



Gum Tips

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Myoora Jarrah



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Myoora Jarrah was brought into the Koala Hospital on Saturday, 5th August this year, by a local resident who found her sitting on the side of the road, it appeared she had lost her mum, but no one knows how or why.

After being checked by the Clinical Director, she was placed in home care where she will remain for the next few months until she is big enough to come into the hospital for her next stage of rehabilitation before being released.

Jarrah was approximately 5 months old when she was found, weighing only 425 grams. Fortunately she is at a stage where she can survive without her koala mum, but still needs a substitute mum.

She is a completely delightful little female with a big personality and a strong will to live. Jarrah is on 4 hourly feeding, 24 hours a day and this will continue for a while, until she gains more weight.

Myoora Jarrah has now been in home care for just over three weeks and has gained weight. She is sometimes interested in her formula but very interested in eating leaf which is a good thing and tugs and tugs until she breaks a piece off, then falls asleep from all the exertion. Her favourite leaf is Nicholii, followed closely by Swamp Mahogany, Grey Gum then Tallowwood;

so if you live in a koala area find out what food trees are the favourite and if you have room plant a few and then you may have koalas visit your garden. It is an amazing experience to see them in the wild.

Jarrah insists on snuggling up to her new mum and quickly climbs up out of her pouch, up the fleecy top and disappears under the collar and shoulder and there she stays and falls asleep, she hates to be disturbed when it is time to return to her pouch and her bed. She has also started to climb out of her pouch and call out when she wets her bed leaving you in no doubt that it is time to change her bedding – any excuse to get mums attention!

As you can imagine she is the most adorable little animal to look after, it is an absolute privilege to do so and we all wish her the best over the coming weeks and months. We will post photos and videos on Facebook so you can keep up to date with her progress.

Volunteer Joey Carers

The Koala Hospital is fortunate to have 3 qualified joey carers as part of their volunteer staff. These volunteers surrender a lot of their free time to meet the needs of these orphaned/abandoned joeys and we are thankful for their time and expertise.



A Letter from an Admirer

The Koala Hospital is always pleased to receive letters and cards from people that reflect on their experiences enjoyed at the hospital or just that special attention that koalas attract from people of all ages and in all walks of life.

The following is a letter received from one such admirer, Emrys Nimmet-Kent who reflected on her visit to the hospital (I think Mum might have given a little help in the letter writing as well).

Dear Koalas,

Hello my name is Emrys and I am turning 4 in a few weeks. We went on holiday for my Daddys birthday and visited the Koala Hospital, koalas are my new favourite animal. I felt very bad for the poor sick koalas and the burnt koala. I have sent a pair of my baby socks to give to the burnt koala to put on his burnt hands so he feels better soon. What is the burnt koalas name?

I will be 4 soon and I am a big girl now, so I am also sending my dummy to the Koala Hospital for the burnt koala so he feels better. I also made some pictures for the koalas to stick up in their houses. My sister Eira helped me paint some plasters for the koalas. We are having a birthday party next month and we are having a Koala-Ballerina party.

I have sent an invitation but my Mummy said the koalas can't come because I live too far away, I live in the Blue Mountains with my family. I have put in a picture of the 3 Sisters for the koalas to see where I live.

Please take care of my dummy. Thank You

Lots of Love Emrys and Eira xxx



Above: Sisters Emrys and Eira.

The picture below is the work of aspiring artist Emrys, the caption reads "This is a picture of a koala wearing clothes".



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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

Question: About Moving Koalas?

A common question that the public asks isif habitat is destroyed why can't we simply move the koalas to another patch of bush and let them go? We truly wish it was as simple as that, so please allow us to explain why it is not.

Even though koalas live "solitary lives", they actually all form part of a well ordered population of animals that operate within a well defined social hierarchy. In each colony of koalas there is an alpha male (the biggest, strongest and healthiest male) and the alpha female (healthy strong breeding female).

These animals occupy the best habitat (the best real estate!) and the size of this home range is dictated by how many food and non food trees are there and the quality of those trees. A home range must have both as the non-food trees are often used to sleep in and mate in (called bedroom trees) and not all food trees are used in these home ranges.

The lower ranking koalas occupy home ranges that are adjacent to the alpha animals and all of these home ranges overlap at various locations. Naturally the alpha male will have lower ranking female's ranges overlapping his to ensure that he has his girls safely within reach.

