

SPECIES UNDER THREAT

Koalas are currently listed as 'Vulnerable' by the NSW Government which means they are at high risk of extinction in the medium term. In addition, there are 'Endangered' populations in Pittwater; Hawks Nest and Tea Gardens; and in the Northern Rivers region.

480 CALLS IN 12 MONTHS

In the last year alone, WIRES responded to more than 480 calls from around Australia to help koalas, with some needing action and follow up. From May 2016 to May 2017, WIRES took into care around 40 koalas.

HOMES UNDER PRESSURE

There are a number of pressures on koala populations in NSW with one of the biggest being loss of habitat. Information from WIRES over the last ten years shows the top three reasons for calls about koalas are due to them being found in places they shouldn't be; collisions with cars; and disease.

SPECIAL CARE NEEDED

While some koalas that come into contact with WIRES don't make it due to their injuries or illness, there are many that are able to receive the best in specialist care from experts and other organisations. WIRES carers are trained to work with native species including adult koalas and joeys.

CONSERVATION EFFORTS

WIRES work extends beyond the care of individual koalas; we work with the University of Sydney's Koala Health Hub, veterinarians, koala hospitals and sanctuaries to provide information about koala health and care. WIRES also assists the Australian Museum Research Institute in collecting DNA from koalas to support conservation efforts.

WORK ON THE GROUND

WIRES members do significant work in tracking and monitoring the health of koala populations throughout the state and work with other organisations to understand more about the vulnerabilities of specific groups. WIRES also microchips and ear tags some koalas that have been in care in order to track their progress in the future.

WHAT WE CAN ALL DO TO HELP

We can all work together to improve outcomes for koalas and to make sure they are preserved for generations to come.

With the help of our supporters and donors, WIRES can continue its life-saving work in caring for all Australia's native animals. WIRES research shows that we need to invest in the following areas in order to better assist koalas:

- Habitat restoration and conservation of remaining koala environments
- Slow down when driving in areas inhabited by koalas and keep domestic pets contained
- Chlamydia treatment like that offered by the University of Sydney's Koala Health Hub
- Further research into effective drug treatments for Chlamydia
- Ongoing research and radio tracking of animals, both wild and animals who have been in care
- Community education about the threat to koalas



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