

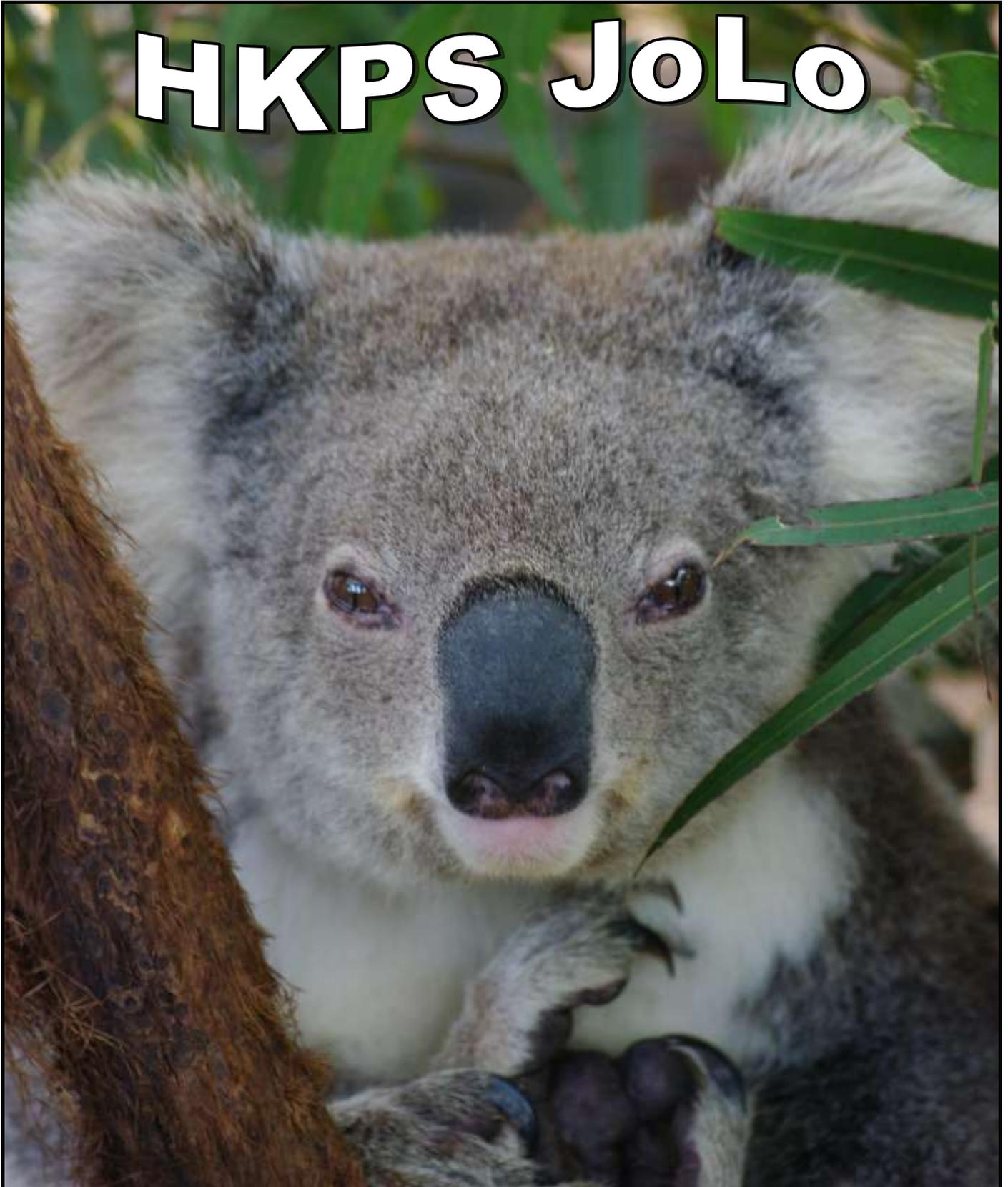


Gum Tips

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HKPS JoLo



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C.gattii in biopsy of diseased tissue, fine needle aspirates and blood samples. Swabbing of the nasal area is not a suitable diagnostic tool as the nasal cavity of koalas is commonly colonised with *C.gattii*.

Treating the koala patient also depends on the extent of invasion of the organism, age of the animal, physical condition, whether meningoencephalitis is present, and how the kidneys and liver are functioning. This disease can be treated in suitable patients but it is very long term and very expensive.

