



# Gum Tips

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# Merry Christmas from the Koala Hospital Staff and Volunteers



It's that time of year again, so we thought it would be appropriate for the Koala Hospital Staff and Volunteers to wish you a very Merry Christmas. The Koala Hospital would not function without the tremendous efforts of these dedicated people.

They carry out the work at the hospital 365 days a year and look after our furry friends and help to rehabilitate and release the koalas back into their natural habitat.

But we also recognise the support of the public, both local and overseas, through bequests, donations, adoptions and supporting our kiosk through purchases both online and at the Koala Hospital.

So we hope if you have enjoyed your experience make sure to tell your friends about us, and also

come and visit us again, our koalas just love to see visitors and although they may be prone to a lot of daytime naps they do like to have their photos taken.

The photo above represents only a small portion of our volunteers, we have in excess of 180 volunteers that do at least one or more shifts during a normal week.

Those in pale green shirts are volunteers who work in the Kiosk and also as Tour Guides, the volunteers in the dark green shirts work in the hospital yards and while others are from our diligent maintenance team.

Our Supervisory Team are in blue shirts and our arborists and tree climbers are in orange shirts. They rescue koalas that are far too high in the trees for our standard rescue procedures.

# Oysters in the Vines 2016

**A**nother year has gone and here we are with another Oysters in the Vines. How time flies! As they have done for the past few years, our good friends at Cassegrain Wines had donated a space for our stall, and their wines for the Koala Hospital volunteers to use as raffles on the day.

This year we were given the chance to manage vehicle parking for the event, which we accepted and received donations from the visitors arriving by car to the winery.

And due in no small part to the group of very keen and enthusiastic koala hospital volunteers who turned up in force, the hospital benefited with a large sum of money towards the work we do for our needy eucalyptus eating friends.

Thanks to John Barber, our mascot True Blue made an appearance which is always warmly welcomed by children and adults alike, (as they also enjoy the sweets he carries around in his basket!)

This yearly event as always results in some great publicity for the hospital as well as the monetary gain, and our special thanks go to Cassegrain Wines and all the great hospital volunteers who make this possible.



Hard working volunteers L-R: Val Looi, Margaret Hearle, Mary Stewart, Jane Duxberry, Susanne Scheuter and Jennifer Baker. A rewarding day for all concerned.



Our own "True Blue" koala certainly makes an impression on the children....or is it his basket of sweets?.

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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***

# WIRES NSW Koala Rehab Workshop

**O**n the 24th and 25th of September this year, the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie presented the second Koala Rehabilitation Workshop for WIRES NSW (a wildlife rescue group). We held the first workshop last July and due to a large interest from carers throughout NSW, WIRES asked us to host another workshop this year.

Besides members of WIRES NSW, we also had members attending from Port Stephens Koalas and Lismore Friends of the Koala. There were around 75 people attending the workshop.

The first day of the workshop was the theoretical section with Clinical Director Cheyne Flanagan conducting presentations on different subjects. These included capture and handling methods, admission protocols, ageing koalas, the social structure and behaviour of koalas, bushfire protocols and data collection. She also spoke about the problems that cause wild koalas to come into care such as dog attacks, motor vehicle accidents and Chlamydia.



*Day 1: The theoretical session held at the NSW Rural Clinical Medical school lecture theatre.*

The assistant clinical director Yon Veenstra ended the first day with a presentation on joey care and the problems a carer faces when taking care of these young animals. The University of N.S.W. Rural Clinical Medical School quite generously allowed us the use of their wonderful tiered lecture theatre, lounge and kitchen facilities for the first day of the workshop.

All the catering was done by the Hill Street Store & Deli in Port and everyone enjoyed the yummy morning and afternoon teas and lunch. We also had the use of an automated coffee machine lent to us from Essential Coffee Group and thanks to Cameron at Coca Cola Amatil for the use of their mobile refrigeration unit.

The second day of the workshop was held at the Koala Hospital, where all the attendees were split up into groups and a few of our experienced



*Day 2: A demonstration of leaf cutting and sorting techniques.*

volunteers took the groups around the hospital.

