



Gum Tips

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Westhaven Barry

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In July 2008, one of our staff brought in a small, weedy unwell little male koala found lying flat in the middle of a road, who everyone thought at first was a joey as he was so small. The "joey" turned out to be a four to five year old small male koala with a pronounced curvature of the spine and an unusual shortened body and he was christened "Barry". Barry was so unwell we really didn't think he would make it, but with lots of good nutrition and fluids, he bounced back and he certainly flourished. Within a few weeks, Barry was moved to one of the outside yards to recuperate.

As he had quite a pronounced scoliosis/kyphosis (curvature of the spine to the right and also out) staff felt he should not be released back to the wild as he obviously had not coped, nor did we want his genetics being spread amongst the already struggling Westhaven koala population.

This little male koala turned out to be a real character. Barry became so well, he decided to escape from every yard we put him in. It became the daily call at the hospital "Where's Barry?". We always found him rather easily (he wasn't that clever). And this is where the "Barry" toy koala idea came from, that we sell in the kiosk and his legend remains.

As Barry matured and grew (well he didn't grow much bigger at all really) so did his scoliosis/kyphosis. We always knew that his time with us would be limited as this problem usually ends up causing koalas to suffer badly.

Barry had his ups and downs. Sometimes he was extremely well and looked brilliant and then sometimes he would become ill again and go downhill and there were many times the decision to send him to the big gum tree in the sky almost happened. Barry always seemed to bounce back with nine lives!! Eventually he settled down and gave up escaping his yard (we did make it very, very Barry proof) and due to his location at the

hospital Barry became the star with thousands of visitors seeing him comfortably snoozing in his favourite spot, or chomping on his favourite leaf or watching him devour his daily milk formula. He was also very popular on the Adopt a Wild Koala scheme. In recent years, Barry began to glisten with good health, he gained weight and for a small, short funny little koala with a big hump on his back he looked magnificent.

Barry taught many veterinarians, researchers and wildlife carers about scoliosis/kyphosis in koalas and what to look for. He tolerated these examinations very well. He became the favourite of many volunteers here at the hospital even in spite of his grumpy nature. One of the main characteristics of advanced scoliosis/kyphosis in koalas is an inability to get a full lung of air. Koalas tend to compensate by sitting/sleeping with their forearms resting above their heads on a branch.

This tends to open up the chest cavity and allows both good air intake and relieves the pressure. We all observed that Barry was increasingly sitting in this position, and just before he deteriorated, he began to lose weight even though he was eating well. The time was nigh.

Finally Barry decided that he wasn't even interested in food anymore and we all knew that this special little koala was ready to go, so a decision was made and Barry finally went to the Great Gum Tree in the sky.

So when you hear the breeze gently blowing through the eucalypt trees, look up and listen, for this is the spirit of the koala calling to you, and now there is an extra little voice singing along too.



Barry enjoying his gunyah and his horde of admirers

Newspaper Delivery with a Difference!

Ruth has been delivering newspapers to the Koala Hospital for some years. The old papers are used to cover the floors of the Intensive Care Units (ICU's).

Koala Hospital volunteer Gerry Walsh always seem to be the lucky one to be there, each time she needs a hand to carry the boxes of papers in to the Koala Hospital.

This time Gerry managed to drag some more help along to....er...look at the car...I mean HELP carry the papers in!

Ruth is 90 years old and her car is a Mazda 1200 Station Wagon — she bought it brand new in 1974 and it is still going as strong today (just like the driver).

Her mechanic “will get the car eventually” she says. Somehow, I think he’s going to have a wait a while.



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A Cause for Celebration!

At the recent Workshop held for Koala Rehabilitation in Port Macquarie by the Koala Hospital to help educate local wildlife groups in the care of koalas a presentation was made to Cheyne Flanagan, Clinical Director of the hospital.

Cheyne was presented with a celebratory cake to mark the anniversary of her 15th year in her role of care for the koalas at the hospital.



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

The WIRES N.S.W. Koala Rehabilitation

The Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie had the great pleasure of hosting/presenting a two day Koala Rehabilitation Workshop on the 25th and 26th July for WIRES NSW (a large wildlife rescue group in NSW).

