen Paul          | In trap                                   | Released   |
| 06.10.17 | Home Street Georgia       | Curled up on ground                       | Died       |
| 06.10.17 | Pacific Highway Bobbie    | MVA                                       | DOA        |
| 06.10.17 | Banksia Minnie            | On ground                                 | Released   |
| 08.10.17 | Gilmore Ruby              | In yard with dogs                         | Released   |
| 13.10.17 | Horizons Parkway Bindi    | Bilateral conjunctivitis                  | Treating   |
| 14.10.17 | Lake Cathie Tilly         | Bilateral conjunctivitis                  | Treating   |
| 17.10.17 | Oxley Highway Paws        | MVA                                       | DOA        |
| 19.10.17 | Kalinda Aaron             | Dog attack                                | DOA        |
| 22.10.17 | Kempsey Lucky             | Bilateral conjunctivitis                  | Treating   |
| 23.10.17 | Lake Innes Pongo          | Research                                  | Released   |
| 24.10.17 | Pacific Highway Carwreck  | MVA                                       | DOA        |
| 26.10.17 | Lake Innes Edward         | Research                                  | Released   |
| 27.10.17 | Lake Innes Taj            | Research                                  | Released   |
| 30.10.17 | Granite Baxter            | On side of road                           | Released   |
| 31.10.17 | Raven Hill Henry          | Bilateral conjunctivitis / Injured L. leg | Treating   |
| 03.11.17 | Sherwood Vicki            | On ground                                 | Died       |
| 04.11.17 | Lake Cathie Patrick       | MVA                                       | DOA        |
| 06.11.17 | Lord Jack                 | Inner ear abscess                         | Died       |
| 06.11.17 | St Andrews Coco           | On road                                   | Treating   |
| 07.11.17 | Orion Jenny               | Dangerous area                            | Released   |
| 07.11.17 | Crestwood Lilli           | Dangerous area                            | Released   |
| 08.11.17 | Crestwood Leila           | Dangerous area                            | Released   |
| 07.11.17 | Oxley Highway Angus       | MVA                                       | Died       |
| 09.11.17 | Lake Innes Monkey Man     | Research                                  | Released   |
| 10.11.17 | Elparra Stinky            | Died                                      | DOA        |
| 10.11.17 | Lake Kylie                | On ground                                 | Released   |
| 10.11.17 | Petostum Bella            | Dog attack                                | Died       |
| 10.11.17 | Balmoral Mini             | Orphaned                                  | Homecare   |
| 10.11.17 | Lake Brittany             | In middle of road                         | Released   |
| 12.11.17 | Nowendoc Bracken          | Bilateral kerato conjunctivitis           | Treating   |



### Thanks Port Tree Fella

After a recent storm in November wreaked some havoc with the high winds that came through our local area in Port Macquarie, the Port Tree Fella was on hand the next day to help clear up the mess and trim some dangerous branches left after the storm.

## 2017 Calendar

|             |                    |         |
|-------------|--------------------|---------|
| December 19 | Management Meeting | 10.00am |
| January 16  | Management Meeting | 10.00am |
| February 13 | Management Meeting | 10.00am |
| March 20    | Management Meeting | 10.00am |

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*One of the many visitors that  
frequent the Koala Hospital  
.....a land mullet*



*Two of our unique native icons discussing  
ownership of the tree, dietary differences  
and life at the Koala Hospital*



*Byabarra Jones just  
relaxing in what can only be  
described as an unusual position*





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