



Gum Tips

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Gunnedah Groucho

Over the hospital's forty year history we have admitted koala patients for treatment from many places within NSW. A number of these "out of area" koalas come from the tablelands and western plains of northern NSW, with Gunnedah, Curlewis, Tamworth, Armidale, Inverell and Glenn Innes being the major locations we receive koalas from.

Most of these koalas look slightly different to the coastal koalas usually having thicker fur and often they have a bigger skeletal frame, plus they often have smaller less furry ears. Interestingly most of the koalas from "up yonder" are what we affectionately call "dudes" in that they are usually very placid in nature and very easy to deal with. Consequently staff at the hospital just love working with the tablelands and plains animals.

Gunnedah Groucho well and truly fits into this category. We are all at a loss to understand why he was given the name "Groucho" because he is a very easy koala to work with. He came into the hospital in July of this year with a severe bout of Chlamydia related conjunctivitis. This requires not only the koala to be treated with antibiotics but to also bathe the eyes twice daily and then to apply ointment into the eyes. If the koala is timid or frightened it can be a difficult thing to achieve and requires a level of skill to do what is needed to be done.

Gunnedah Groucho has been a star patient and is an absolute pussycat to treat. He simply



sits there quite calmly and staff are convinced he actually extends his head forward in a gesture that it would seem he is offering both his right and left eye for treatment. What a star of a koala!!! Maybe it just feels really soothing for him – who knows. Groucho is also very easy to handle and he is usually free handled when moved (no bag or towel required).

There is certainly nothing wrong with his appetite either as he has relished the Port Macquarie eucalypt foliage from the moment he first arrived here and he has gained weight (last weigh in was just under 9 kgs).

Groucho has finished his treatment and has responded well. He will be re-examined and rescreened in two weeks time to ensure "the all clear" and he will then be returned

back to his home range in a rural area out of the Gunnedah township. Incidentally for those who do not know – the Gunnedah district has the biggest population of koalas in Australia and has thus earned the title "Australia's koala capital". Port Macquarie is second in line with the biggest coastal population of koalas in Australia!!!



Farewell to Peter Schulties

Our Grumpy Old Man

It is with great sadness that we write of the passing of one the hospital's favourite volunteers. Peter started work with us in 2004 back in the days of the "old hospital building" and very quickly relished working with the koalas.

It wasn't long before Peter was doing lots of shifts in the yards, being involved in rescues, handling koalas during treatments and helping with the changeover to the new hospital building. At the same time all of this was happening the Sydney University research work was underway and Peter was integral in assisting the researchers in holding koalas for them and undertaking general duties.

The catchcry around the place was "where's Peter, we need Peter". He was a very useful person and became "the man" we called on when we wanted something done.

He also became involved in doing search and rescue work with the fires and when we got our new ambulance it became his baby and his ambulance!



He had a very naughty sense of humour at times and was always good for a laugh. He wasn't all plain sailing as he was also a bit of "grumblebum" but we used to just ignore him when he was grumpy.

Peter was part of the team of four who were asked to go down to the 2009 Victorian bushfires. National Geographic came too filming the whole event. They organised a lovely apartment for us to stay in while we were there, we rushed in and got the best rooms, and Peter drew the short straw having a foldup bed beside the dishwasher in the kitchen. Poor Peter – didn't he grumble then.

Anyone who has watched the National Geographic documentary on the hospital will have seen Peter on camera throughout the show in his classic blue T shirt and red cap.

About eighteen months ago Peter started to become quite ill, and we all supported him through his long journey. He certainly lived up to his reputation as "Mr Grumpy" but we didn't mind...he was our Mr Grumpy.

He continued to work here at the hospital for as long as he could, and was transporting koala patients in his ambulance for quite some time.

Finally his battle ended and even though we all had plenty of warning, it was still a huge shock. Often we don't realise how much someone has become part of our lives until they have gone and it has affected a lot of people here whose lives had been enriched by this gentle, caring man.

For me personally, I keep expecting to see him walk in with a bag of shopping, then come into the treatment room for a chat and a grumble and ask how particular koalas are going. I keep expecting to see him standing in a yard giving a koala a "treat" of some fresh leaf

.We will all miss you Peter and know that you are up there in the great eucalypt forest in the sky along with your beloved friends the koalas.

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A Volunteer's Story

I've always loved animals, so when I got the opportunity to work at the koala hospital it really was a dream come true. When I first walked in I had absolutely no idea what to expect, I thought I would be lucky if I even got to see them let alone get up close with them. That first day changed me, it not only created the desire to do more with animals as a whole, but it also changed my perspective with regards to the coexistence of humans and our native wildlife. I never truly realised the impact that our lifestyle had on these beautiful creatures, nor did I understand how little of their natural habitat was left, forcing them to face adversities daily. Although I have very limited experience I have seen the results of a dog attack, I've reviewed the rescue diary showing the number of motor vehicle accidents that have resulted in death, I have heard the horror stories detailing the cruelties that people can inflict and I see weekly the effects of chlamydia which is currently ravaging the koala population which many believe is due to the stress of cohabitation.

