



# NEWSLETTER

## GREETINGS

Wow what a great start to the year!  
We had such a great turn out at Karla's the Koala's book launch with all having so much fun & they got to cuddle up with one of our koala friends. We have had quite a few sightings from our Messengers Rescue Group in just the last month. And we have more exciting things to come and share with you. But first let, me introduce you to our new Vice President.



## MEET QKC'S 2021 VICE PRESIDENT!

Carolyn J Roy is our 2021 Vice-president, hailing from Canada on a work visa with her husband of 33 years.

The last 11 years Carolyn has been the administrator of a post secondary training facility that was the educational hub for over 30 students per year. This experience has given Carolyn the ability to work along with Queensland Koala Crusaders in 2020 developing a strategic business model that included a 5-year Business plan, a Policies and Procedures Manual along with an updated Constitution.

As vice-president Carolyn will continue to proceed with the streamlining of the organizations internal structures that will allow for the group to keep working towards the goal of protecting and connecting habitat, education for this amazing species and the prospect of a future sanctuary.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Koalas On The Ground Are Not Posing For Photographs.

A koala on the ground walking slowly is not normal behaviour. Most passers-by seeing this koala (pictured below), on the road stopped to take photographs and did not think to ring a wildlife organisation to help the koala. Eventually a lovely young lady, Chelsea, stopped her car and guided the koala off the road and rang for help. She waited and watched the koala and was able to report the exact location and his behaviour to rescuers.

## What you should do if you spot a sick or injured koala.

**Safety warning:** do not touch a wild koala.

**Step 1:** call a koala ambulance to report a sick or injured koala in Queensland, please call **1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)**.

**Step 2:** care for the sick or injured koala before the ambulance arrives.

If you have dogs restrain your dog and keep it away from the koala. If your neighbours have dogs, let them know that a koala is in the area and get them to restrain their dogs as well.

When a koala is on the ground if it is safe to do so, approach the koala from behind and place a washing basket (or similar item with ventilation) over the koala. Put something heavy on top of the basket to stop the koala moving away and climbing a tree.

Ensure the koala is left in a quiet and stress free environment.

When a koala is stuck in a fence do not attempt to assist the koala. Provide some shade for the koala if it is in the sun.

**If you have any concerns for a koala please call 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)**



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