They gave the carers a tour around our facility, teaching them correct leaf arrangement and explaining the layout of the yards. All attendees were very interested in the things we are doing at the hospital, the use of the treatment room and of course the stories about our koalas. Many questions were asked and our volunteers did an excellent job explaining everything.

The volunteers also gave the groups training in the capture and handling of koalas. This was done in the grounds of the Macquarie Nature Reserve and there were no 'live' animals involved. The attendees were also shown a couple of deceased koalas who were dissected showing what happens in the cases of dog attacks, motor vehicle accidents and chlamydia.



*Day 2: Practical demonstration of capturing a koala using extendable poles (one pole bringing the koala down and one pole blocking access to side branches) and the canvas bag for capturing the koala.*

# The Good Thing about..... Koalas

Local writer G Henshaw has teamed up with Port Macquarie illustrator Ben Creighton to create: "The Good Thing about.....Koalas" to raise awareness and money for the work of the Koala Hospital

*"It's great to have an accurate, informative book about koalas ... although written with humour it highlights the real dangers facing this sadly threatened species."*

## What was the inspiration for the book?

(G Henshaw originator and writer) "I visited the Hospital as a 'tourist' for the first time about 12 months ago and was so impressed with the passion and knowledge of the volunteer presenter that I thought I could use my writing and marketing experience to create something that could both inform and most importantly raise much needed funds. Some reports I have read say that koala numbers in the wild in Australia are as low as 40,000. They are listed in New South Wales as vulnerable under national environment law. I thought, as a Pommy, that was so sad and possibly not well known by Australians. Certainly unbelievable to overseas tourists. After all what is more Australian iconic, cute and adorable than a koala.?"

## Are the books aimed at children or adults?

Both. They can be understood and enjoyed by children at four or five but the factual information is aimed at everyone - older children parents and grandparents. Although they are written and illustrated to entertain, education and conservation is an underlying message.

## How did you decide the style for the illustrations?

(Ben Creighton, Port Macquarie illustrator and graphic artist) "I have worked with G on a number of projects over the last few years as he tries to use as many locals as possible when he is in the area. When he mentioned the concept for the Koala Hospital I was immediately sold on the idea. The Hospital does such great work - all through the many volunteers and the money they raise themselves. The challenge for the illustrative style was to combine humour with facts. We did consider real photography but it lacked the exaggeration that cartoon characterisations offer. So by over-emphasising facial expressions, situations and perspectives I am able to convey through illustration many emotions. I hope this book raises so much money for the Koala Hospital."

## Are the books actually factual?

(Cheyne Flanagan, Clinical Director of the Koala Hospital) "When G approached me with the concept I thought it was a great idea and loved the writing and illustrations he was proposing.

The only stipulation I made was the facts had to be accurate. There is so much mis-information written about koalas. It's great to have an accurate, informative book about koalas..... although written with humour it highlights the real dangers facing this sadly threatened species. Raising awareness of the plight of koalas can only be.....a Good Thing."

## How are koalas faring in the region?

"Not well. The hospital generally has koala admissions of between 200 to 300 each year. That has dropped in recent years... which is a reflection of the huge impact of humans, developments and loss of habitat. Motor vehicles accidents and dog attacks are an ever-present threat. It is so important that we learn how to balance our human needs with the needs of our treasured wildlife. The number one reason that koalas come into our care is because of a bacterial disease called Chlamydia.

## How is the book being funded and what will it hope to raise in funds? (G Henshaw)

The money for the print and production of the book is being raised by locals - businesses and individuals. Basically it is local crowd funding. Details have been posted on a dedicated website [www.tgta.com.au](http://www.tgta.com.au). Once the books have been published - 5,000 in the first print run - they will sell at the Koala Hospital kiosk and other venues locally. The Hospital has over 200,000 visitors a year so we are hoping to sell many more books than the first print run of 5,000 which will be



*G Henshaw, Cheyne Flanagan and Ben Creighton with the focus of all this attention.....and that's a good thing!*

printed locally. The 40 page books will sell for between \$10 and \$15 and a small amount will be set aside from every sale to pay for the reprints. It should be a very sustainable way of fund raising, as well as increasing awareness around the world of the plight of the threatened koala population in Australia. I hope your readers will jump online to the website and pledge their \$50 or \$100 or more, so the book can be printed soon.