However, in saying all this, I may be able to describe the plight of the koala but I cannot possibly convey the peace and the joy that is experienced by just being a part of their world. Just being in their presence makes me feel like the luckiest person in the world, I mean how many people ever have the opportunity to get up close with a koala let alone feed one! I remember my first time feeding a koala, her name was Sue; she

was such a gentle natured and beautiful girl. I was so scared that I was going to do something wrong, drop the formula or miss her mouth completely, but she was patient with me, she persevered and she literally held my hand throughout the whole experience. She was a special girl and will always have a place in my heart (RIP Sue).

Speaking of firsts I have yet to be bitten. I hear that is an experience that you don't want to repeat... although I have received plenty of free acupuncture treatments from their claws, but nothing can compare to your first koala release! Her name was Lilly, it was amazing to watch her recovery to see her go from the intensive care unit, then out to the yards and then back to the wilds of suburbia and as she climbed a tree she looked back and right then and there it cemented for me why I am here.

The Koala Hospital and its volunteers do such a fantastic job of helping the koalas in our region. Every volunteer I have had the pleasure to meet has one focus in mind, what is best for the koala. It's a wonderful team to be a part of and I am grateful for the opportunity. I would like to thank everyone I have met as each person has happily shared their knowledge with me and although I have a long way to go I never want the journey to end.

Nicole Smith



Adopt

Oxley Kaylee



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Imogen

Imogen is a lovely young girl who has the same problem as our Westhaven Barry—they both have scoliosis. Imogen has already undergone a major operation on her spine to help straighten it and soon has to go in for a second operation.

After Imogen's first visit to the Koala Hospital she adopted Westhaven Barry and now considers him to be her son.

During the year Imogen and her mother went for a holiday at Ayer's Rock and sent a picture of Imogen with Barry the Koala and his mate Tess, the Dingo. Barry will probably be going into hospital with Imogen when she has her next operation.



Even though Imogen has to go back to hospital for another operation, her first thoughts are for the koalas and she created this get well card for all the koalas at the hospital.



Good luck Imogen with the next operation and I am looking forward to seeing you again when you have recovered. Barry sends you koala kisses.

Thumbs Up

(Koalas have 2 thumbs on each hand)



Thumbs up to the couple who accidentally hit a koala on Saturday night 31 August. They picked the koala up, getting scratched in the process, and remained with the koala till our staff arrived.



Thumbs up to the two young boys who found a koala drowned in a creek and went into the water to pull it out. Then asked their mother to call the Koala Hospital.



Thumbs down to the person who hit a koala on Lord St, slowed the car and then took off without checking on the koala. Unfortunately he had to be euthanased.



Thumbs up to Tim's Timber Tree Service for helping out with the rescue of two young koalas on Lake Road. Well done.



Thumbs down to the dog owners who do not take appropriate precautions to protect the koalas at night.



Thumbs up to the Cassegrain employee who is planning a row of koala food trees along the front of his property.

Supervisor's Report



Goodness the hospital has been very busy over the last few months and we haven't even arrived at our peak month which is October. On a positive note we have had a lot of juvenile and sub adult male and females coming through the doors simply finding themselves in the wrong place – all in excellent body condition and healthy. An examination, a bit of “bling” (an ear tag) and then microchipped and they are sent back out to be koalas again. These young animals are the product of lots of good rain during the previous two years which has brought on higher quality eucalypt leaf. Their mothers are then able to feed on this nutritious leaf and thus are then able to breed more successfully and we are now seeing the results of this. If we don't get good rain this summer then it will be a lean few years after that for koala numbers.

A lack of rain, higher temperatures and lower humidity has brought out that horror of horrors – bushfires. Our search and rescue team have already been busy undertaking search work of firegrounds on a big fire at Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve (on the northern side of the river from Port Macquarie). Thankfully only one deceased koala was located, and plenty of live ones were found, plus no other native wildlife were found in bad shape either. What a relief. So unless things change weather wise, its looking like we might be in for a bad bushfire season across NSW this summer. We truly hope not.