It is worth noting that this is not considered a zoonotic disease (transferred from animals to humans). As HKPS Jo Lo has a very low reading of Crypto and with all other factors appearing to be ok – it looks like Jo Lo will be with us for quite a while.

In late July this female koala was transferred to us from the Hunter Koala Preservation Society (located two hours south of Port Macquarie). Jo Lo was found to be positive for a fungal infection called *Cryptococcus* which in koalas can take many months of treatment to be cleared. As HKPS members do all of their caring of sick and injured koalas in private homes, holding a koala long term can create a lot of pressure on available space for other patients, so we are always happy to help them out.

Cryptococcus is caused by the fungus *Cryptococcus gattii* which is found in association with a number of species of eucalypts, and other tree species and is found throughout the environment. Many koala enclosures found in both zoo's and in private koala rehabilitation facilities are contaminated with the fungus and in the main do not cause any problem. Most wild koalas have come into contact with this fungus at some point in their lives with no ill effects.

Why some koalas contract disease from this organism is unknown and the University of Sydney is currently researching this phenomenon. Koalas usually present with a swelling on the side of the face or nasal area accompanied with a discharge from the nose. Sometimes koalas can have skin lesions of the lips, ear and feet, others clinically can show generalised enlarged lymph nodes, neurological effects, blindness etc. A recent patient presented with quite a dramatic lesion on the leg which was not treatable. Diagnosis of *Cryptococcus* is based on positive identification of the causative organism



HKPS JoLo adjusting to her new surroundings.

Koalas and Joeys!

A recent visit to the Joey's House Early Education Centre in Port Macquarie by Koala Hospital Education Co-ordinator Jennifer Baker saw a very rapt and an extremely interested audience of the gathered pre school children.



An interested audience for some Koala information

The children were given a Koala presentation that included a short video of Barrington Xavier, assorted koala photos and a variety of different gum leaves that form the staple diet of koalas. Even some poo pellets and a toy koala in the rescue basket.



This was followed by an interesting information and question time with the children and all the children were given a koala stamp on their hand that they could show their parents on their arrival at home.

The Koala Hospital is available for Educational visits to schools and pre schools in the local area, just contact the hospital on 6584 1522 and ask for the Education Co-ordinator to get information and organise a visit.

The Koala Hospital received a nice surprise at the end of the visit with a donation of over \$200 for the hospital with 4 adoptions being taken up on the day.

And a big thank you to the Joey's House Early Education Centre and to all the children for the interest and excitement shown during our visit.



Above: A surprised Jennifer Baker being presented with the donation in excess of \$200 for koala adoptions.

Left: A koala stamp to denote a very interested audience member at Joey's Early Education Centre.

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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

Rescuing and Releasing Koalas

Many people often ask us how on earth we manage to get sick or injured koalas out of huge eucalypt trees. Do we climb the trees they ask? No we don't! Koalas can negotiate their way around the lofty branches many metres high up with great skill and ease, often precariously hanging from what seems to be the thinnest most fragile branches possible.

This inbuilt behaviour often makes koalas very

difficult at times to rescue. The Koala Hospital has a specially trained team of rescue people (who even go out in the wee small hours on cold and frosty nights) who have learned at times to use this nimble koala behaviour to their advantage.

The rescuers equipment consists of one or two long extendable poles (depending on how many rescuers are available at the time) with a floppy towel attached on the end of the pole. This

method usually requires another person standing at the base of the tree with a big thick canvas bag at the ready to grab and enclose the koala.

Once all the rescuers and equipment are in their place the extended pole with its "scary" end is placed above the head of the koala.

The natural mode of defence for the koala is to move away from this quite odd object as quickly as possible, and all being well, they then shoot down the tree as quickly as they can – and with luck straight into the hands of the rescuer with the bag.

Of course, this is the "text book" rescuing effort in action, and the vast majority of rescues do not go as planned.

Koalas can often outsmart the team of rescuers by jumping so easily from branch to branch, and as the



A demonstration of capturing a koala using the extendable poles (one pole bringing the koala down and one pole blocking access to side branches), a hoop net for difficult catches and the canvas bag for capturing the koala.