*Reprinted in part with many thanks to G Henshaw and Port Macquarie Focus Magazine*

# Clinical Director's Report



Even though the koalas of this region are definitely in decline we have had an incredible amount of admissions over the last three months. Most patients have been courtesy of chlamydia which is normal for this time of year and thankfully the amount of dog attack admissions have been very low as have been motor vehicle ones. We have also been helping out our colleagues in other licenced areas with many patients from the Hunter, North Coast and tablelands as well, as they have been "snowed under".

We are still having issues with drugs to treat the urogenital form of chlamydia successfully and this problem exists countrywide. We are considering revisiting a drug we trialled a few years ago that we had some success with, it's just an awful ongoing battle.

The recent spate of hot dry weather has brought with it the dreaded bushfires all over NSW with at one point around 60 fires recorded in the state. The Port Stephens/Karuah area copped a big high intensity fire with sadly not very many

positive outcomes. We have received two Port Stephens patients with chlamydia to try to lighten their load somewhat. We sent a team of search and rescue staff out to a big fire north of Port Macquarie (Maria River to Kundabung) and thankfully the only koala spotted was a healthy one in some vegetation that survived. With summer upon us, we are hoping that it's a quiet one fire wise but we are not overly confident in this.

Thankfully all our bushfire search and rescue teams have recently been reaccredited by RFS a wonderful organisation we couldn't do without. The new Education display is getting close to completion and will hopefully be partially open for the Christmas holidays, with completion listed as February 2017, thanks to the efforts of our 2 professional exhibit designers. On behalf of the koalas we wish all our readers and safe, peaceful and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

*Cheyne Flanagan*

## Hastings Co-op 100 Year Community Day

On the 22nd of October, the Koala Hospital was invited to attend the Hastings Co-op 100 Year Community Party. The overall theme of the day was: "look what we've achieved together".

The weather looked grim but the keen volunteers from the Koala Hospital set up their marquee in the rain, hoping it would fine up. To the delight of all stall holders on the day, the sun came out at 10am and many locals and visitors arrived to celebrate with us. We sold many Koala related

It was wonderful to be able to raise awareness on caring for our Koalas in this region and saving their precious habitat. We are currently recruiting for more local volunteers and our stall persons on the day chatted to all who were interested. Phillip was very interested in becoming a volunteer and helping koalas and to our delight he is now in training to be a Tour Guide at the Koala Hospital.

A great day was had by all until 1pm when the sky opened up and down came the rain !

A big thank you to the St John Ambulance team who helped Jennifer and Carole with packing up in the rain and puddles.



*Volunteers Margaret Hollis and Jennifer Baker ready to sell their "goodies" at the Hastings Co-op Day.*

items and had a lovely goodie basket for a raffle. Many who attended on the day stopped for a chat and were very interested in hearing more about koalas and what happens at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital.



*Volunteers Jennifer Baker and Carole Grant trying to stay as dry as possible in the inclement weather.*

# From the *President's* Pen



**T**he last three months since my first report has been a very interesting and varied time with lots of different things happening at the Koala Hospital. The new committee members have settled into their positions and are working well together, as are all the volunteers in their various jobs.

We are in the process of implementing a new Koala mapping programme with the help of our local council and this should make record keeping a lot easier and very accurate. In the past this has been done by filling in forms and entering the data into a computer programme, which is a very time consuming job. The data produced can then be supplied to government bodies to back up the statement of a declining koala population

Work on the 'males yards' was completed early October and Barrington Xavier and Bellangry Wombat moved back to their own yard. It was decided to keep Elparra David in the 'big yard' as he had become very settled there and enjoys the high position it offers. Sadly Appin Jack passed away before he could return to his yard.

