



# Pine Rivers Koala Care Association Inc.

## Newsletter – June 2018



### Upcoming Events

#### June 28<sup>th</sup> 2018

7pm-9pm

Association Meeting,  
upstairs, Pine Rivers Bowls  
Club, Sparkes Rd, Bray Park

#### Throughout July

Art Exhibition – endangered  
wildlife hosted by Nola and  
Peter at Entangle Living Art  
The Old Butter Factory,  
Dayboro

#### July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

8am-2pm Animal Expo  
Venue: Old Petrie Town

#### July 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

9am-11am National Tree  
Day for Schools  
Venue: Rob Akers Reserve

#### August 3-5 2018

Pine Rivers Show  
Venue: Lawnton  
Showgrounds

### Presidents Report

Melissa has resigned as Secretary and I would like to thank her for her knowledge and contribution and wish her well furthering her studies. We welcome Vicki Whitfield to the role.

REMINDER: All Carers need to renew their membership for 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019 by 28 June 2018, so we can process your membership and issue permits. Many thanks for all you do for our wildlife. Membership forms have been emailed to all members. There is also a membership form on our website and payment can be made by EFT via the website or cash.

National Tree Day for Schools is coming up again on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Please go to Planet Ark website <https://treeday.planetark.org/site/10018705> and register your interest if you would like to come along and help plant some trees. BBQ will be provided, so please register your attendance. Toyota are sponsors for the day and will have their marquee and Toyota vehicle. Thanks to MBRC. PHOTOS:(left to right) our planting 1/11/17 and then 16/1/18! Mum keeping her joey within arms reach in February. (far right) mum and her joey's foot hanging out of her pouch photographed in April. If you would like to volunteer watering and weeding please contact our website or email [prkcai@prkoalacare.com.au](mailto:prkcai@prkoalacare.com.au).



### Recent Events

#### June 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

Brendale Bunnings Family Day

#### June 3rd 2018

BBQ Bunnings Brendale

#### May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018

Snake Boss Julia Baker

#### May 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

Emergency Services Expo

#### May 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

PRKCAI Koala & Wildlife  
Celebration Day  
Old Petrie Town



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### President's Report (cont)

2017/18 proved to be another difficult year for our native wildlife with continued development. **The Koala Expert Panel** recommendations to Queensland State Government were released in May, along with Queensland Government response, which you can read here: <https://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/koalas/review-conservation-measures.html>

**New Queensland Land Clearing Laws** were also introduced in May 2018.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/vegetation/management>

The Department of Environment and Science is inviting you to **have your say on the future of the conservation and management of Queensland's native animals under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992***. There is an opportunity for you to provide feedback on a number of proposed options for the future management of protected animals, with a particular focus on commercial and recreational wildlife licensing. These options are presented in the 'Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement: Reviewing the framework for the management of protected wildlife (animals) in Queensland under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*'.

The intention of the proposed changes is to modernise the system for keeping and trading protected animals, strengthen conservation outcomes streamline the regulatory framework and reducing administrative burden. Each option— including the status quo – has been analysed in relation to its potential impact on business and industry, the government, and the community. Submissions can be made via an online survey, by email, or post, and must be received by **5pm, 29 June 2018**. More information, including how to make a submission, is available via the [Queensland Government website](#). Following the close of this consultation period, all comments and suggestions will be considered to inform the future approach for managing protected animals in Queensland. Should the framework change in the future there will be no immediate effect on people who currently hold licences. The department will provide advanced notice of these changes before they take effect.

If you have any questions, please email the Conservation and Biodiversity Policy Unit via [NC.Act@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:NC.Act@des.qld.gov.au)

The Amcor **Mill** has been consigned to history with all buildings demolished and much clearing to make way for the University of Sunshine Coast (USC) building, commencement next month next to the Petrie railway station, is on schedule to be completed by 2020 for the first student intake.

<http://www.businessmoretonbayregion.com.au/blog-news/mill-koala-monitoring-program-turns-new-leaf>  
<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/uploadedFiles/common/projects/university/koala-management-plan.pdf>  
<https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.2629245,152.9575054,5525m/data=!3m1!1e3>.

There is hope that USC will utilise the area for environmental courses, and that the significance of the habitat can be enhanced to educate visitors to the University Precinct.