Disappointingly we have had a run of dog attacks as well. All in all dog attack admission numbers had dropped over the last few years and sadly

they have jumped back up again. Most dog owners are fantastic and really endeavour to lock their dogs up or have structures to prevent access to koalas, but a minority of people seem to either not care or think their dog won't attack a koala. As we have said many times the number one breed of dog that attacks koalas (and other wildlife for that matter) is the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. Yes, they are fantastic family pets but they are just awful when it comes to killing wildlife. We really urge people when considering a dog for their family to go for a breed that is far more tolerant of wildlife especially in areas where koalas are known to live. People just don't seem to realise that it's usually the pressure of the dog's jaws/teeth that cause crushing injuries in the koala and the koala usually dies of blood loss from internal trauma to their organs– sometimes they don't even appear to have a mark on their body but are found dead.

This is an uphill battle all wildlife workers have to face and it can be very frustrating as it's mostly a preventable problem.

On a brighter note – the volunteers at the hospital continue on a daily basis to do amazing things to help our wildlife and its very humbling to see how much work these very caring people do. Well done team.

Cheyne Flanagan

Adopt

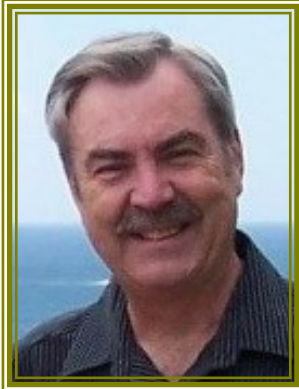
Oxley Twinkles



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from the President's Pen

We are about to take possession of 40 hectares of land in the Fernbank Creek area of Port Macquarie, the first in our drive to conserve and increase koala habitat. This will also allow us to plant koala food trees that can be harvested for the koalas we care for at the Koala Hospital.



Port Macquarie has the largest population of koalas on the East Coast of Australia and koala habitat is being diminished by development that will eventually cause the koala population to become extinct **unless** there are large areas set aside for the active protection of the koalas' natural habitat and for the future of the koala.

The purpose of our recently formed Conservation Foundation is to conserve, protect and restore habitat areas for koalas and prevent their extinction or reduction. You can help by assisting us to obtain the finance backing toward this worthwhile venture.

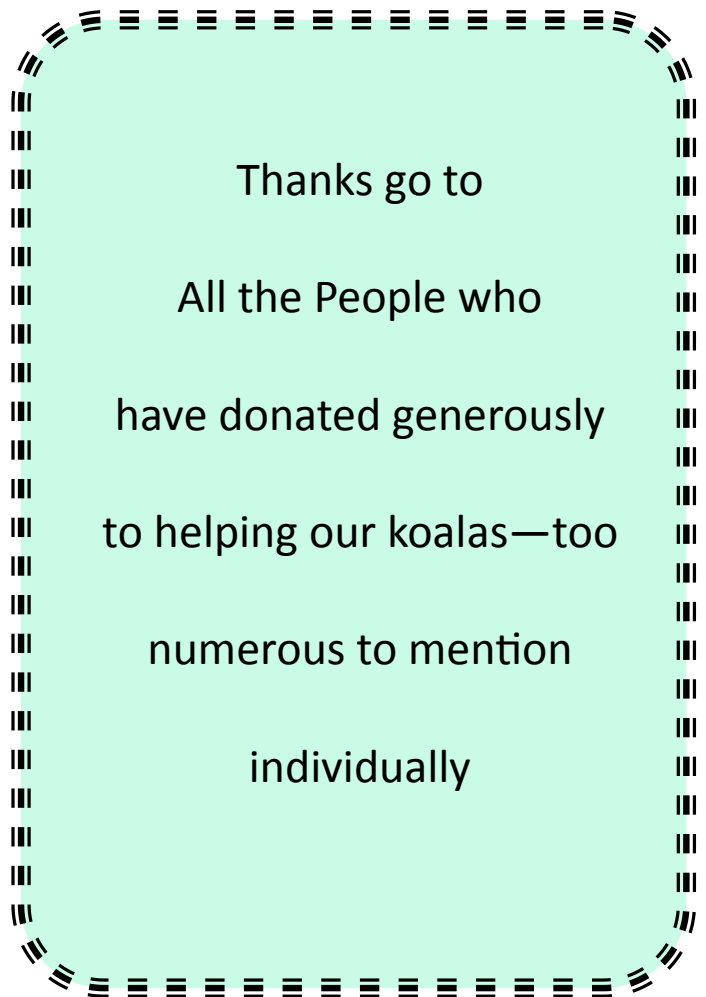
These areas will also assist other fauna and flora, especially conservation reliant species, to survive alongside the koala.

The last three months saw 88% of koalas returned to the wild after treatment which sounds great but dog attacks and road deaths are significant causes of those that don't survive. Educating the public is extremely important to help keep koalas safe in residential areas. Marilyn's education team and Helen's media connections do a great job getting the message out there but we constantly have to keep it in front of the

general public.