The new Education area is starting to take shape and we should see some of it completed in time for the Christmas Holidays. It is an interactive display and we are all excited about the prospect of this wonderful facility and what knowledge it will impart to both adults and children.

Koalas are still coming in with various issues and we have been very busy over the last few weeks with rescues and releases. It is the height of the breeding season with a lot more activity both up the trees and on the ground – unfortunately some of these activities occur on major roads.

So if you are venturing up to Port Macquarie over the summer holidays be sure to visit us, we have a Guided Tour every day at 3pm except on Christmas Day. Drive slowly and keep an eye out for koalas walking down the road and around town.

Again many thanks to all our staff and volunteers for their hard work and I take this opportunity on their behalf to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

**Jane Duxberry**

## **Thumbs Up**

*(Koalas have 2 thumbs on each hand)*



Thumbs up to St John Ambulance team at the Hastings Co-op 100 year celebration. For all the help you gave us in setting up and then again packing up in the rain, it was very much appreciated.



Thumbs down to the people who phoned in a rescue and didn't wait till our team arrived after saying they would wait. We spent considerable time looking for the injured koala who apparently had moved.



Thumbs up to the young couple who unavoidably hit a koala, carefully wrapped up the koala and then brought it up to the Koala Hospital in the dark.



Thumbs up to the young girls who saw a koala hit by a car and then stayed with it till our team arrived. Sadly the koala didn't make it but we do appreciate you staying with the koala.



And a big, big thumbs up to all the visitors to Port Macquarie over the Christmas holidays who are now koala aware.



Thumbs down to the motorists who still drive in our area with disregard to the safety of our native icon.



Thumbs down to the people who get their thrills starting bushfires and through their thoughtless actions endanger all our native fauna.



A special thumbs up to all our RFS volunteers who have to manage these situations and put their own safety at risk. And all the wildlife carers that have to manage all the aftermath of bushfires tending to injured wildlife.

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

# Barry's Adventures in Wanderland

**B**arry woke up one morning at the Koala Hospital with itchy feet and knew it was travelling time again. But where should he go first? Just by chance he met a visitor at the Hospital and his problem was solved.

Tracy, a Sydney born young lady now living in California, was back for a visit and got talking to Barry about her volunteer work at the Marine Mammal Care Centre at San Pedro in California where they rescue and rehabilitate seals and sea lions. What a coincidence! It was the same volunteering set up as the Koala Hospital but for our finny friends.



Barry had to go and see, so he and Tracy then

hopped on a Qantas A380 to LA. The Captain just happened to be a friend of Tracy's so they got to visit the cockpit where Barry felt quite at home amongst all the instrumentation.

Next stop for Barry was in England for a bit of a history lesson with his pals Natasha and Stuart. They had a rollicking old time at the Portsmouth



Historic Dockyard where they had boarded the HMS Victory, a 104-gun Royal Navy ship that was launched way back in 1765. It had been Lord Nelson's flagship during the Battle of

Trafalgar in 1805 but now was set up as a museum. Barry couldn't believe that such an historic ship was still afloat.

In a sort of time warp, Barry then left Olde England to visit the Space Age. He caught up with Harald and Sabina at the Museum in Vienna to see the CERN exhibition.



This is the European Organisation for Nuclear Research which operates the Large Hadron

Collider. All the talk of high energy electrons and magnetic particles was a bit technical for Barry to take in but he was thrilled to think of the exploration of Physics frontiers that was taking place there.

Barry hurried over to Minden in Germany to see his friend Martina, a kind-hearted lady who loves to help her fellow humans. Martina is one of a volunteer group of teachers in her town that teach refugees on how to speak and read German and also helping them to learn life-skills in a new country. Having been a refugee taken in by the Koala Hospital many years ago, Barry knew just how important it was to get a helping hand to make a new start in life.



