



Pine Rivers Koala Care Association Inc. Monthly Newsletter – September 2015

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Upcoming Events

September 13

National Bilby Day @
Queens Park, Ipswich

September 18 & 19

MBRC Koala Survey
~~Queens Park, Ipswich~~

September 24

PRKCAI Meeting & AGM 7PM
@ Pendicup Place, Warner

October 23

PRKCAI Meeting 7PM @
Pedicup Place, Warner

Recent Events

July 31 – August 2

Pine Rivers Show

August 2

What's Cooking in the
Gardens? @ Redcliffe

August 10 & 11

Dickson Seniors Expo.

August 30

Lowlands Festival @ Osprey
House Environment Centre

Welcome to the monthly newsletter.

An issue that has been confounding the Association lately has been identifying the most appropriate way to make long term changes to development and town planning practices.

Current practices appear to favour clear felling an entire development area against selective removal of vegetation.

This leaves the area with a sudden shortage of habitat trees for a variety of native wildlife that may utilise this vegetation for food or shelter. Replanting of trees is to be encouraged however it takes approximately 5 years of growth before a eucalypt will provide suitable food for a koala and a great deal longer for hollows to develop that could provide nesting opportunities for possums, gliders or birds.

Five years may not seem a long time for these trees to establish but let's put it into perspective.

A koala in the wild has a life expectancy of 13-18 years.

The average life expectancy of a possum in the wild is 6-7 years.

Gliders have an average life expectancy of 12-15 years.

Sean FitzGibbon, from University of Queensland, presented a very interesting session at Osprey House Environment Centre on September 6. More details and some interesting opportunities will be discussed at our next Association meeting.



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Rescue Division Statistics

Month to date – July 2015

Koala
Calls – 53: Disease – 5; Dog – 1; Orphan – 0; Car – 6; Under threat – 3;
Other – 7; Sightings – 31.

Other wildlife (figures not available at time)

Calls – 0: Macropods – 0; Birds – 0; Possums/Glidens – 0; Reptiles – 0; Echidna – 0; Other – 0.

Previous month – June 2015

Koala
Calls – 34: Disease – 4; Dog – 2; Orphan – 0; Car – 4; Under threat – 3; Other – 1; Sightings – 20.

Other wildlife

Calls – 50: Macropods – 3; Birds – 12; Possums/Glidens – 14; Reptiles – 3; Echidna – 1; Other – 3.

Apologies for the missing figures, I am still working out the best system to collate all figures at the right time.

This is a time of the year when we see an increase in koala activity, please remind everyone you know to keep an eye out for them and inform PRKCAI of any sightings or incidents.



What you can do to help.

September is Koala Awareness Month and Moreton Bay Regional Council are once again asking residents to assist with their Annual Koala Survey. Printed survey forms can be picked up from any MBRC library, environment centre or customer service centre. You can also easily access the Moreton Bay Animal Atlas, from your smart phone, at <https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/animalatlas/> but please don't forget to report any sightings to PRKCAI on our rescue hotline 0401 350 799.

Thank you to all who attended the Lowlands Festival and assisted with setting up, staffing and packing up at the end. It was very successful and Leyland proved to be the star of the day at his first major public appearance.

Humans may be the biggest threat to the survival of the koala, but we can be their greatest hope.