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extended poles are cumbersome and heavy, by the time the poles are repositioned the koala leads the rescuers on a merry chase. Or even worse, they manage to climb so high that they are beyond pole reach. Here is where the Koala Hospital presses on the kind services of our local tree arborist who arrives with their “cherry picker” (a hydraulic tower and bucket) that sends a worker and rescuer up very high and the koala is often retrieved successfully this way. Alternatively one of the arborists will climb an adjacent tree and using the flag and pole technique send the koala down to us. Koalas who are injured or sick sitting high up in a tree tend not want to move at all, so again it’s a “cherry picker” or tree climber to literally bag the koala for us (they have been well trained!).

Sometimes the koala gets too stressed by the whole situation, or is beyond anyone’s reach. The Koala Hospital a number of years ago adopted a magic invention “the koala trap”, which is a fence made of corflute sheeting (real estate sign material) and a footplate trap set up in one panel. The trap works extremely well, but is limited by the understory vegetation surrounding the tree in question plus how close the associated trees are located. This trap has about an 80% success rate of capture, with patience being a strong virtue also employed. In other locations where the trap is not possible, we have to simply watch and wait over a number of days to try to get the animal, and occasionally they vanish overnight never to be seen again.

Sadly, rescuing a koala that is found curled up on the ground indicates that the koala is extremely ill (they only come down to the ground when in an advanced state of disease or injury), and the person simply gently wraps the koala up in the bag. Although we have always found the extendable pole and canvas bag method is extremely successful, there most certainly have been some classic funny moments. As “Murphy’s Law” does state (if something could go wrong it will), any disaster that happens **ALWAYS** happens with a big crowd of

onlookers, never when you are alone!! And in those cases embarrassment rates very highly for the poor rescuers.

Releasing koalas – is basically the foundation of why we are here at the Koala Hospital. Adult koalas are always released back where they were initially collected (within reason), and only young sub adult animals are released into new uninhabited locations. The happy volunteer takes the ready to be released bagged koala to the base of the most beautiful healthy delicious looking eucalypt tree, and opens the bag, and swells with pride at releasing this rehabilitated koala back to a good tree. So what does the koala do? It usually sniffs at this healthy beautiful tree, and runs off about 50 metres away and shoots up a tree that has the most terrible leaf, covered in dead branches, and looks like its ready for the scrap heap. We are still trying to fathom koala psychology on this one, but would hazard a guess that the previous occupant of the tree left some form of calling card (scent marking), that warns the newly released koala to “go elsewhere”.

Wild koalas have been found in some odd places such as top floors of three storey carparks, escalators in shopping centres, sitting on fuel pumps at marinas, front seats of cars, sitting on pushbikes, outside coffee shops, in factories and lounge rooms in peoples homes. As the habitat continues to decrease, the numbers of koalas needing to be rescued increases as koalas have to travel further and further distances in search of available food trees.



The canvas bag – the most important rescue tool. It not only protects the handler from being scratched or bitten, but allows for “quick grabbing” of the koala. Most koalas settle down quietly becoming less stressed, when placed in a bag for transport and further handling.

Clinical Director's Report



The last few months have still seen a continual drop in admission numbers which fits with the last few years slow decline. The recent "Koala Roundtable Meeting" with Port Macquarie Hastings Council (see story) was very sobering and of great concern but nonetheless at least we are endeavouring to work on ways to stop the decline and hopefully reverse things.

Work "behind the scenes" on the new Education Centre is coming along nicely. We are working with two museum designers in both Sydney and Canberra and their expertise in designing the facility is amazing and delightful.

We are very confident the new centre will be state of the art and should be the best display on all things to do with our wild koala anywhere and all being well it will be officially opened just before Christmas.

There are some new research proposals on the

table which will be looking at administration of pain relief medications and also the management practices in the handling of wild koalas. Every bit of research work that assists in the rehabilitation, recovery and release of our patients is paramount to conserve this species.

There are still major issues happening with koalas found in Blue Gum Plantations in Victoria which needs some major restructuring of management practices where koalas are concerned. Koalas are still suffering injuries in the harvesting processes.

It really does not make sense that in New South Wales and Queensland we are struggling to keep the populations of koalas going and in other states they are considered a nuisance animal.

Cheyne Flanagan

Being a Joey Carer

Yes it is a privilege, Yes I'm very lucky. Yes, they are really cute and Yes, I still have to pinch myself to believe that I'm really taking care of a koala joey!