Once young males disperse from their maternal home range (their mother has weaned them) they tend to live "under the radar" well away from the higher ranking males. These young males are often found struggling to survive in marginal habitat at the fringe of the home ranges of the other members of the colony. There is a high mortality rate in young males who often cover large distances seeking unoccupied areas to live.

Young females tend to either live on the outskirts of the more dominant animals home ranges or they too also can cover some distances seeking males and home ranges to occupy. It can be a trying time for these young animals in good habitat let alone habitats wrecked by humans.

Once a koala is established in a particular home range, this is where he or she stay's for life or until age or infirmity removes them from this location or a male is challenged by another male. Fighting over home ranges is not common as it's very costly in energy expenditure but nonetheless it's not unusual to see a lower ranking male challenge for territory and come off second best.

We occasionally have males admitted to the hospital with infected wounds to the hind legs that are probably attributable to a bite or claw from

another animal. Adult koalas do not go wandering around outside of their home ranges in spite of what the media often says. Adult or juvenile koalas running up and down busy roads or many kilometres from where they had been found previously have lost their home range and are not simply "going walkabout", something is very wrong for them to be doing this.

So when a tract of bushland is logged, clear felled or interfered with, where a population of koalas' live then this disturbance will have a major impact. Koalas are forced to move closer to each other, their home range size is greatly reduced, they have far less resources with the result being huge stress loads and competition for the dwindling trees occurs.

Koalas don't cope with being forced to too close together, this is one of the reasons why the disease Chlamydia is expressed far more in areas where humans have disturbed the habitat.

Untouched pristine bush that has koalas living in it is basically chlamydia free. But alternatively the



A healthy male koala enjoying the solitude of his own home range - an ideal scenario for all koalas.

Answer: It really isn't that Easy!

removal of large tracts of bush can force koalas so far apart that breeding success plummets. As much as koalas don't like to be in each other's space they need to know other koalas are around, vocalising and calling to each other daily.

Picture a classic human suburban environment where Mr and Mrs Average live in their brick home with a fenced boundary alongside rows and rows of other houses, street after street of homes occupied by individual families.

Then along come giant excavators, bulldozers, etc and they knock down large numbers of these homes. All the human occupants are then told they have to go and live in the backyards of the houses that other people live in. What do you think will happen?



Koalas are a solitary animal and stress easily when forced to live in close proximity to one another.

There would be violence, anger and an increase in disease. This is exactly what happens to koalas when we remove their habitat for our own uses.

We cannot simply pick up these koalas whose habitat has been destroyed and take them to another tract of bushland that an existing population of koalas live in. The koalas that live there would object severely to these foreign imports.

The newcomers would also smell that this area is already occupied, become very distressed and would end up travelling great distances in an effort to get back to where they came from. The only way adult koalas can be successfully relocated to a new habitat is when a proposed tract of land is surveyed prior to relocation to ensure it is indeed empty of a current population of koalas or has a very low occupancy of animals.

Then it can be done but you cannot simply put one koala in there all by himself! It is quite a complicated process and the correct scientific methodology for doing this must be strictly

adhered to (we will leave discussion of this at this point).

This is why we always release adult koalas back to where they were originally picked up from. We have old records from the 1970's and early 1980's of koalas travelling up to 80 kilometres over a period of many months in an endeavour to get back to their home ranges.

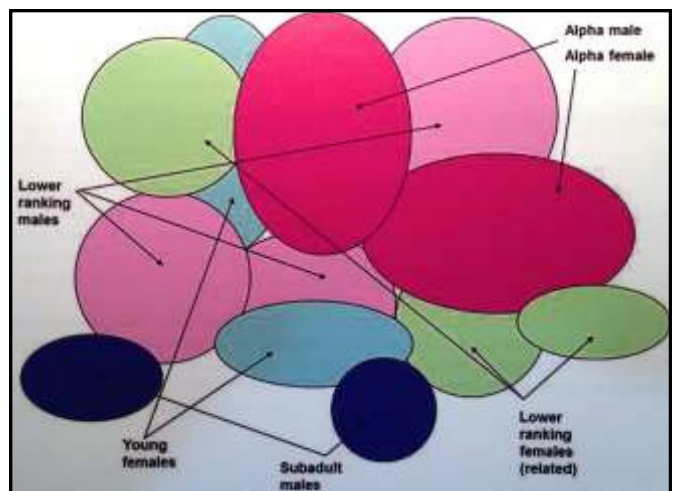


The downside of loss of habitat - a koala recently treated after a dog attack - grabbed around the neck and suffered swelling and trauma.