We also hosted members of Hunter Koala Society, Native Animal Trust Fund and Lismore Friends of the Koala. There were around 80 people in attendance for the two day workshop.



Day One of the workshop held at the University of NSW Rural Clinical Medical School Lecture Theatre.



"All" of the audience were interested in the information on Koalas.

The University of NSW Rural Clinical Medical School quite generously allowed us the use of their wonderful tiered lecture theatre and lounge

and kitchen facilities for the first day of the workshop.

The first day was devoted to teaching all the attendees about the social structure and behaviour of koalas. Capture and handling methods, zoonoses, admission procedures, ageing koalas and data collection. Also included were the common to unusual problems that cause wild koalas to come into care such as chlamydia, dog attacks etc. We also presented on bushfires and joey care. Presentations on the



Cheyne Flanagan the Clinical Director of the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital sharing her knowledge with the audience.

Workshop — Port Macquarie July 2015

Saturday were conducted by the Koala Hospital Clinical Director Cheyne Flanagan and Hospital Supervisor Yon Veenstra.

All the catering on the weekend was done by two of the Hospital volunteers Ian and Katie Martin and everyone was treated to yummy morning and afternoon teas and lunches. We also had the use of an automated coffee/hot chocolate machine lent to us from a local company Advanced Coffee Systems, this little extra touch was well received!!

etc). Then it was a change of pace with everyone practicing a mock capture of a koala in the grounds of Macquarie Nature Reserve.

After morning tea (a full tummy is better) attendees were also shown two deceased koalas who were dissected showing what happens in the cases of chlamydia and dog attack injuries.

By lunchtime everyone was exhausted but we still managed to have a final "chat session" on various koala issues. Everyone seemed to be very happy with the weekend and the information supplied (we certainly were) and the workshop closed at 12pm.

We found all the attendees were very interested and asked lots of questions and we are looking forward to the next one in a year or two.



Surgical masks donned in preparation for the post mortems.

On Day Two, the participants were hosted at the Koala Hospital itself which was a bit of a mighty task sorting everyone into groups.

The Koala Hospital staff excelled themselves in teaching correct leaf arrangement and explaining why our facilities are specifically constructed in the fashion they are, (describing cage furniture



The post mortem in progress with a very attentive audience.



Workshop Day 2 and attendees practising their capture techniques with a less than impressed "Scruffy" in the foreground.

Clinical Director's Report



June and July have been relatively quiet admission wise here which has, and has not been unusual. Admission numbers usually start to increase mid winter as breeding season gets underway, but the koalas didn't read this textbook this year with July remaining quiet as well.

At the time of writing this in August, there are many more calls from the public and there is now an increase in koala patients as well. Admissions are mainly due to chlamydia which is normal this time of year.

Sadly we have had a few motor vehicle impact and dog attack patients. It's the time when the males are moving around in their home ranges seeking females plus some "shuffling" of home ranges is occurring as well - hence the interaction with humans.

Our new yards are looking very swish and very natural. The koalas seem to be very appreciative

of the new designs as well, and are more often than not seen sunning themselves in the early mornings.

It has been very cold here and very dry as well. While weather predictions for good rain in the next next few months is not looking good, we all hope that will change. Otherwise the summer coming is looking rather scary.

Our recent 2 day presentation workshop of Koala rehabilitation for WIRES NSW, Hunter Koala Society, Native Animal Trust Fund, and Friends of the Koala Lismore was a great success and we really enjoyed hosting this weekend.

The Fourth edition of the Koala Rehabilitation Manual is now for sale at the hospital shop and also online at our website. We are so glad that has been done and dusted. Yippee.

Cheyne Flanagan

The Koala in Captivity

There is a myth abounding that koalas are cute, cuddly quiet animals - but like any animal a koala will certainly try to defend itself when threatened. They have very powerful curved sharp claws, plus sharp teeth that can inflict some nasty injuries and with a loud growling scream, a koala can certainly put on a formidable show.

Captive bred koalas ie. those koalas born in zoo situations are usually quite amenable to human contact and do breed quite well even in confined situations provided they are given optimal quality leaf and good conditions. Most adult wild koalas will accept human medical treatment and nursing care if brought in for disease or injury reasons, although some remain very fearful and stay in a "wild state" for the whole time they are being looked after.