But...It's not all fun and laughs and I'm not really "complaining" about all the work, the sleepless nights, the struggles with feeding and all the worrying. That's all part of being a joey carer and I don't mind it at all. No, it's the times when I lose a joey or know that the joey that I'm caring for is dying and I can't do anything to stop it. And I can assure you, not all the joeys that you care for will survive.



When you are a joey carer you are their foster mum, they need you and they bond with you. This means you get attached to them, which makes losing them much harder, especially when you have been taking care of them for 3 to 5 months. Even when a joey in my care does really well, I know in the back of my mind it can change within 24 hours.

I can do everything right but sometimes it is just

not enough. I cannot give the joey the full complement of maternal antibodies in the milk that they get from their mothers and that's why they are more at risk. Abandoned joeys are often dehydrated, infested by ticks or in poor condition and they sometimes don't have the strength to get over it. But with these examples you know there is a bigger chance that they don't make it. For me the hardest one is Thyplocolitis. This is an inflammation and/or infection of the intestinal tract and the most common cause of death in joeys.

It doesn't only happen to young joeys, it can still happen when they are bigger, for example around 2kg. The reason why I think this is the hardest one is because you don't see it coming. You can have a healthy joey, who has been eating well but all of a sudden stops eating



leaf, drinking milk and will get really quiet and unfortunately they usually don't make it... Ok, that's enough about the chance of losing joeys.

There are plenty of joeys that our home-carers had in their care that are now living

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From the *President's* Pen



Having just taken over this position I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the outgoing President Bob Sharpham, who has done a wonderful job over the last 10 years and also acknowledge the work of retiring committee members. I would also like to welcome the new committee members and I am sure we can all work together and continue to tend to the needs of our unique koala, alongside the many volunteers that work tirelessly at the hospital.

In July the Asst. Clinical Director Yon Veenstra, Vice President Gaby Rivett and I attended a 'Round Table' conference at which our Clinical Director, Cheyne Flanagan talked about the need for preserving habitat to ensure the ongoing survival of koalas in our area. This was only the first of many discussions that will be held in the future to formalise a strategy to ensure their survival here and elsewhere. It is a step in the right direction, with hopefully lots more to come.

We still continue to admit koalas presenting with various issues and our feature on Jo Lo is a good example, but the numbers are down which leads to some concerns. One of the highlights of the last couple of months is 'Jack', who is being ably cared for by our Assistant Clinical Director, Yon Veenstra and I know that you all will enjoy the article in this newsletter – it was sad he lost his mother, but at least we were able to save him.

The last couple of weeks have seen the raising of the roof height on the 'males yards' and this work should be completed very shortly. So while this is being done Barrington Xavier, Elparra David, Appin Jack and Bellangry Wombat were all moved to Yard number 1 and surprisingly they have all been managing to tolerate each other quite well.

The happenings in and around the hospital keep us wanting to come back for more and the work being carried out to save our koalas is of the utmost importance. At this point I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers and also acknowledge the generous support of the public as without it we would not be able to carry out this important work.

Jane Duxberry

Thumbs Up

(Koalas have 2 thumbs on each hand)



Thumbs Up to the family in Tristania Circuit who protected the injured koala sitting on the road outside their home. The koala was called Rio because he did the long jump down out of a tree - because he lost the argument with a much bigger koala. Fingers crossed he is going to make it.



Thumbs down to the driver who hit a koala hard on a recent Friday night on the Pacific Highway south of the donut, and drove off without even stopping.



Thumbs down to the driver following the above vehicle - it didn't stop as well and just drove over the top of the koala when there was room to drive around.



A huge Thumbs Up to the Archer family who were returning home to Wauchope and saw the whole thing. They not only stopped but picked the koala up and brought it to the Koala Hospital for the needed treatment. Sadly the koala passed away the next day.



Thumbs down to the driver who hit a koala, phoned it in and said they would remain with the koala till we got there. This was very good but when we got there they had left and we wasted precious time driving the length of the street trying to find the koala.



Thumbs down to the woman who hit a koala on Koala Street recently and didn't bother to stop either.



Thumbs up to Jess who was driving and saw the incident, called it in and stayed with the injured koala (which turned out to be our repeat offender Roto Chris) until Hospital rescuers arrived to assist the koala.

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

Barry's Adventures in Wanderland

Barry woke up one fine autumn morning in his comfy tree at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital feeling ready to embark on another globe-trotting adventure. How lucky was he that Natalie, one of the



hospital volunteers, offered to take him down to Sydney to meet her niece Verity and visit a whole new forest of gum trees in the leafy suburb of Lane Cove. Barry happily sampled

the leaves but he thought it safer to leave the park before any dogs came for their exercise, just to be on the safe side.