If an animal is moved from their home range in an urban environment and is forced to travel large distances to get back there, then they are put at great risk with all the obstacles that an urban environment offers such as roads, fences and of course the domestic dog.

The more that forested land is removed for housing estates, agriculture, industry and mining the greater the pressure on the koala (and other species). This is 100% the cause of the decline of koalas in this country. Diseases such as chlamydia, being hit by cars and attacked by dogs are a symptom of habitat removal.

A koala's home range is his or her castle for life.



Home ranges showing social hierarchy.

Clinical Director's Report



Since the last Gum Tips, hospital life has gone from very quiet, admission wise to quite a spike in numbers in late August, which is not all that unusual. Sadly we have had a few who did not make it, but we certainly have had some successful releases.

We are likely to see a few more chlamydial cases as the weather warms up. Things are very dry at the moment which is of concern - we don't want the heat of last summer again!

There are a number of young males coming through our doors. These koalas have dispersed from their mothers home range (see article on Moving Koalas pp4-5) and are struggling to find somewhere to live while they grow up into big healthy adults. Many of these young males are found in some pretty poor locations where there are minimal trees and lots of obstacles such as busy roads, industry and close to the CBD.

It's hard for the hospital to decide what to do with them at times. The hospital has some interesting research projects coming up, one with Sydney University and one with Port Macquarie Hastings Council, all will be revealed in the next Gum Tips - watch this space!

Our Koalaseum is certainly attracting lots of visitors which is quite fantastic, with many people spending quite a bit of time

in there. There is lots to read and absorb, things to touch and buttons to press. The microscope is certainly being Well used. In the Jean Starr walkway "Trees of Knowledge" is also attracting a lot of attention as well. Of course our koala patients are as always the number One attraction.

In late September there will be a major upheaval to the "engine room" of the koala hospital - the treatment clinic area. Its all looking a bit tired and as the hospital has grown so much we have decided to change the whole design and make it far more user friendly for both staff and so the visitors can have a better viewing experience of what we do.

Consequently, it will be a bit of a disaster for a few weeks while the entire contents of the treatment clinic is moved out into the dayroom (common room) and the staff will have to have morning teas etc way up in the back education shed (oh no). So we apologise to all visitors ahead of time that it will be bedlam for a few weeks but hopefully the end result will be so much better.

Lets hope for good rain and pleasant summer temperatures over the coming months.

Cheyne Flanagan

Zumba for Koalas!

Celebrating 5 years as a Licensed Zumba Instructor, Krista organized a fundraiser for our much loved local Koalas. One word for the night's Dance Party to celebrate the 5th Anniversary was "Amazing".

kindly donated to the Koala Hospital to assist in caring for the many sick and injured Koalas they receive every year.

Thank you ladies for your kind donation!



The Zumba group in full regalia.

Everyone looked so sweet & sassy wearing hats and feathers as they danced and raffled prizes during the evening. The proceeds of \$200 were



Kip Harris a Koala Hospital Volunteer and Tour Guide giving a brief chat about the hospital and a big thank you for the donation.

From the President's Pen



Another three months have flown by very quickly. The visitors arrive in a steady stream and love to see our patients and the new education display, as well as enjoying the wonderful bush setting that we are fortunate to reside in.

Our 2nd National Koala Conference was a huge success and all participants are looking forward to the next one, which will be held in a couple of years. All attendants agreed that the information they received is invaluable to their continued work with Koalas and that the quality of the guest speakers was wonderful.

At the same time the conference was being held, we also had the Hello Koala Festival, this brought a lot of colour to Port Macquarie and heightened interest in the plight of our unique icon. Both locals and visitors alike enjoyed seeing these wonderful sculptures and loved all the things that this beautiful place has to offer.

There has also been a lot of controversy over the clearing of land and logging of trees in prime koala habitat, and we are partitioning and working with local, state and federal governments to change this practice. We still have a long way to go before a suitable compromise can be reached, but we have managed to stop some local clearing from going ahead with the help of our local council who recognise the importance of saving the koala and their habitat.

Research and conservation is very important and it is something that we are passionate about. All visitors are welcome, so come and see us. A good time to visit is at 3pm for 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.