Our volunteers at the Koala Hospital currently number 151 who do a fantastic job. When we lost Peter Schulties to cancer a couple of weeks ago after volunteering for 10 years we all realise that no matter what area of volunteering we do, it is like losing a member of our family. At times like this I realise more than ever the value of our volunteers who are really focused on the welfare of this wonderful animal, our koala.

Bob Sharpham



Barry's Adventures in Wanderland

Having thoroughly enjoyed himself and learnt such a lot at the National Koala Conference held by the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie, Barry thought it time to catch up with some of the invitations from his friends to go travelling again.

Judith and John from Port Macquarie took him on a road trip through the mulga country to South Australia where they visited the Barossa Valley, Kangaroo Island and the Adelaide area. The most exciting part for Barry was seeing the Giant Pandas at Adelaide Zoo because he was due to go to China shortly and wanted to do some research. He thought Wang-Wang and Funi were delightful as they ate their



bamboo and enjoyed their days in their specially built enclosure. He did think it safer though to have his photo taken with the less energetic pandas outside the fence.



Then he checked his passport and was off overseas for a special visit to be 'Best Man' at a wedding in Singapore. He was so proud to be at the wedding of Arai whom he had met when she had been a visiting volunteer at the Koala Hospital earlier in the year.

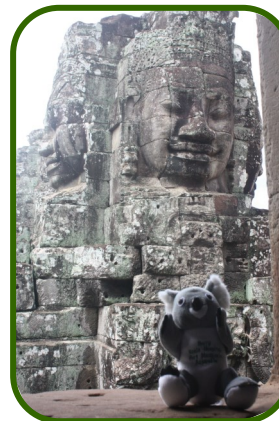
Heidi and Joost then picked him up and they went off

to explore Vietnam together. They saw lots of temples and tried all the delicious food and Barry felt like a local in his bamboo worker's hat. They all went on a Vespa tour but the next day Barry was thrilled to find a Vespa bike his own size and he rode around Ho Chi Minh city all day.



Having got a taste of fabulous temples, Barry joined up with Alan to visit the towering Bayon Temple in Angkor

Thom near Siem Reap in Cambodia. He was overcome at the size of the buildings and carvings of gods and goddesses that were built way back in the 12th century by King Jayavarman V11.



Barry was really excited now because he teamed up with Rod to go to China and they headed straight for the Chengdu Panda Research Centre. Here they caught up

with all the latest research that was being done on the Giant Pandas but Barry was particularly interested in the beautiful little Red Pandas. He felt a real affinity with these lovely creatures that lived in the Himalayan bamboo forests of Western



China – they were both arboreal animals whose declining wild populations were threatened by habitat loss and the stresses it causes. He had a good heart-to-heart chat with a Red Panda to share their concerns for their species.

Heading west now, Rod and Barry went into Central Asia to Bhutan at the eastern end of the Himalayas. Tourism is really only beginning to be developed here so they were pleased to be able to visit the capital city of Thimpu and see the Buddhist prayer wheels turning and whirring in the breeze. They are used to accumulate wisdom and merit – good karma – and



Barry thought he needed a lot of that.

Leaving the exotic Far East for now, Barry joined Christin in Dubai in the United Arab

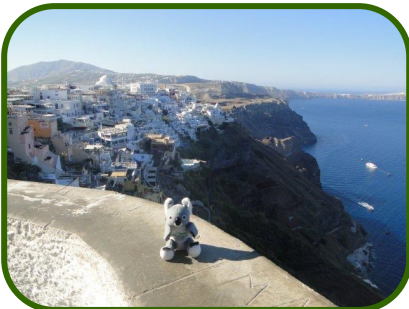
Emirates. Barry learned that Dubai was the business and cultural hub of the Middle East and he thought it was a very cosmopolitan city and loved the skyscrapers. The best part though was exploring the beautiful beachside resorts and spending time on the beach with Christin.



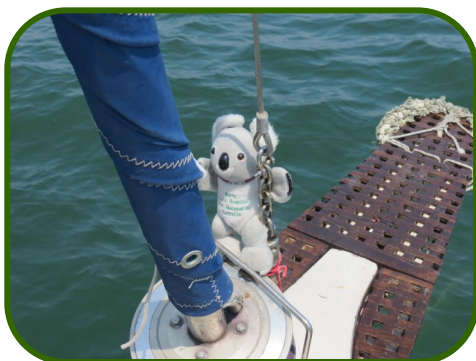
Holiday resorts seemed the way to go so Barry met up with Bea to explore the Greek Islands.

Having recently enjoyed the movie 'Mumma Mia', Barry was pleased to see the lovely islands of the Aegean Sea where it was filmed – and he sang a few Abba songs! The Island of Delos with its mythological and archaeological

history was fascinating but Barry most enjoyed Santorini where the villages seemed to fall down the high cliffs toward the sea. On hearing of the local Volcano he thought it best to stay out of harm's way and keep moving.