While he was in Sydney Barry was joined by his new friend Alanna at the beautiful 'Secret Garden' at lovely Lavender Bay on the Sydney harbour foreshore. Keen to display his newly gained horticultural knowledge, Barry showed Alanna this spectacular garden created by Wendy Whiteley, wife of the late artist Brett Whiteley, on a very steep and disused plot that was once a railway yard. Barry found lots of gum leaves to snack on as they enjoyed the fragrant beauty of the garden and the Harbour Bridge views.



Barry checked his passport and itinerary and jetted off to Bangkok to catch up with Diane at one of the many temples in the city. Here he met one of the hundreds of exotic breed cats that live at the temples and he was fascinated to learn that they are revered residents who are fed and looked after by carers. It warmed the cockles of Barry's heart to know that other animals, not just koalas, are so well loved by people in many countries.



Now he was off to see the biggest temple in the world! With his pal Doris, Barry visited Angkor Wat at Siem Reap in Cambodia, a 162-hectare ancient ruined building among the trees and

surrounded by a moat. It began as a Hindu temple and changed to a Buddhist one way back in the 12th century. Barry and Doris were amazed at all the carvings and the huge stones it was built from. He was overwhelmed by its size and history and realised that it might take days or even weeks to explore it thoroughly. Barry wished he'd worn his Indiana Jones hat to add to the adventurous atmosphere.



Buenos noches, buenos dias, muchas gracias! Barry was practising his Spanish in the plane on the way to meet Corinna. He wondered how to



say "May I have some fresh gum leaves" in Spanish. Corinna is a regular volunteer from overseas at the Koala Hospital so Barry was excited to join her at the Botanic Gardens in Malaga in Southern Spain. Even though the historic gardens which date back to 1855 contained trees from five continents, Barry had trouble locating any gum leaves. He did enjoy the beautiful gardens and buildings though before wishing Corinna 'Hasta la vista' and getting ready to move on to Austria.

His old friends Sabina and Harald took Barry to an exhibition in Linz of all things to do with the Titanic. They saw all sorts of artifacts from the ship including an artificial 'iceberg', a four-metre block of ice that visitors were invited to touch and imagine how cold the North Atlantic was the night the Titanic sank. The sinking of the Titanic in 1912 on its maiden voyage was a favourite story of his so he was thrilled to be able to do his 'King of the World' impression of Leonardo on a mock-up of the great ship's bow.



Next stop Russia! Janet and Nigel took Barry on a visit to St Petersburg and Moscow where they visited all the places associated with the communist era in Russia's history. Barry was a bit nervous at the Kremlin and felt very solemn at



Lenin's tomb, but he was so excited to see St. Basil's Cathedral at Red Square. All those high towers and amazing coloured domes – he thought is looked like an ice

cream cone from fantasyland!

Staying way up in the northern hemisphere, Barry and his mate Gary made it all the way north to the village of John O'Groats in Scotland. From there it's quite simply the longest journey in Britain to then reach Lands End in Cornwall. Then Barry laughed



when he learned the local residents were referred to as 'Groaters'. Having climbed the destination signpost, Barry was having trouble deciding where to go to next!

He chose to visit the beautiful countryside of Devon on the north coast of England. Here he caught up with Sharron and her lovely niece Stephanie at the fantastically named seaside village of Westward Ho! It was named after a

famous novel written in 1855 by Charles Kingsley about how Victorian era Londoners enjoyed going west to Devon for seaside holidays. And they still do, Barry discovered as he talked to many of the tourists paddling on the nearby beaches that he was so surprised to find were covered with stones – not like the white sandy beaches in Oz.

While he was in England Barry was invited to catch up with Malcolm and Nora who he'd first met back at home when they visited the Koala Hospital. They lived in Wirral on the banks of the River Mersey near Liverpool and they had a real surprise for him. Barry was taken to a local hospital where he was interviewed on air at Radio Clatterbridge about his travels and the work done at the Hospital in Port Macquarie. As at the Koala



Hospital, this community based radio station is staffed by volunteers and they broadcast news and entertainment 24/7 throughout the hospital. The announcers were so impressed with his broadcasting technique that they considered training him as a DJ – not the shock jock

kind, of course! His interview was also included on the Radio Clatterbridge website which made him feel quite famous.