Now Barry headed south to sunny Italy where his dear friend Bea, another regular volunteer at the



Koala Hospital, was waiting to take him to the Ferrari factory near Modena. Being a connoisseur of classy cars, Barry was so excited to visit the factory and particularly to see the museum of Ferrari sports cars. He was quite disappointed not to have a test drive on the racing simulator but he'd left his racing helmet at home so

had to miss out! And while he was in Modena, why not have a look at the local tourist attraction of Acetaia Sereni where they make the nicest balsamic vinegar, quite a change from gum leaves, though not quite to his refined tastes.

Then it was a simple hop, step and jump for Barry and Bea over to the Isle of Elba in lovely Tuscany where they bravely took the chairlift up to the top of Mount Capanne. Barry is used to climbing tall gum trees but it was a fur raising ride for him, almost 1,000 metres up to the top of the mountain, but he was glad he did it for the amazing views.







The views of the blue Mediterranean Sea were stunning.

One of Barry's very favourite (actually it must be said, for him they all are) travel experiences is to see the ancient

castles in Europe. Big ones, little ones, ruined or intact, Barry loves them all. So it was a real treat for him to meet up with Jana and his friend "Der Elch" to explore the ancient Castello Scaligero at Sirmione in Italy. It was built way back in the Middle Ages and had been plundered and attacked and then rebuilt many times over the years. It was so big they almost got lost inside but managed to make it out before dark. Now that would have been scary!!



Barry was having a wonderful time in Europe when he remembered that he had an important date back in Australia. He quickly made plans to fly back to Melbourne because he had promised

to play a hockey match with Angela and her team. The Mid-Week Ladies Hockey group play games regularly at Doncaster Hockey



Club and were happy to welcome him. The high energy game that the girls played kept him on his toes and he had a job to keep dodging the swinging hockey sticks but did enjoy himself.

He had one last stop before going home and it was at a very special place. Barry flew to Brisbane in Queensland to join Max and his cousin Zoe at the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. It is an expansive eighteen hectare reserve in the suburbs and was founded in 1927, making it the largest and oldest Koala Sanctuary in the world.

While the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie is much smaller and dedicated only to helping koalas, Lone Pine also cares for many other iconic Australian native creatures – kangaroos, wallabies, raptors and platypus as well. Barry enjoyed a happy time with Max and Zoe, getting to enjoy the



chance to meet all the animals and admiring the good work done there.

Barry could hardly wait to get back home and tell



his friends at the Hospital what he'd seen on his trip. He was so surprised to find a gift waiting for him – an iPad! Wow!! From now on, he decided, he would join in the modern technology

the world enjoys – he'd no longer keep a written diary but post all his travel memories on Facebook as he travels with the iPad.

So now it's official – in future all Barry's travelling companions in Australia and around the world can post their photos directly to Barry's Facebook page with their stories and comments. All you do is log on to Koala Hospital Barry on Facebook. Hope to see you all there! Happy Travels, Barry.

## Join in Barry's Worldwide Adventures On Facebook

**W**e 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 \$10.00. It can be purchased directly from the hospital kiosk in Port Macquarie or purchased online at [www.koalahospital.org.au/shop](http://www.koalahospital.org.au/shop) so that he can be incorporated in your photos then snap away at your favourite travel destinations.

Alas, as Barry mentioned, his column won't be appearing in print in Gum Tips anymore, but you can still follow and be a part of his travels on Facebook.

When you take your travel photos (with Barry included of course), just log in to the Koala Hospital Barry page on Facebook and upload your photos and text and then all Barry's followers can join in on his travels as well.



*Barry even has advice for the Gum Tips Editor from time to time.*

# Koala Hospital News and Views

## 2016 Christmas Cards

Every year the Koala Hospital produces a range of very colourful Christmas cards that depict our past and present residents of the Koala Hospital. They are available now and can be purchased online at our [eshop@koalahospital.org.au](mailto:eshop@koalahospital.org.au) or from the kiosk at the Koala Hospital. They sell for \$2.50 each or 5 cards, or a



prepack set of 5 cards for \$10. 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.

