



JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

It's July already! And don't our koalas know it? The calls to the rescue phone have almost doubled in the last month. A mix of good news and sad news. We've had a few meetings with Council recently regarding road signs and breeding season. MBRC is also conducting a koala survey in Hays Inlet in the coming days. PRKCAI hasn't been involved in a survey for a while, so we are really looking forward to that!

Keep reading for more news and stories from the last month:

MEMBERS MEETING – PLAN B | SUNDAY, 26 JULY @ 10AM

As we know, Club Pine Rivers has reopened and restrictions continue to be lifted, however the club has still not indicated when we can resume meetings, so there will be no *regular* meeting again in July.



However, we do have some good news!! Councillor Mick Gillam has offered us the use of a vacant block of land at 262 Francis Rd, Lawnton. If you're keen to have a catch up with your fellow members we will hold a members' meeting with a reduced agenda there at 10am on Sunday, 26 July. Please bring your own chair and make sure you sign the attendance book. We've spotted at least 4 koalas on the site in the last few weeks, so we might be lucky enough to have one or two of them supervising the proceedings!

All the recent newsletters, minutes, list of new and renewed members, correspondence and treasury reports have been uploaded onto the website in the "Members Area". They will be available for download as of tomorrow. If you are attending the meeting, the reports will be taken as read. In the interest of time, we won't take questions from the floor, but we are more than happy to receive them after the meeting or by email.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!

2020 / 2021 Memberships were due on 30 June. Last year we introduced a new 5-year membership so you don't have to renew every year. This option is still available.

If you are a Carer, Rescuer, Driver, Fundraiser or a Volunteer you **MUST** maintain an up-to-date membership.

Follow the link below to renew your membership today:

<https://prkoalacare.com.au/how-you-can-help/how-to-join-us>



RESCUE NEWS

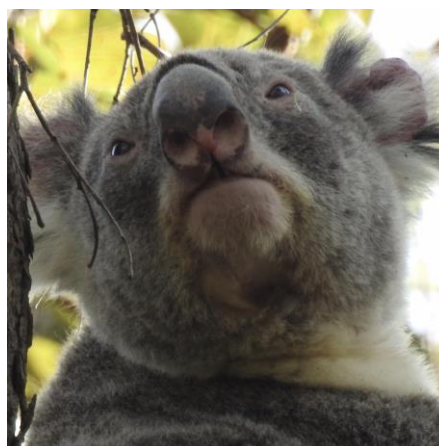
MEET DURHAM FROM BRAY PARK

This unique looking older gentleman is Durham. He was rescued from Bray Park in poor condition back in May and spent about 2 months at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital.

It is estimated that Durham is about 10 years old and is a little bit past his prime. On Friday, 10 July he was given the all clear and returned home to live out the rest of his life in the wild.

Normally Durham would have been given an ear tag at the wildlife hospital, but as you can see he has a very unusual set of ears and they couldn't put one in!

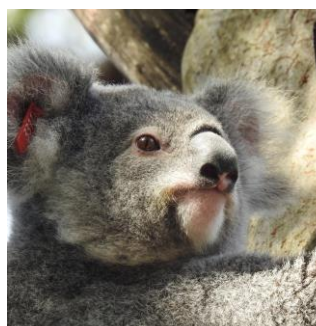
If you see Durham in your travels, please let us know.



RESCUE STATISTICS

JUNE 2020			
Koala Calls	133	Other Wildlife Calls	35
Sighting / Healthy	109	Bat	1
Advice Given	2	Bird	5
Hospital Visit	9	Echidna	1
Passed onto	0	Macropod	7
Catch & Release	7	Possum / Glider	20
Deceased	6	Reptile	1

GABBI GOES HOME AFTER BEING TREATED FOR CYSTITIS - TWICE!



This sweet little girl is Gabbi from Kallangur. Weighing in at a tiny 3.5 kilos, Gabbi is the cutest little thing! Poor Gabbi has now been to hospital twice to be treated for cystitis. The good news is that she has fully recovered and has been released to live her best life in her home range.

If you have a news story you want to share, please email vicepresident@prkoalacare.com.au



PHOTOS FOR 2021 CALENDARS!

It's time to start thinking about our 2021 calendars. We have so many great photographers (and photogenic wildlife of course) in our association so we will be using photos taken by our members for the 3rd year in a row. This year we will be doing one calendar dedicated to koalas and one dedicated to all other wildlife.

If you are keen to have your photo featured in the calendar, please send your entries to: advocacy@prkoalacare.com.au by 19 August 2020.



We'd love to include every photo but we may have to vote!

Here are the Ts & Cs:

All photos must have been taken in the Moreton Bay region.

All photos must have been taken by the person entering them.

All wildlife must be 'wild' (ie. no cages, no animals in care)

Happy snapping!

VOLUNTEER ROLES AVAILABLE

If you have a few hours to spare each month, and you want to help our wildlife but you're a bit unsure about being a rescuer, why not consider becoming a hotline operator or an ambulance driver? If you're interested in helping out in either of these roles, contact Natasha or Brittany on the email addresses below. Full training is provided.