Now he had a lot of travelling to do to catch up with his friends Jana and The Moose way across the Atlantic in Seattle. When they arrived, Barry got a crick in his neck from looking up at the 184 metre high Space Needle – the very iconic observation tower opened in 1962 for the World's Fair. Going up in the elevators at 10 mph made them all a bit giddy but they really enjoyed the wonderful views. They thought that a meal in the revolving restaurant on the top might just be a bit too dizzying.



After all that excitement, Barry couldn't wait to get home to tell all his friends at the Hospital about his grand adventures. And he was secretly planning to apply to the local radio station for a part-time on air job. Good luck with that, Barry!

Join in Barry's Worldwide Adventures

We are always happy to receive photos from people all over the world on their travels. All it takes is a Where's Barry plush toy valued at \$15.00. It can be purchased directly from the hospital kiosk in Port Macquarie or purchased online at www.koalahospital.org.au/shop so that he can be incorporated in your photos then snap away at your favourite travel destinations and send the photos to us.

The travel photos can then be emailed to barry@koalahospital.org.au along with some copy of where the photos were taken and your information and we can add them to our Barry's Adventures in Wanderland column.

Government Roundtable for Koalas

Over the last few years staff at the hospital became concerned at the drop in the admission numbers to the hospital. Some may consider this a good thing, but in fact it is not. The Clinical Director of the hospital has for the last couple of years sat on an expert panel for koalas with the local Port Macquarie Hastings Council.

The ecologists on this panel scrutinized our data plus compared it to the PMHC data and all of us became quite concerned, the PMHC mayor Peter Besseling met with the Koala Hospital and a plan was hatched to call a Koala Roundtable Meeting and key stakeholders such as politicians, EPA (Environmental Protection Authority), OEH (Office of Environment and Heritage) NPWS, State Forests, Ecologists, council staff and the Threatened Species commissioner.

The meeting was held on Wednesday, 27th July at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie and was attended by Cheyne Flanagan the Clinical Director of the hospital and also a speaker at the meeting, the Assistant Clinical Director, President and Vice President of the hospital.



Visual Presentation by PMHC Ecologist Rebecca Montague-Drake

All the facts were presented to the meeting by the PMHC ecologists and Biolink Ecological Consultants (this is a private firm contracted to Council), which was a mix of Koala Hospital data and data from the survey work. And once everyone was fully briefed on the situation, the "roundtable"

discussion began to look at all the possible ways to arrest this decline. After two hours of discussion, the meeting concluded with plans to look at all the suggested measures to prevent further decline of the population and hopefully reverse it back to a stable level.

After the meeting was over, the Threatened Species Commissioner and the Mayor came to the hospital for a private guided tour and were briefed on the reasons why the koalas had been admitted to the hospital.

Port Macquarie Hastings Council is to be commended for their positive move in "getting the ball rolling" to endeavour to arrest the decline of



Roundtable discussion in progress at The Glasshouse

the koalas of this region. Even the Threatened Species Commissioner, Gregory Andrews commented on the forward thinking of the council and how he wished other Councils in Australia would be so proactive.

Time will tell on what happens from here, but we will certainly be working very closely with the local council and other government organisations to put in place measures to save the Port Macquarie region koalas from declining.



L-R: Mayor Peter Besseling, Clinical Director Cheyne Flanagan and Threatened Species Commissioner Gregory Andrews.



Kaylee's

GUM DROPS KOLUMN

Once again a very cheery hello from all of us at the Koala hospital. It has been a very busy time here despite all the cold weather. Once again the building contractors have been called in to update the four male enclosures.

This time they are erecting a higher roof which is described as 'cathedral or gabled'...to me it seems they want to live in a church! Anyway, they have been placed altogether in one very large enclosure and the visitors love to see them like this.

There have been many funny incidents with all four males 'house sharing' and they have had a few arguments with claws flying but no injuries as they can't see well (if at all) and have had more misses than strikes! Hmm, males - they are all the same!

I thought this time I will write my kolumn slightly differently, more like a "did you know" segment? So, here we go - Did you know that.....

Approximately 1600 trees have been planted since November 2015 with the majority of trees being Eucalyptus robusta or as us koalas know it, Swamp Mahogany...yum.