## Future HKPS Hospital?

TOURISTS could help preserve the Port Stephens koala population at a hospital dedicated to the marsupial's care. Hunter Koala Preservation Society, is the organisation that wants to build a hospital at One Mile and has taken a keen interest in one such facility at Port Macquarie.

Thousands of tourists pass through the Port Macquarie facility which helps educate people and raise money vital to preservation activities.

"Having a hospital gives your cause a face and it's so much easier to ask for the public's support with that focal point", Port Macquarie clinical director Cheyne Flanagan said. The first Port Macquarie facility was built 30 years ago with support from its business community and service clubs like Lions and Rotary. It included outdoor yards for rehabilitation, observation areas for the public and served as a base for university vet

training and research. In turn the hospital's Koala Preservation Society members have become government advisers, work in habitat preservation and give regular talks at schools and business functions. A new facility was built in 2005 with the help of a German benefactor.

"Even having a souvenir shop and educational display helps you have a conversation with people," Ms Flanagan said. A 17-year veteran of the hospital, Ms Flanagan oversees the care of koalas brought to its doors and she estimates that only five percent need specialist veterinarian attention for X-rays and orthopaedic surgery.

Her advice to Port Stephens has been to first build a facility for treatment and the rehab yards. The observation areas for tourists to see koalas would follow with yards for koalas that can't be released from care.

"No carer wants a sick animal being on display," Ms Flanagan said. "It's an amazing thing that the Hunter Koala Preservation Society and the community are doing in Port Stephens, there's a great need for hospital there. Ms Flanagan said the stakes were high.

"National Geographic did a worldwide survey that asked people what their most iconic animals were and koalas were in their top five," she said.

"It would be shameful of us to lose an iconic species - Australia already has the highest extinction rate of mammals in the world."

*Courtesy of Port Stephens Examiner*

## Kundabung Bushfires

Many fire fighting volunteers look after our properties during fires, here are some volunteers you may not know about, the photo shows a couple of koala hospital volunteers walking through the Kundabung fire ground looking for injured or dead koalas.

The local Maria River forested area is a prime koala habitat and thankfully no injured only healthy koalas were spotted.

And thank you to the local KPS volunteers.

*Courtesy of Alexandra Wyatt*





# Kaylee's

## GUM DROPS KOLUMN

**H**ello once again! I can't believe that we are at this time of year again, even with being a koala it seems that the seasons are changing much more quickly!

Speaking of seasons, I'm sure that people are aware that it's bushfire season. I've smelled a lot of smoke and was told we have had fires in the surrounding areas of Kundabung and Crescent Head. Karuah and Medowie have had fires and that's where our lovely NATF Zenani came from in 2013.

So please, be aware and make sure to ring the appropriate wildlife rescue centres if you see any injured wildlife, not only koalas.

I would like to make a Koala Hospital welcome to our new leaf collector Jason McManus and thank him for all the lovely leaf he and all the other 'seasoned' leaf collectors bring in each morning. Our tummies are full and we appreciate your hard work – it's not easy finding good leaf.

I see there's also new volunteers in the yards, office and kiosk – so welcome one and all. The good news around the hospital is that we have finally attained our Exhibitors Licence.

My good friends Barrington Xavier and Bellangry Wombat have moved their residence into the new renovated enclosure – the church – as I call it, because of its height and now I have only one

male to admire and that's Elparra David – I don't really mind, it was getting quite noisy with all three of them bellowing and hooting. And of course mating season, brings out the 'animal' in them, if you know what I mean.

The other exciting news is that by Christmas the hospital will open the new education centre with many interesting facts, pictures and interactive displays – whatever that word means.

Anyway, while I was high in my yard tree a thought crossed my mind that we have many new readers of the Gum Tips magazine and that means many people don't know much about my very favourite subject, which is ME!

I'll try to keep it brief, but no promises. Ok, now I was classed in 2007 as a 'repeat offender' – how indignant – just because I was hit by a car, and another time I was found sitting in the middle of the main road (I was tired) and then came my final admission.

In 2009, I was spotted on the same main road with my tiny, precious joey on my back dragging my left hind leg – it was badly dislocated.