His old friends Sabina and Harald invited him to join them on a sailing tour on the lakes in Italy. Barry had great fun pretending to be an accomplished seaman and balancing on the front of the boat as it raced over the water but was really quite relieved to get back onto dry land as his legs were a little wobbly.



He was a bit confused when Sabina and Harald said



they were taking him to Austria to learn 'curling'. He didn't know what that was but being a koala who likes learning new things he went along and had great fun on the ice with

the huge curling stones with red handles. However, he was a little worried that the stones were so big and moved so fast across the ice – and the ice was so cold!

His friends Margaret and Alan thought that while Barry was feeling cold they would ask him to join them on their trip to Norway. They were passengers on a ship that crossed the Arctic Circle and Barry was pleased to be able to add his 'Arctic Circle' certificate



to his bag of mementoes. He was most surprised to learn that they were only 1650 miles south of the North Pole and that for at least one day each year the northern summer sun never sets up there.

A fellow passenger asked Barry, 'What's the difference between an iceberg and a clothes brush?' Quick as a whip, Barry giggled and answered, 'One crushes boats and the other brushes coats!' All this talk of icebergs and crushing made him a little nervous and he thought he'd escape the cold by

going further south to meet his friend Gary in British Columbia, Canada. On the way he had a terrible dream that he'd been caught in the jaws of one of the large Cinnamon Bears that live there.



'Enough of the cold, I need to be warm',

thought Barry, as he made arrangements to join his dentist friend, Paul, who was heading to Nicaragua in Central America. Paul was on a humanitarian mission

to run a free dental clinic in the suburbs of Managua for the residents whose only way of earning a living is to scavenge and sort the waste at the city dump.



Barry was astounded to think of the amount of waste a city of over two million people might produce. He felt good to be helping Paul and was reminded of the care that he and all the other received at the Koala Hospital at home in Australia.

Feeling well-travelled and just a little homesick, Barry hitched a ride back to Oz with Simon and they made a stopover at Fraser Island off the Queensland Coast. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the largest sand island in the world with its many freshwater lakes and pockets of ancient rainforest. They went 4-wheel driving along the beach and discovered the rusted remains of an old steamship, 'The Maheno', which was wrecked on the beach in 1935 while being towed to Japan for scrapping.



Feeling happy and so close to home now, Barry thought up a shipwreck riddle to ask his friends and carers at the Koala Hospital when he arrived back. 'Why don't shipwreck survivors on islands go hungry?' He didn't think anyone would guess the answer – 'Because they eat the sand which is there!'

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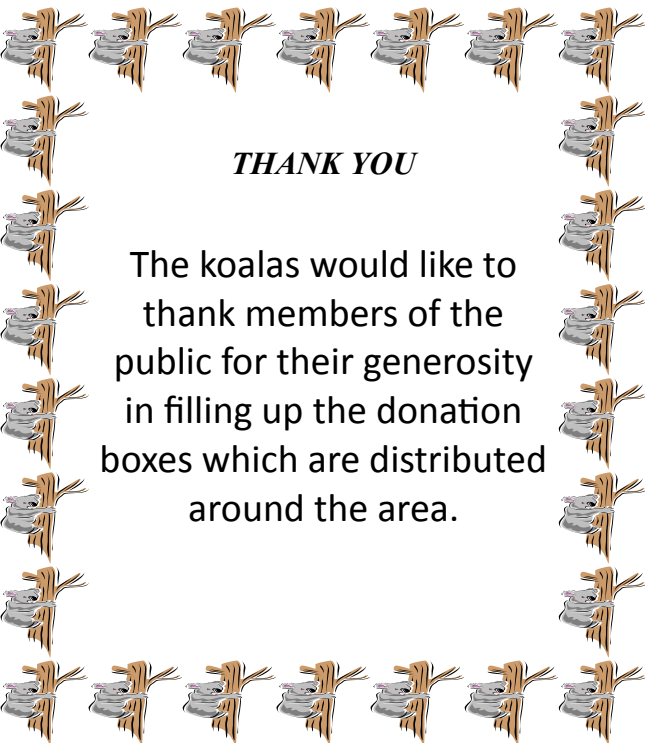
Winners of the Barry photo competition are:

Arai—Best Man at the Wedding

Rodney—Meeting his Red Panda cousin

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.





GUM DROPS

from
KAYLEE

It's been said that Australia is a land of contrasts and it proves that saying so often. I know I've recently been complaining about the amount of rain, and all the wet weather we'd been having, but it looks like it has rained itself out.