Natasha: events@prkoalacare.com.au Brittany: rescue@prkoalacare.com.au



TREE PLANTING AT ROB AKERS RESERVE



Today a group of our volunteers planted 480 trees at Rob Akers Reserve as part of National Tree Day. Moreton Bay Regional Council provided us with funds to hold a community tree planting event. However, due to the COVID-19 restrictions we were forced to make it a 'group' event and limit the numbers so we could comply with the restrictions. The weather was perfect, and a great day was had by all. Our future koalas will love these trees in years to come!

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and to Moreton Bay Regional Council for your support of this event.



CARER NEWS

SO YOU WANT TO BE A WILDLIFE CARER?

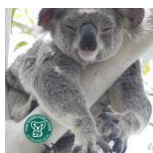
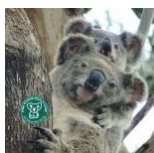
Thank you to all the existing carers who have responded to requests for information recently. If you are interested in becoming a carer with Pine Rivers Koala Care please reach out to our helpful Lead Wildlife Carers, Sally and Brett to find out more. They can chat to you about your experience, knowledge, availability and facilities, and hopefully match you up with some of our special wildlife to care for, or set you on the right path for training and / or workshops. At last count we had 113 animals in care under our rehabilitation permit, so we are always need of experienced carers.

You can catch Sally and Brett on carer@prkoalacare.com.au

Caring for wildlife is not for the faint hearted! It is the carer's responsibility to advise the Lead Carers of any wildlife you receive into care, and how many animals you are caring for at any given time. The fines for non-compliance are substantial – up to \$9,000. Our carers are so vital to our organisation (we wouldn't exist without you!) and we want to help you help us to do the right thing.

Remember that you must be a current member (and complete the "Rehabilitation Permit Authorisation" form, which will outline the animals you are permitted to care for) to receive your carers permit each financial year. If you let your membership lapse, your permit will be invalid.

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE TREE PLANTING DAY – THANKS LUIS!



BLUE CARDS – VOLUNTEERING WITH CHILDREN



The changes to the blue card system will start on 31 August 2020. These changes will affect applicants, card holders and organisations.

The changes include:

- **the No Card, No Start law**—you cannot work or volunteer in a position requiring a blue card until your application is approved and you get your card
- **a new rule for expiring cards**—if you don't renew by the expiry date, you will be subject to the No Card, No Start

law and cannot work

- a requirement to notify us about **changes in your police information** as a card holder or applicant
- stricter requirements for people who rely on an exemption to work or volunteer with children—through the introduction of the terms **restricted person and restricted employment**, and associated offences
- **a new frequency test**—if you only work 7 or fewer days in a calendar year, a blue card may not be required. This does not apply if you operate a business
- **an expiry date for exemption cards** for Queensland police and teachers, so they will need to be renewed if still required.

Please send all applications to: vicepresident@prkoalacare.com.au

GRANTS UPDATE

Grant Report

PINE RIVERS KOALA CARE ASSOCIATION INC.

For the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

Date	Description	Reference	Spent	Received
Grants Received				
01 Oct 2019	Moreton Bay Regional Council - Council Contribution	MBRC Grants Operational Contribution	-	3,000.00
14 Nov 2019	Purpose of funding: Operational Contribution		-	2,791.00
14 Nov 2019	MBRC - Wild Koala Day 2020		-	2,230.00
14 Nov 2019	MBRC - Schools Tree Day 2020		-	1,865.00
14 Nov 2019	MBRC - Koala Rescue Poles		-	13,000.00
08 Jan 2020	Department of Industry - Federal Government - Rob Akers Grant		-	5,000.00
28 May 2020	Department of Environment and Science - First and Final Payment -WCA20105	WCA20105	-	5,000.00
22 Jun 2020	Department of Social Services - Volunteer Grant - Fuel Costs		-	5,000.00
	Total Grants Received		-	32,886.00
Grants Spent				
06 Dec 2019	PAYPAL - Rescue Poles - TTS Systems 12M fibreglass telescopic pole order	MBRC - Koala Rescue Poles	290.00	-
11 Feb 2020	Complete Cleaning - Rescue Poles	MBRC - Koala Rescue Poles	764.60	-
02 Mar 2020	DJ City - Wild Koala Day 2020 - Speakers etc	MBRC - Wild Koala Day 2020	399.00	-
02 Mar 2020	PAYPAL - Wild Koala Day 2020- Koala mascot Sut	MBRC - Wild Koala Day 2020	240.97	-
26 Mar 2020	Complete Cleaning - Koala rescue poles	MBRC Grants Operational Contribution	1,695.20	-
07 Apr 2020	Complete Cleaning - 2 more rescue poles for COVID19 kits	MBRC Grants Operational Contribution	1,151.80	-
30 Apr 2020	Rocket Printing - Wild Koala Day 2020	MBRC - Wild Koala Day 2020	719.40	-
27 May 2020	Rocket Printing - Wild Koala Day 2020 - Postcards & Educational Posters	MBRC - Wild Koala Day 2020	662.20	-
13 Jun 2020	Rocket Printing - Wild Koala Day 2020 - Postcards	MBRC - Wild Koala Day 2020	466.40	-
13 Jun 2020	Rocket Printing - Wild Koala Day 2020 - Corflutes	MBRC - Wild Koala Day 2020	346.50	-
14 Jun 2020	WWWW Cleaning - Koala Rescue Poles	MBRC - Koala Rescue Poles	892.49	-
	Total Grants Spent		7,628.56	-
Total			7,628.56	32,886.00