Nonetheless, the majority of wild koalas certainly revert back to their wild state when they have been released back into their home range areas. Very young joeys abandoned or orphaned by their mothers can be successfully hand raised by human foster carers, who they happily accept as surrogate mothers (providing food, warmth and security) until weaning which is around 12-15 months of age. Joeys at the Koala Hospital are put in "kindy" yards, which is a pre-release yard with trees, quality leaf and quite minimal human

contact. Once the joey has reached the desired release weight, and has exhibited normal wild behaviour then they are ready for release.

This is usually done in groups of two or three of the joeys together in areas well away from human habitation. Follow up research seems to show that this is the most successful method to ensure long term survival.

The hand raising of unfurred "pinkie" joeys still remains a controversial and a very difficult area as unlike macropods (kangaroo etc.) or wombat pinkies, very small koala pinkies still remain a huge challenge to pull them through to being furred and ultimately released.

Most wildlife workers feel that this is due to their very distinct gut system, and the fact that koala mothers milk contains antibodies throughout the entire lactation period.



A koala pinkie on its way to the moutthers pouch

From the *President's* Pen



The Koala Hospital is in good hands. We have seen the work to rescue and rehabilitate koalas continue with the help of our staff and volunteers (currently over 200) who carry out their responsibilities in all areas of the work with passion and zeal as have those before us since Jean and Max Starr commenced the work in 1973.

I pay tribute to Cheyne Flanagan our Clinical Director who has been with us for over 15 years. Cheyne and her team are responsible for the successful recovery of the koalas that are then returned to the wild.

Some are unable to be returned and will retire here at the Koala Hospital. Cheyne also carries out training of groups who work with koalas or are enrolled in TAFE or other courses. Without the volunteers that work in all the other areas of the koala hospital we would not be able to achieve any of the good work and results that are accomplished in the clinical area.

Our volunteer teams include maintenance of the hospital and yards; education of the people that visit including coach and school groups also through our media contacts; fundraising including the souvenir kiosk (and online shop), the adopt a koala program and donation boxes throughout our local retail community. Because the Koala Hospital is not Government funded we rely on donations, grants and bequests from our supporters.

Our association is managed by an 11 member committee who are all involved in the various aspects of the work at the Koala Hospital. I pay tribute to all the executive and members of the committee and acknowledge retiring secretary Geoff who has carried out the role since 2011, but will continue to work in other areas of the hospital. I also miss Robyne who had managed the souvenir kiosk from 2012 and achieved unparalleled success.

While the committee has the overall responsibility of the work of the Koala Hospital we are all part of an incredible team that achieves amazing outcomes for our Aussie Icon, the Koala.

Bob Sharpham

Thumbs Up

(Koalas have 2 thumbs on each hand)



Thumbs up to staff of the Walcha Royal Hotel Café for making our volunteers welcome when we pick up sick or injured koalas at Walcha.



Thumbs up to the gentleman who put a basket over a koala who was disoriented and sat with it wrapped in a doona.



Thumbs down to the two hit and run drivers who hit koalas recently and then drove off without stopping.



Thumbs up to the kind people who stopped to help those two koalas and then called the Koala Hospital.



Thumbs up to the generous people who donate their excess towels for the use of the Koala Hospital.

Overseas Volunteers in Focus

Name: Saskia Wilson

Age: 19

Resides: England

Occupation: Student

How did you find out about the Hospital?:

Through my godmother Linda Philp who is a volunteer at the Koala Hospital.

Why did you Volunteer and for how long?:

I volunteered in July 2015 for one month. I thought it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to work with the koalas. It also gave me work experience with different animals in preparation for university.

What was your experience like?:

It was fantastic! Everybody was so friendly and helpful and the koalas are just so cute.

Who was your favourite Koala?:

Without doubt it was Lake Geobbrie, because he is so cheeky and also so greedy, especially when it comes to his feeding time.



Saskia in the process of a feeding session with the always hungry and ever attentive Lake Geobbrie.