Already the dry weather has been a factor in the size of the bushfire at Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve which has only just been extinguished. I was very worried about the safety of my cousins who live there, but our brave fire rescue team from the hospital here went out after it cooled and were relieved to find that only one koala had met with misfortune. If you thought they were relieved, you can just imagine how I felt. Most animals are able to flee from the flames, but unfortunately a koala will generally just keep climbing higher up the tree, and this can have devastating results. Koalas have evolved to spend most of their lives in the trees and do not spend much of their time on the ground, so they climb by instinct. I'm crossing both my thumbs for a bushfire free summer.

As if that wasn't bad enough, my gentle friend Peter has passed away. I know that he loved all of the koalas at the hospital, but I always felt he had a special feeling for me. During the time of the trauma I had with my leg, following my amputation, he was always so loving and caring, and even after I recovered he would often come into my yard and talk to me. I'm not the only one who misses him; there was a beautiful memorial service held here at the hospital for him and when I saw so many people arrive to pay their respects, it showed how highly regarded he had been at the hospital. Many of his friends from outside the hospital came, as there were people there that I didn't recognise. I noticed some of the koalas in the other yards were also taking notice of the proceedings and I felt they were also saying goodbye to a very dear friend.

On a happier note, we had Channel 7 TV here to do the coverage of the half hourly weather report on their Sunrise programme a few weeks ago. The lovely weather girl, Edwina Bartholomew was there to brighten up our day, and our wandering koala, Barry, was so impressed with her that he didn't want to take his usual morning Divet when Helen tried to feed him. This was most unusual, as Barry just loves his formula. Edwina adopted one of our wild koalas, Crestwood Matilda, and some of the Sunrise crew adopted one

also, which I thought was a lovely gesture.

All of the koalas were very happy to see the return to work of our supervisor, Cheyne, who has been on sick leave. The assistant supervisors who were on duty during her absence did a wonderful job, and were greatly appreciated by us. Can you just imagine what it would have been like with no-one to look after us properly? Now, however, everything is back to normal, and Cheyne is once again doing her best for all the sick and injured koalas in her care.

We have a crafty lot of koalas at the hospital. Poor little Geobbrie has to be brought in to spend the night in ICU and I don't think he likes it very much as he always goes to the top of the tree in his yard when he thinks it's time for one of the volunteers to come and get him. The only way they have discovered of getting him down is to use the mop they have which is still wrapped in plastic, and wave it over his head. That seems to do the trick. He seems to know exactly what time they will be coming to get him. Even I don't know how to tell the time.

Luke decided he could escape the other day by waiting just inside the gate when Michael came to clean his yard. He darted between Michael's legs and made a break for it, but unfortunately for him it didn't work and he is still safely in his yard.

I've heard there is a song called "kookaburra sits in his old gum tree", but I have two of them in mine. There are two kookaburras who come to visit me in my tree, but I don't know how to talk to them as they just keep laughing at me. I don't think it's funny at all.

I think I have an admirer. Barry has been calling to me and he keeps walking around his yard looking for an opening so that he can come and visit. I'm not sure I want him to find his way out, as I already have the two kookaburras and another visitor might be a bit too much.

I was sitting thinking the other day about how well we are looked after here, but realised some of the most important volunteers are the rescuers who go out at all hours, sometimes in the middle of the night, to bring the injured koalas to the hospital. All the volunteers do a tremendous job and the koalas here appreciate very much what they do for us, but as well as being available 24 hours a day, the rescuers take a risk in being bitten by a scared and hurt koala with sharp teeth and claws and they are to be commended in the wonderful work they are doing. A big thank you from all of us here.