Pine Rivers Koala Care Association Inc. **Kabiana** koala fodder tree program partnering with USC and MBRC to evaluate Kabiana as a viable small tree for use in peri-urban areas. The significance of this species cannot be understated; if we can demonstrate the retention of characteristics to MBRC and Department of Environment and Science we will have a genuine opportunity to push for these trees to be used to join isolated habitat areas where the corridors have been disturbed as well as their use in streetscaping. Photo of cheeky camouflaged praying mantis also likes this one Kabiana.

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/urbankoalaproject/>

### Environment Levy

We are hearted by the recent announcement from the Gold Coast City Council to purchase habitat with the Environment Levy. We appreciate Pine Rivers Council efforts in purchasing Bolwarra Bushland at Cedar Creek, Pine Rivers Park, John Oxley Reserve and Yaraba (in line with progressive Councils like Sunshine Coast Council, Brisbane City Council.

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/environment-waste/natural-environment/protecting-biodiversity-brisbane/protecting-natural-environment/bushland-preservation-levy>  
<https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/queensland/gold-coast-bush-levy-raises-28-million-but-no-land-has-been-bought-since-2012-20160315-gnjsi5.html>

### Moggill Koala Rehabilitation Centre (previously known as Moggill Koala Hospital)

The centre operates **365 days** of the year, but is not open to the public. Opened in 1991 by the Queensland Government in response to public concern about the increasing number of injured and diseased koalas. The Centre is part of a network of wildlife facilities including:-  
RSPCA Queensland Wildlife Hospital  
Currumbin Wildlife Hospital  
Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital  
For more information on this facility:-

<https://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/koalas/care/moggill-koala-hospital.html>





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#### KOALA & WILDLIFE CELEBRATION DAY SUNDAY MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2018

By all accounts, overwhelming feedback from the day was that everyone wants to see our wildlife on this special day! The sun was shining and the volunteers were out in force, enjoying the festive atmosphere celebrating and educating families with our unique Australian flora and fauna. The community enjoyed getting up close with some of our favourites. As you can see it sure was a fantastic event. With thanks to the stallholders, volunteers, donations and Old Petrie Town for the success.





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Thanks to MC David Horstman OAM, Paramount Audio, Madonna & Jess our wildlife educators. Martin Fingland, Geckoes Wildlife for the threatened/endangered species talk. Janet, Trish, Eric, Janice & Rod for assisting the 200 tree plant for many families to enjoy (and supportive politicians). Helen Thomas, Wildlife Preservation Society Queensland & Richmond Birdwing Butterfly talk.



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Thanks to MBRC, PRKCAI Executive Sue, Gary, Melissa and Samantha. Also, Dave Norman's music, Coral, Linda, Tibby, Vicki, Peter, Jo, George and Keith. The stallholders reported lots of interest in their volunteer groups and we cannot thank them enough to showcase how they help the flora and fauna and how fun & easy it is for all to get involved.



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### **PRKCAI Rescue Team Update**

Rescuing our unique wildlife is one of the most rewarding things you can do. Here are some photos of the hands-on education we provide for our rescuers.



- Koala and wildlife rescuing can be interesting, challenging yet very rewarding.
- It enables you to contribute to your community, the environment and in particular to our wildlife.
- We rescue on behalf of the RSPCA, MBRC, Queensland Department of Environment and Science and local vets.
- You will need to be over 18 years old, have access to a vehicle and hold a suitable drivers licence.

Regular workshops are held at Old Petrie Town. If you would like to book in, [www.prkoalacare.com.au](http://www.prkoalacare.com.au), email: [prkcai@prkoalacare.com.au](mailto:prkcai@prkoalacare.com.au) or phone 0401350799.

### **THANKYOU**

I would like to thank all of our active members who have worked to rescue and/or rehabilitate native animals, assisted at community events throughout the year and that have attended our monthly meetings. Active volunteers are our lifeblood, we would not be able to get this vitally important message to so many without your assistance.



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### EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May at Old Petrie Town. Thanks to PRKCAI Rescuers who had a great day out with information about the satisfaction of rescuing our unique wildlife. Many thanks to a strong collaboration with our fellow emergency services. We captured a special beauty today. [Phone 0401350799](tel:0401350799) to find out how easy it is you can help save our wildlife.



### SNAKE BOSS JULIA BAKER FUNDRAISER

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May at Pine Rivers Bowls Club. Julia was well received by members and non-members with her very informative talk about her gorgeous reptiles. Everyone could touch and feel the smooth pythons, rough bearded dragon, blue tongue and stumpy tail. Thanks Julia!