Barry's Adventures in Wanderland

Barry was really excited – he'd received an offer he just couldn't refuse, so he packed his port and hurried to Sydney to board the iconic Indian Pacific train. Always a railway enthusiast, Barry was thrilled to be the assistant train driver to Lance, who was chief driver on the epic 4,352 kilometre journey across Australia, east to west – Sydney to Perth. It was an exciting ride but Barry was feeling a bit hungry for some of his gum leaves after the long crossing of the desert country known as the Nullarbor Plains – it means No Trees!



Getting off in Perth to visit his friend Larry, he thought the King's Park Botanic Garden would have a good supply of gum leaves but was astonished to see instead a giant Boab Tree – also called a bottle tree. This 750 year-old tree named 'Gija Jumula' was a gift of the Gija people located in the Kimberley area of Western Australia and had travelled 3,200 kilometres south to Perth on a truck to be planted in the Gardens where it was thriving.



Having crossed Australia east to west, Barry put on his explorers boots and re-joined Lance to drive the other great Aussie train, 'The Ghan' to cross the country from south to north.



They started the trip in Adelaide and travelled 3,000 kilometres north to the tropical city of Darwin. Barry learned that the famous train was named in honour of all the Afghan camel drivers who helped explore the vast Australian interior in the late 19th century.



The tropical weather in Northern Australia suited

Barry so well he decided to join John and Lucia on an exploration of Cooktown and the Cape York Peninsula in Far North Queensland. This remote area is regarded as one of the last remaining wilderness areas on Earth and Barry made sure he sampled plenty of leaves in the huge tracts of eucalypt forests he saw there.

A bit further south on the Queensland coast Barry met up with Michael and Pierre in Townsville and they caught the ferry across the azure tropical waters to the mysterious Magnetic Island. Sitting at about 8 kms off the coast, the island is a favoured holiday area and National Park. History has it that Captain Cook named the island on his exploration of the Australian east coast in 1770 because it had a very strange magnetic effect on his navigation instruments. Barry had heard that magnets are good for health so he basked in the magic atmosphere and felt really well.



Barry checked his passport and jetted over to Austria to see his dear friends Sabina and Harald. They'd heard that there had been some new scientific discoveries regarding the mummified Neolithic Man that had been found in the South Tyrolean Alps in 1991 and were keen to know more.

At the Museum of Archaeology in Lower Austria a new and updated replica of Oetzi, The Iceman, was on view and Barry got up close and personal to get in touch with prehistoric times.

His new friend Isaline took Barry to beautiful Paris and after an intense shopping afternoon on the Avenue des Champs-Elysees they had a car ride around the Arc de Triomphe in the extremely crazy traffic.



Taking things a bit more calmly, he joined Anne and Amittie for a picnic in the park to get an eyeful of the Eiffel Tower (Giggle!). He had often visited it



before and had always wondered if it might be fun to climb the iron latticework tower to the top. Not this time though.

His old pal Bea had invited Barry to join her in Sweden where they then visited the famous IKEA factory. He was so fascinated by the

hard to pronounce names that all the pieces of furniture were given and while he seriously considered buying a few pieces to take home, he thought his two thumbs on



each front paw might make using an Allen key for assembly a little bit difficult.

So, Bea and Barry then crossed over to Denmark and toured the capital



city of Copenhagen. Barry was very keen to get to the Royal Palace because he hoped to catch a glimpse of Princess Mary, the beautiful Australian girl who married the Danish Crown Prince Frederik. No sighting this time but he did love to think of her being a princess in an ancient and beautiful palace.

Going even further north, Barry joined Jana and her friend 'The Elk' in Finland where they crossed the Arctic Circle near Rovaniemi. It was fortunate



there was no snow and ice so they could actually see the line on the ground and jump over it.

Changing continents now, Barry joined Janet and Nigel in Halifax, Nova Scotia for an extremely solemn occasion. They had come to pay their own respects to the many souls lost in the terrible sinking of the Titanic cruise



liner in 1912. Halifax was the closest city to the scene of the disaster and 115 graves are located there as well as a grand replica of the ill fated White Star Line vessel.

Heading south for some sunshine, Barry and Mona met up in the Giant Forest in the Sequoia National Park in California. Barry was so pleased to see some trees again even if they weren't eucalypts.

They were so very impressed by the General Sherman Tree - the largest known living single tree stem on Earth.