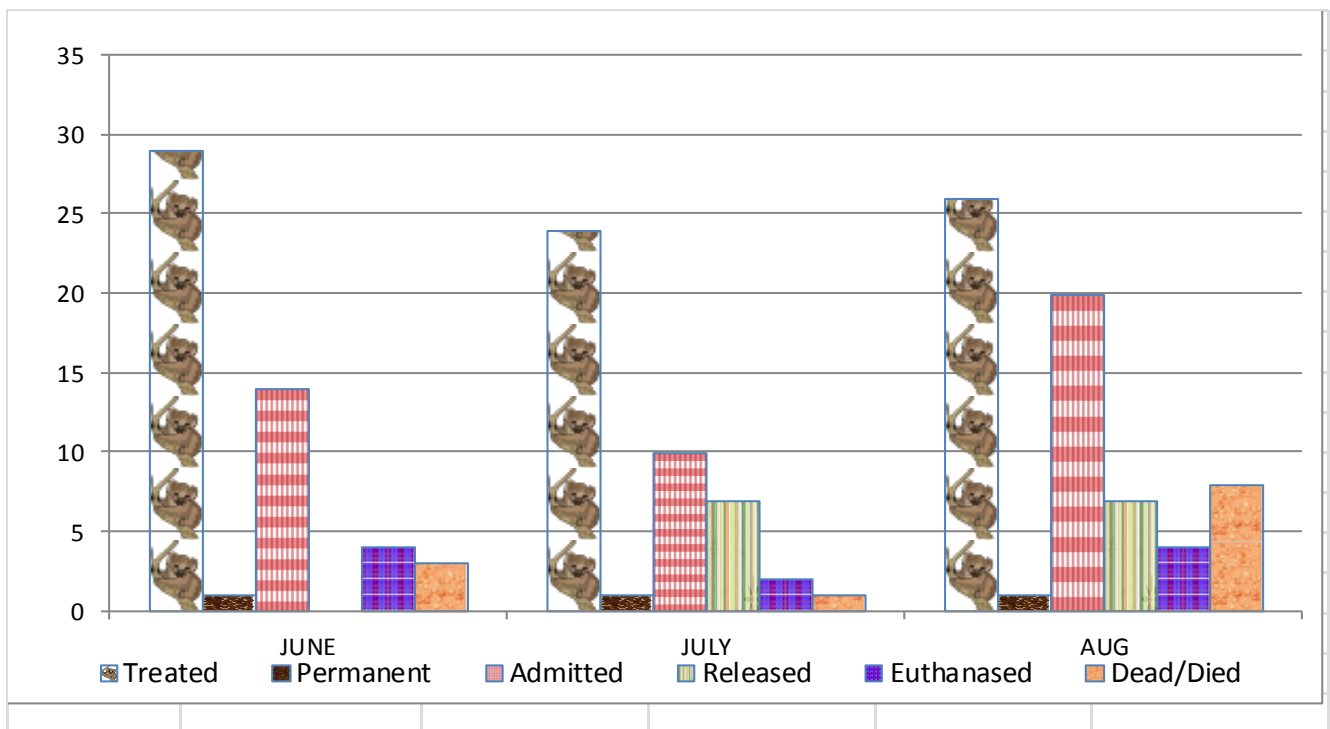
Hope to have lots of happy news for you next time.

Hospital Activity Report



Admission	Name	Reason	Result
11.07.08	Westhaven Barry	Scoliosis of spine	Permanent Resident
26.09.09	Oxley Hwy Kaylee	Hind leg injury	Treating
12.03.10	Emerald Downs Barbara	Blind R. Eye - limited vision	Treating
24.10.12	Cairncross Gerry	Abscess under Right Eye	Treating
26.10.12	Ocean Summer	Joey of Ocean Therese	De-humanising
07.12.12	Hibbard Alex - Joey	Orphaned	Home Care
16.12.12	The Meadows Neil - Joey	Abandoned	Home Care
26.12.12	Stoney Creek Sue	Debilitated	Euthanased 18.06.13
28.12.12	Salamander Bay Buster	Orphan	Released 02.06.13
06.01.13	Ruins Way Dallas	Co-ordination loss Hind legs	Treating
08.01.13	Lake Geobbrie	Fungal infection	Treating
09.02.13	Ocean Josie	Orphan	De-humanising
02.04.13	Moondara Ken	Conjunctivitis Right Eye	Released 11.06.13
05.04.13	T.A.F.E.Chris	Chlamydia	Euthanased 24.06.13
06.04.13	Capella Maggie Mae	Chlamydia	Released 25.06.13
12.04.13	Elparra David	Conjunctivitis	Released 25.06.13
11.05.13	Topaz Arthur	Conjunctivitis	Released 01.07.13
31.05.13	Crescent Head Troy	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Released 24.07.13
01.06.13	Warrego Joe	Dog attack	Released 24.06.13
05.06.13	Hillcrest Pat	In yard with dogs	Released 09.06.13
05.06.13	Point Ruins	Possible fall from tree	Dead on Arrival
06.06.13	Kooloonbung Lily	Chlamydia	Released 07.08.13
07.06.13	Garage Girl	In dangerous area	Released 18.06.13
11.06.13	Dahlsford Bjorn	On ground - observation	Euthanased 12.06.13
17.06.13	Mareeba Matthew	In yard with dogs	Released 17.06.13
21.06.13	Emerald Downs Lisa	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
21.06.13	Kalinda Luke	Conjunctivitis Left eye	Released 23.08.13
22.06.13	Bangalay Pat	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 22.06.13
23.06.13	Marbuk Jack	Wandering on road - checked	Released 23.06.13
22.06.13	The Links Sophie	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
25.06.13	Jupiter John	Chlamydia	Released 22.08.13
27.06.13	Nangara Damon	Fell from tree	Released 08.07.13
08.07.13	Haml;yn Manny	On ground - observation	Released 11.07.13
13.07.13	Lee Street Noel	In yard with dogs	Released 13.07.13
13.07.13	Bangalay Bob	On ground - observation	Released 29.07.13
18.07.13	Widderson Tahnee	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
19.07.13	Barrington Xavier	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Treating
25.07.13	Gunnedah Groucho	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Treating
29.07.13	Orr Street Anne	Possible motor vehicle accident	Euthanased 30.07.13
30.07.13	Orchid Gemma	Injured Right Eye	Released 01.08.13
30.07.13	Bangalay Jonathon	Possible Dog attack	Released 01.08.13
31.07.13	Wayfield Berro	Chlamydia	Died 10.08.13
04.08.13	Burraneer Richard	Unsafe area - checked	Released 04.08.13