Drive carefully as we have had a number of koalas hit by motor vehicles. Please report any incidents you see, as we have an ambulance operating 24/7. We look forward to seeing you and we love any feedback, just talk to the guides or the volunteers in the souvenir shop where there are lots of lovely goods to purchase.

Jane Duxberry

Thumbs Up

(Koalas have 2 thumbs on each hand)



Thumbs up to the couple who had removed Pacific Dufus from a very busy and dangerous road situation. They managed to get him half way up a small tree and put a blanket over his head.



Thumbs up to the family who helped the rescuers cut a koala free from netting. He was one lucky koala, firstly the branch he was sitting on broke, then he landed in the middle of a pile of netting. Of course panic set in and he became tangled up.



Thumbs up to all the people who have taken advantage of the free trees on offer and planted them for future koalas to eat. There are still trees available if you care for the koalas.



Thumbs down to the people who had reported an injured koala on Facebook. By the time we get to read our Facebook it is too late to possibly save a young pouch joey.

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

Plant a Tree and Save a Koala

The Koala Hospital has a variety of Eucalypt seedlings at the hospital that are for all local residents in the Port Macquarie Hastings area.

The 2000 seedlings were grown and donated to the hospital by the Forestry Corporation at Grafton and the best feature of the seedlings is that they are free, so drop in and pick up one.....or more to plant!

The biggest threat to our koala population is loss of habitat, so you can do your bit for our iconic furry friends and plant a tree that will provide a future food source for our local koala population.

The 2nd National Koala Conference

The Koala Hospital decided to “bite the bullet” and hosted the second National Koala Conference at Port Macquarie in response to the many requests we received to hold another one due to the success of our first.

Staging an event like the national conference is a major undertaking and we certainly had a good team. We had been fortunate to organise an excellent speaker line up and approximately 200 delegates attended the three day conference held at Rydges Port Macquarie.



Koala Hospital Clinical Director Cheyne Flanagan greeting all the guests on the first day of the Conference.

The delegates came from right across Australia with some international attendees as well. The theme for the conference was the same as 2013 - “Their future is in our hands”.

The Conference presenters came from a variety of professional fields – ecologists, biologists, veterinarians, government agencies, university researchers and wildlife rehabilitators.

Topics ranged from understanding the koalas gut microbiome (the fauna that live in the intestinal tract) to bark eating koalas. Other presentations on how and why various drugs do and don't work in koalas, successful and not successful drug treatments, koala behaviour, the effects of climate change on koala habitat, training dogs not to attack koalas, and technological advances in field research work. The list of topics was quite extensive.

While all of the conference presentations were extremely interesting, some were genuinely sad, particularly the issues with the Blue Gum plantations in western Victoria. Without a doubt the major thread throughout the entire conference was that the continual removal of vegetation/habitat throughout the koalas range in Australia is the cause of the decline of this iconic species.



Guest speaker /presenter Dr. Damien Higgins addressing the participants at the Conference.

A gathering of this nature is extremely worthwhile as not only are the latest research findings able to be shared with those in the audience, but it is a very important opportunity for people to network. This is where people from the many different



Ecologist Rebecca Montague-Drake from Port Macquarie Hastings Council who was a presenter at the conference.

disciplines can meet each other and form good relationships for future collaboration in research and also to simply “put a face” to someone they may have communicated with over the phone or email.



L-R: Catherine, Sharyn, Jennifer, Gaby and Carole just 5 of the Koala Hospital volunteers who attended the conference.

The 2nd National Koala Conference

Delegates can also learn a lot from each other during these networking sessions. We think there might have been quite a few bottles of fine wine consumed at night chatting about new research findings or husbandry changes.



The amazing Z Chords performing their rendition of "I love a Koala" at the dinner to a very appreciative audience.

Without a doubt the highlight of the conference was the conference dinner. We were fortunate to have some wonderful entertainment. The singer/songwriter Dave Norman has written and sang a beautiful song about koalas – there were a few tears with this one (see our Facebook page). We also were entertained by a very funny ukulele group, the Z Chords from Port Macquarie who had also written a song about koalas.

Our after dinner speaker was Steve Austin, who is arguably one of the worlds best dog trainers. Steve trains scent detection dogs – drugs, food, cadavers etc.

