

## What do we do at the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital?



### The 6 R's are:

Rescue | Rehabilitate | Release | Research | Restore | Repopulate



#### **Rescue**

We rescue approximately 250 koalas every year from across NSW.

#### **Rehabilitate**

We have a clinic where we look after koalas, and an intensive care unit where we can monitor them closely.

#### **Release**

We release koalas back into the wild where they can live as wild animals again.

#### **Research**

We research koala diseases, soil and food tree health, pathogens and drug therapies.

#### **Restore**

We grow koala food trees to feed sick and injured koalas at the hospital.

#### **Repopulate**

We are currently developing the world's first wild koala breeding program, which will help to increase the number of koalas in the wild!



The Port Macquarie Koala Hospital rescues koalas in the wild that are sick or injured.

Often koalas that have injuries are so high up in the trees that it can be difficult to rescue them!

“Koalas are wild animals and capturing them is not easy. It should only be done by experienced and qualified professionals.”

## Why do Koalas need rescuing?

### Chlamydia

Koalas are affected by a horrible disease caused by Chlamydia bacteria, which is infectious and affects the koala's eyes and internal organs.

### Being hit by a car

Often roads cross right through the habitat of a koala, which can lead to koalas being hit by cars. This is especially common in areas where koalas have to live near humans.

### Diseases

Koalas can also be affected by other diseases, such as cancers and fungal infections.

### Burns

Koalas are not good at escaping fires, and during the bushfire season we often have to rescue them and provide care and treatment.



## How do we rescue Koalas?

To rescue koalas, we use a long pole with a flag and bells attached to the end. We hold this above the koala and make lots of noise with it, which the koala does not like and it climbs down the tree.





# KOALA CONSERVATION

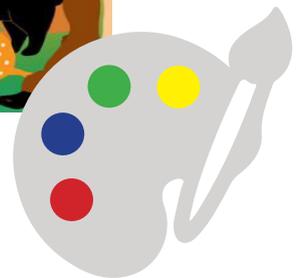


CREATE AN ARTWORK THAT YOU CAN DISPLAY IN YOUR SCHOOL THAT RAISES AWARENESS OF KOALA CONSERVATION AND LOSS OF HABITAT!

THE ARTWORK MUST ENCOURAGE TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO PROTECT KOALAS AND OTHER WILDLIFE AND TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY CAN DO IF YOU FIND AN INJURED KOALA OR OTHER ANIMAL.

## YOUR ARTWORK COULD BE...

- A poster, painting, a fridge magnet or a sculpture
- A leaflet or flyer that students can share with their friends and families
- A video telling your friends and family where they can get help if they find an animal in distress



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE KOALA HOSPITAL AND PUT OUR CONTACT DETAILS ON YOUR ARTWORK, NEAR YOUR SCULPTURE, ON YOUR LEAFLETS OR IN YOUR VIDEO!



IF YOU COULD CREATE A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT,  
OR DESIGN SOMETHING THAT COULD HELP SAVE  
WILDLIFE WHAT WOULD IT BE?

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS  
OR YOU CAN CREATE YOUR OWN...

-  A drone that sends a location message when a koala is found
-  Laser equipment that could extinguish small fires before they get out of control
-  How would you change an ordinary cherry picker to make it useful to save wildlife? What are some of the things you would have to think about
-  Could your equipment be remote controlled
-  What extra equipment might you need to make the koala comfortable
-  How would it access an area that has lots of trees
-  What if the rescue was at night
-  How could your equipment be powered - for example solar power, etc
-  A roadside camera that can detect injured koalas and tell drivers to slow down



CREATE A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT! DRAW IT,  
OR BUILD YOUR CREATION OUT OF LEGO!