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05.08.13	Telegraph Point Laurie	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 08.08.13
06.08.13	Yaluma Perfect	Fell from tree	Dead on Arrival
07.08.13	Ocean View Michelle	Dog attack	Dead on Arrival
08.08.13	The Boom Boom	Dog Attack	Dead on Arrival
10.08.13	Gunnedah Phillipa	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
10.08.13	Werris Creek Sarah	Orphan	De-humanising
10.08.13	Curlewis Jeff	Moribund	Died 12.08.13
10.08.13	Toms Creek Tom	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
15.08.13	Elparra David	Conjunctivitis Right Eye	Treating
16.08.13	Wyandra J.J.	Conjunctivitis Right Eye	Treating
17.08.13	Dent Crusty	Sitting on ground	Euthanased 26.08.12
23.08.13	Cathie Grant	Fall from tree	Dead on Arrival
25.08.13	Gordon Richard	Possible Dog attack	Released 28.08.13
26.08.13	Kennedy Gabe	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
27.08.13	Pacific Hwy Marty	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
30.08.13	Owen Jason	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 30.08.13
31.08.13	Macquarie Peter	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
31.08.13	Pacific Schulties	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating



JOHN WILLIAMSON PUZZLE

G	H	A	B	D	N	F	X	T	H	I	L	Z	P	U	B	V	K	M	D
L	O	N	L	Y	1	9	A	D	W	R	E	J	N	C	O	S	A	L	I
K	M	O	V	R	A	F	L	A	G	O	F	O	U	R	O	W	N	Q	A
W	E	S	D	Z	C	X	B	H	Q	D	G	T	Y	I	M	O	R	S	M
N	A	F	K	B	A	G	Y	R	W	E	T	C	B	P	E	J	C	X	A
L	M	U	G	D	Y	Z	N	K	U	A	H	R	E	R	R	V	R	L	N
B	O	T	W	R	C	E	D	L	F	T	E	S	X	I	A	B	O	F	T
M	N	V	S	X	Q	R	B	T	O	V	B	A	H	P	N	A	C	U	I
I	G	R	O	V	N	E	M	L	E	A	R	Z	Q	W	G	B	O	D	N
T	T	W	B	A	U	H	S	F	I	Y	E	W	F	O	C	H	D	S	A
N	H	O	C	R	W	J	L	M	S	N	A	X	B	O	A	L	I	T	D
Q	E	E	T	O	S	A	E	N	D	C	K	Q	Z	D	F	O	L	K	R
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R	U	C	N	I	E	A	H	R	L	D	R	O	B	H	M	L	R	Z	V
V	M	S	P	O	G	Q	X	B	A	E	T	I	Q	I	A	B	O	L	E
G	T	O	D	A	F	R	K	O	N	G	S	V	A	P	L	E	L	W	R
A	R	B	C	Q	X	W	E	I	H	J	U	M	O	T	W	A	L	E	T
T	E	H	I	G	A	J	L	D	O	I	Q	L	Z	X	B	S	U	A	D
V	E	J	T	O	E	S	W	A	R	A	T	A	H	S	T	R	E	E	T
C	S	A	I	L	T	H	E	N	U	L	L	A	R	B	O	R	Y	A	F

John Williamson is patron of the koala hospital and has been an integral part of it for decades. His financial and personal contributions have made a big difference to the upkeep and running of the facility, and we and the koalas are immensely grateful to him for his help.

His song "Goodbye, Blinky Bill" was written at the hospital during a visit there, so see if you can find it among the letters above, as well as the other songs and albums listed below that he has brought out over the many years of his career.

What an amazing Australian!!

Boomerang Cafe	A Flag of Our Own	Diamantine Drover
Goodbye Blinky Bill	Home Among the Gumtrees	The Breaker
Only 19	True Blue	Tropical Fever
The Big Red	Rip Rip Woodchip	Waratah Street
Warragul	Sail the Nullarbor	Crocodile Roll

2013 Calendar

20 Sept 13	Management Meeting
18 Oct. 13	Management Meeting
15 Nov. 13	Management Meeting
17 Nov. 13	General Meeting

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