My joey, Oxley Twinkles, was small and I still needed to care for her, so the hospital staff strapped my leg and looked after us very well in the intensive care unit.

We were progressing very well when the time came for Twinkles to be weaned and then moved to the joey yard as she was getting too heavy.

My leg was then amputated, because it was very 'messy' and couldn't be repaired. My surgery was a great success and if you come to the hospital you can see as it hasn't stopped me climbing my beautiful yard tree and sitting on the branches sleeping or enjoying the views and of course 'supervise' all the other patients!

Unfortunately, in December 2012, I had another accident, on a wild windy day, the branch I was sleeping on broke and both me and my branch landed on the ground although we did hit the clothesline on the way down. I injured my right eye, that's right, more surgery to remove the eye.

But it's ok, I'm able to climb my tree and enjoy the views and I still enjoy seeing all the visitors. So you may ask, what's happened to my gorgeous Oxley Twinkles?

Well, she is now a part of an established colony and doing extremely well, she probably is even a mother.

I shall leave you on that good note and I hope you enjoyed my story as much as I've enjoyed writing it. Until next time, take care everyone and enjoy your families in the coming festive season.

*Merry Christmas Everyone!*

*Barry's Favourite Photo  
Competition Winner  
December 2016  
Congratulations!*



**Max and Zoe  
with Barry at  
The Lone Pine  
Koala  
Sanctuary**



# 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	Euthanased 01.09.16
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	Released 3.02.16
30.12.15	Shelly Beach Scratchy	Swollen left ankle and foot	Treating
20.01.16	Wyandra J.J.	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 12.09.16
03.06.16	Emerald Downs Mary	Glaucoma right eye, damaged left eye	Permanent
01.08.16	Swift Amy	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 1.08.16
02.08.16	Roto Chris	In yard with dogs	Released
27.06.16	Kennedy Jack	Joey of Kennedy Jennifer	Euthanased 30.08.16
18.07.16	Barton Lake	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 19.08.16
19.07.16	Colonel Barney Pod	Chlamydia	Released 16.09.16
26.07.16	HKPS Jo Lo	Cryptococcosis	Treating
12.08.16	Pacific Archer	Motor Vehicle Accident	Died 13.08.16
13.08.16	Warrego Joe	Wheezing	Released 09.09.16
13.08.16	Tristania Rio	Fell from tree	Euthanased 25.09.16
19.08.16	Amira Cadence	Unable to climb	Died 20.08.16
19.08.16	Amira Boomer	Orphaned	Died 16.09.16
21.08.16	Pacific Yella	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
22.08.16	Bonny Hills Tavern	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
24.08.16	Guyra Allan	Both eyes injured/diseased	Treating
26.08.16	Hart Ken	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Euthanased 26.10.16
29.08.16	Oleander Xavier	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 29.08.16
30.08.16	Roto Russell	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 08.09.16
31.08.16	Point Plomer Paula	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Died 7.10.16
01.09.16	The Point Drive Sheila	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Euthanased 14.10.16
01.09.16	Lismore Cyrus	Dog attack	Returned 06.09.16
01.09.16	Lismore Dominic	Conjunctivitis	Returned 16.10.16
01.09.16	Lismore Esky	Conjunctivitis	Returned 16.10.16
01.09.16	Chisholm BO	On road	Released 02.09.16
04.09.16	Little Owen Paul	Conjunctivitis	Released 1.11.16
06.09.16	Widderson Alison	Dangerous area	Released 08.09.16
07.09.16	Wauchope Wagners	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
07.09.16	Bangalay Bob	Papilloma	Treating
09.09.16	Ocean Drive Libby	Chlamydia	Euthanased 13.09.16
16.09.16	Ocean Little Gavin	On ground	Died 21.09.16
16.09.16	Ocean Pansy	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival

Admitted	Name	Reason	Result
18.09.16	Amethyst Ollie	Head caught under security fence	Released 19.09.16
22.09.16	Lake Cathie Lou	Chlamydia	Euthanased 23.09.16
22.09.16	Armidale Paula	Unknown	Euthanased 02.10.16
26.09.16	Cobrabald Zahli	Walking in circles	Treating
26.09.16	Emily Angie	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 26.09.16
26.09.16	Astronomers Max	Limping	Released 28.09.16
29.09.16	Warrego Joe	On ground	Released 29.09.16
29.09.16	Narimba Nigella	Low in bush	Released 29.09.16
29.09.16	Hassall Chris	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Treating
02.10.16	Woniora Colburn	Difficulty climbing	Released 1.11.16
04.10.16	Kennedy Clawed	Found in surf	Released 05.10.16
04.10.16	Wayfield Riley	Injured right arm	Released 31.10.16
05.10.16	Hastings River Drive Paulie	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Treating
05.10.16	Ocean Drive Lennie	Chlamydia	Euthanased 6.10.16
06.10.16	Uralla Road Susie	Sitting on telegraph pole	Released 6.10.16
06.10.16	Yarrabee Koby	Unsafe area	Released 6.10.16
06.10.16	O'Briens Blake	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
06.10.16	Oxley Karen	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
09.10.16	Timber Ridge Hannah	Dog attack	Died 9.10.16
11.10.16	Oxley Robyne	Chlamydia	Euthanased 11.10.16
11.10.16	Norfolk Denae	In yard with dogs	Released 11.10.16
12.10.16	Wilson Wilson	Dog attack	Dead on Arrival
13.10.16	Pacific Drive Henry	Infected right knee	Treating
15.10.16	Savoy Brooklyn	Graze on chin	Released 17.10.16
17.10.16	Crystal Doreen	In yard with dogs	Released 18.10.16
18.10.16	Uralla Katie	Bilateral conjunctivitis	Died 21.10.16
18.10.16	Chisholm BO	In someone's house	Released 18.10.16
18.10.16	Kennedy Easy	On ground	Treating
18.10.16	Ocean Shaun	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 25.10.16
19.10.16	Wilson Tom	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
19.10.16	Maria River Road Bill	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
20.10.16	Banksia Kerrin	Trapped in yard	Released 20.10.16
21.10.16	Calwalla Teena	Motor Vehicle Accident	Dead on Arrival
23.10.16	Ocean Drive Duck	Motor Vehicle Accident	Treating
24.10.16	Bangalay Scott	Motor Vehicle Accident	Euthanased 25.10.16
24.10.16	Ocean View Rita	Right eye injury	Released 31.10.16
25.10.16	Bellangry Road Colleen	In yard with dogs	Treating
25.10.16	Armidale Tom	Wound on back	Treating
27.10.16	Heron's Creek Kae	Unknown	Dead on Arrival
31.10.16	Lake Brenda	Motor Vehicle Accident	Released 1.11.16

## Roto Russell Rescued

**R**oto Russell was hit by a car and fled up a tree for safety in September. He was injured and needed to be retrieved but was too high up in the tree, so call on the Port Tree Fella people and a handy hospital volunteer, Steve Dorrestein to get him out of the tree and treat his injuries.....Russell said thanks and all is OK now.



## 2016/7 Calendar

December 20	Management Meeting	10.00am
January 17	Management Meeting	10.00am
February 21	Management Meeting	10.00am
March 21	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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*Oxley Kaylee who is just looking as photogenic as ever!*



*Appin Jack in complete bliss enjoying his early morning gum leaves.*



*Gilmore Ruby thinking "I wonder if a girl can just eat in peace and quiet"*



*Cute Kennedy Jack still getting accustomed to all the attention and his carer.*



*Hollingsworth Nick who appears to be practising a balancing act.*



*Elparra David thinks "I'm not coming down you come up!"*



*Barrington Xavier who is either just waking up or yawning at his adoring public.*



*Watonga Wonder doing her early morning workout "Don't try this at home!"*



*Clinical Director Cheyne Flanagan and Bellangry Wombat exchanging glances!*



*HKPS JoLo looking more than just a little startled.*



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