Barry did think that some of the trees back home in Oz might come a close second in height though.

On his way home now, Barry didn't know he was about to have the fright of his life. He met his good friends Charlotte and Tim on Stewart Island, 30 kms south of the south island of New Zealand.



He was feeling super brave as they put on his special floaty coat and then into a protective bubble-bag and took him underwater in a shark-diving cage. Great White sharks were swimming in the water just inches from him, looking him right in the eye. Aarrghh! It was soooo scary!

Pleased to be back on dry land again, Barry hot-footed it back to Australia to catch up with his good mates Bryce and Nathan in Sydney. They'd arranged a surprise visit for him – to be on the set of 'The Voice, Australia'.

It's a top-rating reality TV talent contest and Barry had often had a lot of dreams of making an appearance on it.



Would the celebrity coaches turn their chairs for him? Perhaps in his dreams they might.

Ready for home now, after another exhausting worldwide holiday he made his way back to the Koala Hospital singing one of his favourite tunes quietly to himself as he went, 'Give me a home among the gum trees...'



Koala Hospital News Roundup

In Remembrance of Westhaven Barry

Gum Tree Lane

Westhaven Barry went to sleep and as he slept he started to dream. In his dream, he walks down a tree-lined street, "It smells like heaven," he thinks. Of course it does, it is Gum Tree Lane.

He smells nicholii on his left, to his right stands a sturdy swamp mahogany. "Do I feel like nicholii or swamp today?" he thinks, before he can decide, he hears his name. Looking up, he sees a familiar face, "Greenmeadows Alex!" he calls out.

"See ya around, mate!" says Alex, before he dashes off without a limp. Intrigued, Barry then decides to keep exploring, as he ventures further down Gum Tree Lane he sees old friends waving at him. Having a scratch up in the Tallowood is Cherokee, bigger than he had ever been and with a mouth full of nicholii.

Amber says hi with her jaw looking just perfect, Richardson Jane sits quietly on her branch and gives him a wink. Steve and Tallimba chill out on the lawn drinking greedily from silver cups, they stop for a sec, give Barry a toast, white liquid dribbling down their chins.

"It's all-you-can-drink, mate!" they shout, "I'll join you later, boys" says Barry. And as he continues down the lane Roto Randy runs past him, "Can't talk now, mate," says Randy with a wink, then scales a lemon-scented gum at the speed of light.

Barry looks up and sees the three ladies in the tree, "Ah, some things never change" he thinks, chuckling. Standing there watching his old friend, he hears a familiar voice call out to him "Over here, Barry!". There on the other side of the lane stood Emerald Downs Barbara, her two eyes shining brightly. Barry runs to her and gives her a big hug

"You can see!" he cheers, "Yes, I can," she says. "But I almost couldn't recognise you without your hump". "What do you

mean?" asks Barry, and he turns his head to look at his back - No hump.

"Things are different here, Barry," says Barbara. "We want you to stay here, Will you?". Barry looks back at where he had come from, he didn't realise it earlier. He feels no pain, no discomfort, he feels alive! "I'll stay, Barbara," he says with a smile, "Of course I'll stay on Gum Tree Lane".

Volunteer Val Looi

A Memory of Barry

I was feeding Barry on his gunyah and he was doing his usual thing of walking back and forth at the same time. He had walked up to the other end and I leaned on the gunyah with my elbow and was talking to the assembled visitors, around 10 people. Next thing I know Barry nipped me on my elbow to let me know I was in his way.

Yes, there was a big reaction as I jumped much to the delight of the visitors. It didn't bring blood but it certainly smarted for a while.....Love you Barry.

Volunteer Pam Whippy

Westhaven Barry was a much admired icon of the hospital and will be missed by both the visitors and volunteers alike.





Kaylee's

GUM DROPS KOLUMN

Hi everyone! It's been a really cold winter and even we koalas have felt it – we've all been snuggled up and look like large furry balls sitting high in trees to be closer to the sun.

At the Koala Hospital it's been a mixture of sad times and then happier times. With the passing of my dear friend and neighbour Westhaven Barry it seemed like the whole world knew about him and his recent demise with a multitude of Facebook comments, local news articles and our regular visitors speaking about him to the volunteers.