His field of work now extends to wildlife work training dogs to target specific species particularly scats (poo). Steve gave a hilarious account of some of the things that have gone on in airport detection work. He also brought along a female springer spaniel "Taz", to show scat detection.



Steve Austin and the amazing "Taz". He astounded the audience with his capability of being able to source the koala scat.

What an amazing dog, she was to actually locate a tiny pile of koala poo in a room filled with koala people.

At the conference dinner, the Koala Hospital also surprised everyone with the announcement of the inaugural "Golden Leaf Awards of Excellence" which we wish to see happen regularly. We felt that there is so much amazing work being done throughout Australia by people trying to conserve the koala, that we felt it was high time they were acknowledged for their efforts – basically what we like to think of as the Koala Academy Awards.



L-R: The winners Damien Higgins, Lorraine Vass, Faye Wedrowicz, Adam Polkinghorne and Tracey Wilson.

The Golden Leaf Awards of Excellence winners were:

Research Institution

Associate Professor Adam Polkinghorne
University of the Sunshine Coast Qld

Spirit in Science – Community Outreach

Associate Professor Damien Higgins
Koala Health Hub
University Sydney NSW

Young Researcher

Faye Wedrowicz
Federation University Victoria

Wildlife Rehabilitation Group

President Lorraine Vass
Friends of the Koala – Northern Rivers NSW

Individual

Tracey Wilson
Mosswood Koala and Wildlife Shelter
Koroit Victoria

All delegates went away with their heads full of new information and their address books full of contacts. We learnt a lot from each other during those three days. Feedback from the conference has also shown that everyone enjoyed their time spent amongst like minded people immensely.

Koalas and Dogs - Million Paws Walk

Every year the RSPCA holds their 'Million Paws Walk', and this year the Koala Hospital was invited to attend on Oxley Oval, Port Macquarie.

On the Koala Hospital stand was a taxidermy Koala and this turned quite a few heads. With many children enjoying a pat of the soft fur and for 50c you could guess how many Koala poo pellets were in the jar. Did you know that a Koala can do up to 200 of these a day!



An inquisitive whippet was kept wondering what kind of dog our taxidermy koala wasto no avail.

A prize for guessing the correct number of 470 was displayed.

It was a beautiful sunny day, which saw a host of dogs owners out to enjoy the day and all tails were wagging as the many and varied breeds of dogs walked around the oval together and were very social. The Koala Hospital stand provided information on koalas, the need to care for their habitat along with koala awareness for dog owners.



Our "stationary" koala keeping an ever watchful eye on proceedings on the day.



Koala Hospital volunteer Jennifer Baker who manned the stand for the hospital, sold raffle tickets and answered all questions asked.

If you live in an area where koalas reside, we advise you to please keep your dogs inside at night if possible or place on a lead until morning as koalas are mostly active at night. If a koala is in your yard with your dog, please restrain or remove the dog from the area.

If the Koala does not move on, please quickly grab a clothes basket, place it over the top of the koala and keep in place, then call our hotline immediately.

Our rescue phone number is 6584 1522.

Our volunteers are on call 24 hours a day/7 days a week and they will safely remove the koala from your yard.

Dog attacks on Koalas

Dog attacks on koalas are still an ongoing problem within the Port Macquarie Hastings area and they are especially prevalent during the months from mid winter till the end of summer, which is the koala mating season and when koalas are more prone to movement.

Dog attacks on koalas currently amount to approximately 10 per cent of the admissions to the Koala Hospital annually, so try to keep our furry friends in mind with the suggestions that we have mentioned above.



Kaylee's

GUM NUTS KOLUMN

Brrrr! and hello to everyone. Whatever happened to the nice warmer weather we've had recently? I'm trying to stay warm by being curled up, and I have overheard one of our visitors say "Oh look, Kaylee looks like a big fur ball!".

I thought that was rather cute until I found out that an animal called a cat brings up fur balls! Oh, how indignant...not only to be called a fur ball but to be a regurgitated fur ball as well! Yuk, enough of that.

Just recently, I noticed a commotion in Elparra David's yard so I climbed a little higher to have a better view and I saw Alpha Cheyne place 'jewellery' around El's neck (we have nicknames for ourselves but we only use them when no one's around...but I let that one slip).

Anyway, I later found out that it wasn't jewellery at all, but it was a Radio Tracking collar and it's not used to listen to music, apparently El's 'modelling' it to see if they are comfortable and that he can move around without any problems.