A new Education Display Centre which will be featuring many interesting facts and visuals that our visitors will enjoy is coming along very nicely and digits crossed looks like the opening day will be in November which is all very exciting.

Thanks to Denis from Nice, in the South of France, a true koala-lover we now have the latest issue of Gum Tips translated into French.

The number one reason that koalas come into care is because of a bacterial disease called Chlamydiosis.

The second biggest reason is koalas being hit by motor vehicles.

Wild koalas are found west of Cairns in Far North Queensland right down into Victoria and South Australia with most of the population on the east coast side of the mountain ranges.

We are one species but we look different due to the temperature of where we live - just like you! If you're cold you put on jumpers and coats to keep warm. And if you're hot you run around in lighter clothing or bikini's! So do we - except for all the designer brand clothes and bikini's - we just get denser/lighter fur.

Well I hope you found my kolumn informative and now I have to rest and munch on some leaf as it's hard work remembering all those facts. I might have a little sleep too!

Until next time.....take care!

A Big Thank You to the Essential Coffee Group

The Koala Hospital volunteers are smiling even more of late since a new addition was installed at the hospital. Many thanks go to the Gold Coast based Essential Coffee Group, who specialise in Automated and Barista style Coffee systems, and have quite generously supplied a machine to aid all our hard working volunteers.

The automated machine was given to the Koala Hospital and will be serviced free of cost. All the volunteers are now enjoying their option of four varieties of freshly ground coffee or maybe a Hot Chocolate which is available for all those other volunteers with a sweeter tooth.



Service technician Keith Robins installing our new machine.

Barry's Favourite Photo Competition Winner September 2016



Malcolm and Nora
Barry being interviewed at Radio Clatterbridge
Congratulations!



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
13.11.14	Watonga Wonder	On ground	Treating
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
01.01.16	Ocean Jesse	On ground	Treating
30.12.15	Shelly Beach Scratchy	Swollen left ankle and foot	Treating
20.01.16	Wyandra J.J	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
18.03.16	McLaren Rango	Fall from tree	Released 13.05.16
30.03.16	Gilmore Ruby	Dog Attack	Released 21.06.16
24.04.16	Grandview Hemsley	Dog Attack	Released 10.06.16
06.05.16	Marsden Marg	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
07.05.16	Widderson Van	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
09.05.16	Crestwood Moby	Mesothelioma	Euthanased 09.05.16
11.05.16	Oxley Hwy Jim	Conjunctivitis left eye	Released 25.07.16
11.05.16	Lake Shazz	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 11.05.16
11.05.16	Lake Nicole	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 19.05.16
20.05.16	Roto Chris	Caught in Koala Trap - checked	Released 20.05.16
20.05.16	Hollingsworth Nick	Sitting on Ground	Released 27.05.16
21.05.16	Inverell Joe	Injury to right eye	Released 28.05.16
21.05.16	Armidale Mary	Sitting on ground - aged	Died 21.05.16
23.05.16	Wyandra Joanna	Fall from tree	Euthanased 02.06.16
23.05.16	Bonny Hills Mermaid	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
27.05.16	Kennedy Wesley	Possible Dog Attack	Dead on Arrival
27.05.16	Kennedy Vera	Fall from tree	Released 07.06.16
27.05.16	HKPS Tommy Chong	Calcium Oxalate Nephrosis	Euthanased 02.06.16
27.05.16	HKPS Maxine	Advanced Chronic Chlamydia	Died 29.05.16
28.05.16	Roto Chris	On ground - checked	Released 29.05.16
29.05.16	Hollingsworth Nick	On ground limping	Released 31.05.16
01.06.16	Emerald Downs Rebecca	Advanced Chronic Chlamydia	Dead on Arrival
01.06.16	Toms Creek	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
02.06.16	Koala Opal	Advanced Chronic Chlamydia	Euthanased 03.06.16
03.06.16	Emerald Downs Mary	Glaucoma right eye, damaged left eye	Permanent
03.06.16	Findlay Gordon	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
07.06.16	Hollingsworth Nick	On ground - checked	Released 27.06.16
08.06.16	Absalom Park Maria	Advanced Chronic Chlamydia	Died 09.06.16
17.06.16	Roto Chris	Establishing home range - checked	Released 22.06.16
23.06.16	Wyandra Harriet	In yard with dogs - checked	Released 24.06.16
27.06.16	Kennedy Jennifer	Dog Attack	Died 30.06.16