He certainly made a big impression on all of us. He wasn't well in his last few days and struggled to be his old self and then the always extremely hard decision had to be made. We all looked at one another knowingly, I and all the volunteers miss you Westhaven Barry – even when you were just a grumpy ole koala!

Now for the happier times, looks like some of the people (in high gum trees) have been watching lots of Lifestyle programs – My Dream Home, Selling Houses Australia and of course Location, Location, Location.

I mention this to you because some of our 'homes' (gunyahs), have had a facelift! Yards are slowly being renovated and a few have already been finished. Wow! What a difference! We have much more climbing areas with gnarly branches angled at different heights and directions.

It's like a play gym for koalas! What I've noticed is that Pappinbarra Solange and Ocean Summer have really benefited from this more natural style of enclosure – they are much more active and curious about their surroundings. I'm sure they no

longer sleep for 18 hours a day – more like 16 hours. Solange is so spritely now – she must have gotten younger.

Ocean Summer has really come out of her shell – she was such a loner before sharing space with Solange. They seem to have a nanna and grand daughter relationship (if that's possible).

We also had lots of wildlife carers come around to see us. The Hospital held a koala rehabilitation workshop for WIRES. Carers from Native Animal Trust Fund, Hunter Preservation Society, Friends of the Koala and many other wildlife carers came to hear Cheyne and Yon speak about caring for joey's and koalas.

On the second day of the workshop everyone came to see us patients! We were so happy to hear all the lovely comments and it was great to see the volunteers guiding everyone around the hospital. It was like a giant walk and talk.

The volunteers also showed leaf cutting and placement. But what was really funny was seeing everyone have a turn, trying to capture 'invisible' koalas up in the trees at Roto House with their capturing poles and bags! They looked so silly!!! I had to laugh. But it's an important thing to know – so I should take it more seriously.

Seems like my laptop batteries are running low - so I'm going to recharge my laptop and myself by climbing higher in my tree to warm up and have a little sleep.

Until next time - take care everyone!



I miss you Barry x

Barry's Favourite Photo Competition Winner for September 2015



Janet – Photo of Train Drivers Barry and Lance

Congratulations!

Positions Vacant - The Koala Hospital Night Phones

One night each week, take details regarding koala rescues and answer any calls for information.

Night Rescues

Staff wanted for night rescues, there is training that will be required and you work in a team.

For all details contact Marilyn Lees at the hospital and all applicants must be local to Port Macquarie



Koala Hospital Activity Report

Admitted	Name	Reason	Result
11.07.08	Westhaven Barry	Scoliosis of spine	Euthanased 02.07.15
26.09.09	Oxley Kaylee	Left leg removed, damaged eye	Treating
26.10.12	Ocean Summer	Limited sight	Treating
26.10.12	Barrington Xavier	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Treating
21.11.13	Findlay Jill	Orphan Joey	Released 29.05.15
02.12.13	NATF Zenani	Bushfire victim	Treating
09.07.14	Kooloonbung Basil	De-humanising	Released 29.05.15
11.08.14	Pappinbarra Solange	Conjunctivitis	Treating
04.10.14	Reading Steffi	Conjunctivitis left eye	Treating
16.10.14	Watonga Wonder	On ground	Treating
16.02.15	Links Gordon	Abandoned Joey	De-humanising
18.02.15	Maria River Road Ian	On ground - lethargic	Treating
12.04.15	Acacia Tim	Discharge left eye	Released 14.05.15
23.04.15	O'Briens Road Zali	Dog attack	Released 09.06.15
29.04.15	Jindabyne Mick	Dog attack	Dead on Arrival
07.05.15	Bonny Hills Kelly	Suspect Chlamydia	Released 08.05.15
10.05.15	Flynn Shabby	Moribund	Euthanased 13.05.15
12.05.15	Oxley Tamara	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 13.05.15
20.05.15	Nowendoc Mark	Motor Vehicle Accident	Died 05.06.15
04.06.15	Lake Nicole	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 09.06.15
09.06.15	Lake Innes Lady	On ground	Euthanased 29.06.15
13.06.15	Mariners Way Dakota	On ground	Died 15.06.15
14.06.15	Ashford Mel	Bilateral Conjunctivitis	Died 23.06.15
16.06.15	Gloucester Rudyard	Motor Vehicle Accident	Died 02.07.15
24.06.15	Jonas Absolom Brigitte	Moribund	Euthanased 25.06.15
24.06.15	Kooloonbung Stevie	Found in bog	Dead on Arrival
25.06.15	Lake Geobbrie	Suspect Chlamydia	Treating
30.06.15	Allunga Michael	Dog attack	Died 02.07.15
03.07.15	Kempsey Sparky	In dangerous area - checked	Released 04.07.15
08.07.15	HKPS Flash	Eye cataract	Treating
09.07.15	Ocean Aaron	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
17.07.15	Rosehill Andie	In Yard with dogs - checked	Released 18.07.15
21.07.15	Hassal Chris	Conjunctivitis right eye	Treating
21.07.15	Mayworth Stannis	Conjunctivitis left eye	Treating
22.07.15	Warrego Joe	Dog attack	Released 30.07.15
20.07.15	Herschell Dylan	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
30.07.15	Trial Bay Gaol Pete	On ground	Treating
30.07.15	Bonny Hills Parker	On ground	Treating