The reason being that there is going to be a joint research project between the Koala Hospital and Southern Cross University to radio track koalas using GPS tracking and visual sightings. Can't say anymore that but, stay tuned.

Just because I have only one eye, it doesn't mean that I don't notice what is going on in yards further away and recently we have had quite a few male juvenile koalas being admitted. It's very comforting to know that we have a very special hospital for sick koalas, but these poor males are here because they are 'dispersed' and that's not a disease but it's not pleasant either!

These males can't find an area to call home! Young sub adult males can live at the far edge of a 'social grouped' range or they can move on to find their own unoccupied habitat (or home range), but because of habitat loss it's becoming increasingly difficult.

Not enough food trees, forced to eat poor quality leaf and while searching for good habitat, koalas

encounter dogs, busy roads, housing and they become very stressed, weak and ill. Not a good thing for their, or any koalas future. Very sad. It's not too late to help us. By conserving remaining habitat and replanting as many of our food trees wherever possible is a positive start! The Koala Hospital have young saplings/trees ready to plant - and the good news is that they are free - so please come in to get one or even two!

So, my dear friends there's plenty to think about and for this aged koala it's time for what you call a 'Nana nap'. Before I do though, I best have a little snack of my leaf - it's my favourite, yummy Swamp Mahogany today.

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 turned out to be in quite good condition and as he had been found in an area not known for having a good koala habitat, so he was 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**



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
30.12.15	Shelly Beach Scratchy	Swollen left ankle and foot	Euthanased
03.06.16	Emerald Downs Mary	Glaucoma right eye, damaged left eye	Permanent
26.07.16	HKPS Jo Lo	Cryptococcosis	Euthanased
24.08.16	Guyra Allan	Both eyes injured/diseased	Treating
18.10.16	Kennedy Easy	On ground	Euthanased
31.01.17	PSK Tolley	On ground	Treating
26.03.17	Morcombe Rick	Wet Bottom	Treating
11.04.17	Long Point Drive Mitch	Wet Bottom	Euthanased
27.04.17	Mariners Cathie	Possible wet bottom	Treating
10.05.17	Ocean Malakie	On ground	Died
15.05.17	Lord Nicole	Sitting in middle of road	Released
18.05.17	Wauchope Peter	MVA	DOA
22.05.17	Rushcutter Denise	Low in tree	Released
22.05.17	Wayfield Riley	Unknown	DOA
25.05.17	Emerald Downs Jen	Old age	Euthanased
27.05.17	Bodalla Bob	Bad right eye & black testes	Released
27.05.17	Yarrabee Scott	Dragging left front paw	Treating
29.05.17	Armidale Maryanne	Unknown	Euthanased
06.06.17	Amira Boo Boo	In yard with dogs	Released
19.06.17	Clarence Neville	Strange behavior	Released
22.06.17	Yarran Terry	Bad eyes	Euthanased
23.06.17	Amira Boo Boo	In yard with dogs	Released
24.06.17	Lake Cathie Brent	Dog attack	Released
25.06.17	Oxley Leni	MVA	Released
25.06.17	Wrights Peter	Broken leg	Died
27.06.17	Town Beach Hope	Unsafe location	Released
28.06.17	Davoren Ted	Wet Bottom	Treating
02.07.17	Waniora Kobi	In yard with dogs	Released
02.07.17	Lord Eddie	Dog attack	Released
03.07.17	Kadina Lisa	Health check	Released
04.07.17	Kingfisher Rose	Bilateral glaucoma	Euthanased
15.07.17	Uralla Dane	Dehumanising	Treating
15.07.17	Inverell Nick	Dehumanising	Treating
18.07.17	Lake Geobbrie	MVA	DOA
19.07.17	Cunning Brian	In yard with dogs	Released

