

Annual Koala Report for 2010-11

Myall Koala & Environment Group



Max Escaping to Freedom

It has been a good year for our koalas.

Koala Rescues

We have only had one koala rescue this year – Max in the coral tree in Marine Drive in September. We relocated him from the waterfront to the western end of Maxwell Street. In addition, we have responded to several false alarms where the koala was no longer in danger or couldn't be located. We have also rescued two penguins and one green sea turtle.

We are aware of only one koala death reported on 31 January in Bowral Street. He had been mauled by a dog and climbed a power pole with an electricity substation on it. He died there from unsustainable injuries.

Sightings

Last year we had a significant number of identified mothers and babies which indicated to us an increase in the population. In the past 12 months we have had fewer babies sighted which suggests a stabilising of the population.

The sightings numbers for last year were 462 in total and this year only 187. Let us take a closer look at these numbers and what they really tell us about the state of the Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens koala population.

- The largest component of our sightings comes from the Magic Square. These have dropped from 349 to 117 – a difference of 232. For many years Annette Miller has walked the Magic Square daily and supplied us with sightings lists. Annette has been out of town for the whole year. Unfortunately, nobody has been able to fill Annette's shoes.
- The numbers in Tea Gardens have escalated from 2 to 13 in the last 12 months
- The numbers in Swan Bay are down from 32 to 17 but the numbers last year were dramatically higher than the previous year.
- Koala sightings reported on the Hotline have increased slightly from 100 to 107 indicating continued community participation.

These statistics broken down support our belief that our koala population status quo is being maintained and if anything, the population in Tea Gardens is on the increase.

Community Education

Again this year, Ian and I gave a talk on the local koala population at the Walk on the Wild Side Festival.

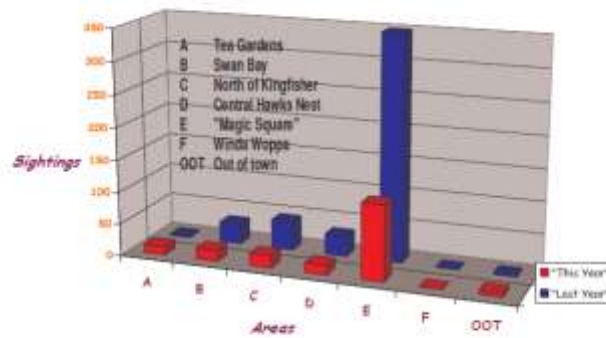
In addition, we gave a talk to Tea Gardens Primary School Children about koalas as part of their Red Cross program to raise money for koala food trees and to plant them.

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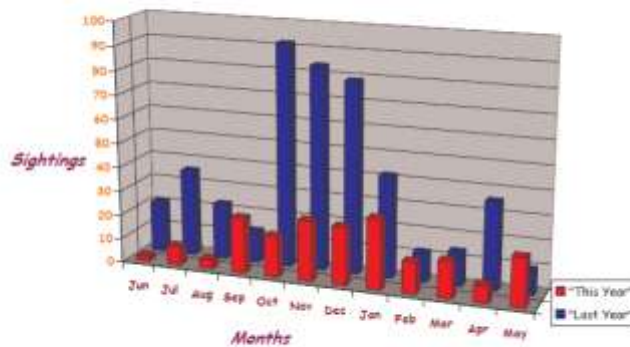
Hawks Nest / Tea Gardens Koala Sightings 2011 (by Area)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	OOT
"This Year"	13	17	19	15	117	0	6
"Last Year"	2	32	45	32	349	0	2

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Hawks Nest / Tea Gardens Koala Sightings 2011
(by Month)



	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
"This Year"	2	6	4	23	17	25	24	29	13	15	7	20
"Last Year"	21	26	23	33	92	54	79	42	12	14	26	10

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Hawks Nest/Tea Gardens Koala Sightings

Koala Sightings Summary 2010/2011

Area	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	2010/11	2009/10
A	0	0	0	4	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	2
B	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	6	1	0	3	17	32
C	0	3	0	5	1	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	19	45
D	0	0	2	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	5	15	32
E	2	4	2	10	10	14	13	23	7	14	6	12	117	349
F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OOT	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	2
Total	2	8	4	23	17	25	24	29	13	15	7	20	187	462
Hotline	0	3	1	15	10	10	18	23	5	7	4	11	107	100

A Tea Gardens
 B Swan Bay
 C North of Kingfisher
 D Central Hawks Nest
 E "Magic Square"
 F Winda Woppa
 OOT Out of town

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