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27.06.16	Kennedy Jack	Joey of Kennedy Jennifer	Home Care
29.06.16	Clarence Town Hannah	Advanced Chronic Chlamydia	Euthanased 04.07.16
29.06.16	Hollingsworth Nick	On ground	Died 07.07.16
30.06.16	Ocean Drive Eliza	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 01.07.16
30.06.16	Ocean Drive Don	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
01.07.16	Sancrox Partridge	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
02.07.16	Mayfair Amie	Advanced Chronic Chlamydia	Euthanased 07.07.16
04.07.16	Astronomer Max	On ground after fight with male koala	Released 08.07.16
07.07.16	Lighthouse Babe	Unknown waiting post mortem results	Dead on Arrival
09.07.16	Astronomer Max	In yard with dogs - checked	Released 10.07.16
09.07.16	Kennedy Clawed	In yard with dogs - checked	Released 11.07.16
11.07.16	Talopa Nick	In yard with dogs - checked	Released 13.07.16
13.07.16	Roto Chris	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
14.07.16	Syd Hopkins Harper	Sitting on ground - checked	Released 14.07.16
16.07.16	South West Rocks Damien	Dog Attack	Released 19.07.16
18.07.16	Barton Lake	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
19.07.16	Colonel Barney Pod	Chlamydia	Treating
25.07.16	Wilson Tom	In yard with dogs - checked	Released 25.07.16
26.07.16	HKPS Jo Lo	Cryptococcus	Treating
26.07.16	Amira Cadence + joey	Walking in circles	Released 10.08.16
28.07.16	Lake Vittorio	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival

Being a Joey Carer.....Continued

out in the wild and that's the reason why I do this. I love taking care of joeys, I do get attached to them and I always get a bit teary when I "release" them to the joey yard. But releasing them back into the wild is the best feeling ever!



Yon Veenstra and an exploring Kennedy Jack

At the end of June a mum and joey came in after they were attacked by a dog. Unfortunately mum died a few days later from her injuries. The joey, named Kennedy Jack, needed a foster mum and I am the lucky person who can call herself his mum. In the beginning Jack did quite well, he was eating a bit of leaf straight away and was gaining some weight. He was starting to drink milk (hand

fed with a syringe) after a few days but he's still not really enjoying it.

I think he's trying to tell us that mum's milk tasted much better. He does like the comfort of being close to me and my shoulder is his favourite place to sleep (hiding in my jumper). He likes to go exploring in the living room and finds furniture or a human to climb on. I have to make sure I cover myself up with a thick jumper or something similar, because he's pretty fast climbing onto me and doesn't stop until he's on top of my head!

But in the last 2 weeks Jack hasn't gained a lot of weight and he's not really interested in eating his leaf. He's still active though and with a little bit of encouragement he's still drinking milk. But it is a worry and we're not sure what his future will bring. Let's hope it's just a phase and he will be eating leaf again soon. We're staying positive and trying to give him the best care that we can.

Yon Veenstra - Assistant Clinical Director



2016 Calendar

September 20	Management Meeting	10.00am
October 18	Management Meeting	10.00am
November 15	Management Meeting	10.00am
December 20	Management Meeting	10.00am

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What's Happening at the Hospital?

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



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Watonga Wonder just looking as cute as she always does!



Barrington Xavier resting peacefully after yet another wholesome meal of formula and gum leaves.



Ocean Summer doing her hamstring stretches but she warns "Don't try this at home"



Shelley Beach Scratchy just wondering is it a better idea to eat or just sleep?



The hospital treatment room just waiting for a new arrival to be checked over.



Maria River Ian thinks "OMG how do I get down from here?"



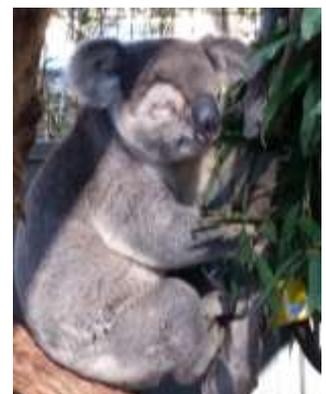
Emerald Downs Mary who suffers from damage to her eyes and is now a permanent resident.



Wyandra JJ says "Well tell me....are you looking at me?"



The morning gum leaf laid out and waiting for volunteers to cut and distribute to the koalas.



Barton Lake just chewing on some nice gum leaves and enjoying the view.



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