A combined effort for Koalas

Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and Port Macquarie Landcare have teamed up to advance the Port Macquarie Koalas Hospital Koala Food Tree Forest that will provide expanded habitat for the North Shore koalas and a much needed, easily harvested food source for the Koalas in care at the hospital.

Recently, at the Landcare Nursery site Estelle Gough, President of Port Macquarie Landcare and Graham Hargreaves, Project Manager for the Maria River Koala Food Tree Forest, had worked together to put down 7000 seeds of four key eucalypt food species that local koalas favour.

The seedlings will be available for planting in late February to early March in 2016 on the Koala Hospital's site on the lower Maria River.

The Koala Hospital's Maria River site has a significant core koala habitat along with a parcel of cleared land that when planted with the aforementioned favoured eucalyptus species will provide the extra bonus of a food source for hospitalised koalas.

This is a significant wildlife initiative by the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and is only matched by Taronga Zoo's large 7000 tree eucalypt plantation that provides food for the Zoo's koalas and other browsing animals.

Both the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital and Port Macquarie Landcare group are looking forward to the prospect of working together in the planting process in early 2016.

Estelle Gough and Graham Hargreaves celebrating a combined effort.



Howdy Australia!



Walk and Talk volunteers Marilyn Lees and Jennifer Baker recently had a very busy morning at the Koala Hospital when they had a group of approx. 50 high school students who were visiting the hospital from Texas and Florida in the United States of America.

Christmas card range for 2015

Every year the Koala Hospital produces a range of colourful Christmas cards depicting past and present residents of the Koala Hospital. They are available from September and can be purchased online at ekiosk@koalahospital.org.au or from the kiosk at the Koala Hospital. They sell for \$2.50 each or the complete set of 7 cards for \$15. So this year give a card with a difference and help our fundraising, at the same time helping to protect our unique and precious native icon.



2015 Calendar

September 16	Management Meeting	10.00am
October 21	Management Meeting	10.00am
November 11	Management Meeting	10.00am
November 15	General Meeting	10.00am
December	No Management Meeting	

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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 and volunteer Mick Feeney enjoying each others company.



International volunteer Susanne Scheuter feeding formula to Barrington Xavier who always enjoys a good feed as his size will attest.



Pretty Maggie Mae looking very interested at the sight of a camera and willing to look her best for her Gum Tips camera shoot.



Inquisitive NATF Zenani checking out her visitor Barry who was doing the rounds with all his friends at the hospital.



Juvenile HKPS Jasmine being tended to prior to release after being dehumanised.



Oxley Kaylee just hanging around on her gunyah waiting for the next feeding time.



Pappinbara Solange and Ocean Summer playing follow the leader as they explore their newly renovated residence.



Astronomer Max as always looking extremely cute and cuddly for the next photo opportunity.



L-R Volunteers Sheila, Margaret and Gaby with Cheyne in the foreground celebrating their new headwear - a kind donation from a French visitor.



Cute Reading Steffi enjoying a morning meal before the rigours of being admired by all the visitors.



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