Admitted	Name	Reason	Result
22.07.17	Oxley Leni	MVA	Euthanased
27.07.17	Oxley Matthew	MVA	Released
29.07.17	St Andrews Coco	Fell from tree & entangled in netting	Released
30.07.17	Ocean Bill	MVA	Died
31.07.17	Denehurst Pavel	Nose trauma	Treating
04.08.17	Lord Bernie	Wrong area	Released
04.08.17	Pacific Dufus	On busy road	Released
05.08.17	Myoora Jarrah	Abandoned joey	Homecare
06.08.17	Byabarra Jones	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Treating
10.08.17	Lord Joe	On busy road	Released
11.08.17	Reading Leslie	On ground	Died
13.08.17	Ocean Drive Pat	On ground - possible wet bottom	Died
13.08.17	Pacific Tragedy	MVA	DOA
13.08.17	Town Beach Hope	In yard with dogs	Released
14.08.17	Riverside Drive Bear	Conjunctivitis	Treating
14.08.17	Emerald Downs Dicky	Unknown	DOA
15.08.17	Granite Baxter	In yard with dogs	Released
15.08.17	Lord Bernie	Unsafe location	Released
15.08.17	Ackroyd Chris	In yard with dogs	Released
18.08.17	Roto Mehdi	Dog attack	DOA
18.08.17	Opal Benny	Joey - Fell from tree	Died
18.08.17	William Blackfish	On road	Released
19.08.17	Milton Will	Unsafe location	Released
19.08.17	Opal Jenny	Trap - cuts on face	Treating
19.08.17	Town Beach Hope	MVA	Released

Visit from the Taronga Zoo Ladies

Throughout Australia volunteers assist with caring for many different animals. We had the pleasure recently to share the morning with 5 lovely ladies who are all volunteers at the Taronga Zoo. Their love for work and animals is evident, as they have been volunteers for Taronga between 15 and 25 years.

At the Koala Hospital we only need to learn about one species of animal when providing information to our visitors, but these ladies learn about all the Australian Native Animals.

Their visit to the Koala Hospital was about 8 months in the planning, but they finally made it. The ladies all enjoyed their 'behind the scenes' tour and meeting with our Clinical Director for a brief chat.

The highlight was of course meeting our very beautiful koala Oxley Kaylee, (with our Ocean Summer sneaking into the photo behind).

Volunteers carry out many varied jobs within all communities. If you are a local or new to Port Macquarie and would love to help our Koalas, please see the volunteers at our Kiosk for more information.



The ladies from Taronga Zoo doing a meet and greet with our very own Oxley Kaylee who is always keen for a photo opportunity.

Become a Volunteer

The Koala Hospital has volunteer positions that range from growing seedlings, cleaning, planting trees, maintenance, tour guides, Koala yards, adoptions, administration, rescue, fundraising and donation boxes – just to name a few. If you are interested, just call 6584 1522 and make an enquiry.

2017 Calendar

September 19	Management Meeting	10.00am
October 17	Management Meeting	10.00am
November 21	Management Meeting	10.00am
December 19	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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Just one of the many inquisitive visitors we get daily at the Koala Hospital.



An adult male drinking water from a container highlights the signs of suffering from renal problems.



Just some of the visitors who volunteer Jennifer Baker spent her day with at the Million Paws Walk.



Trainee student Krystal changing the leaf while Emerald Downs Mary looks on.



HKPS Tolley is an adult male who is just feeling very poorly.



The Koala Hospital Ambulance just returned from a rescue and ready for the next call.



The new Trees of Knowledge exhibit recently opened on the Jean Starr Walk.



Juveniles Uralla Dane and Inverell Nick enjoying the view while being dehumanised.



Volunteer Sue Marsh feeding the morning formula to a very hungry Maria River Road Ian.



Elparra David receiving his morning formula and fitted with the trial radio tracking collar.



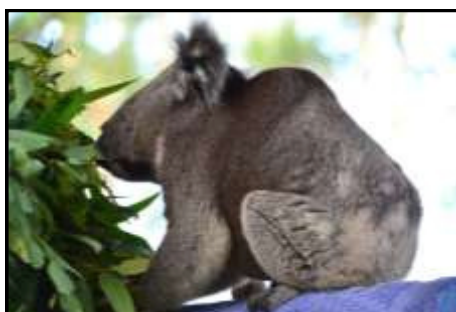
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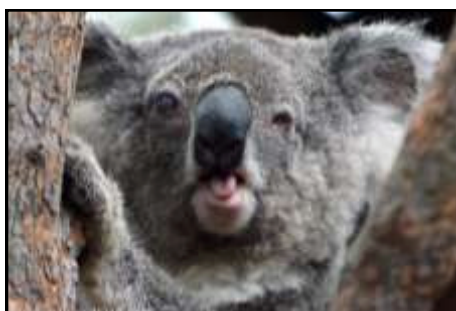
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