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First Ever Public Koala Sighting in Silverdale!



Local residents had the rare opportunity of witnessing a young male koala in Silverdale last month.

In recent times, the community had heard of strange grunting noises, which they originally thought may have been injured kangaroo's, but soon realised the true source of the strange sounds!

Resident, Michelle Allen, had been keeping a close eye on the koala, whose existence was brought to the attention of Marcus Zorich (Koala Retreat, Mulgoa) in February. Michelle says "there has always been talk of koalas in the area and believed there were known colonies on the western side of Warragamba Dam."

After climbing the tree to assess the health of the koala, Marcus could confirm that it was, in fact, a young male, approximately 2 to 3 years old and weighing roughly 2.5 to 3.5 kgs.

At first, he hadn't travelled far between the 9th and the 15th of February, but, by the 16th of February he had left, hopefully heading towards the Sydney Catchment area. If anything, his arrival presents more questions than answers. It is expected that his parents would be approximately 10-20 hectares away.

If residents decide to keep an eye out for the young male koala, caution should be exercised. Please do not approach too closely. If you do approach him, ensure that you do not accidentally encourage him to run up an

△ The young male koala | Image + Article: Marcus Zorich of Koala Retreat, Mulgoa

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The Long Weekend that Changes Everything

Isn't it good that we get four days off to reflect on the most important events of history?

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' death. Easter Sunday, we celebrate the fact that this very same Jesus rose from the dead.

The incredible thing is that Jesus' death was no accident. Jesus came into our world to die and pay for the consequences each of us deserves for not treating God as God. Jesus' death does something quite extraordinary – it reconciles us with God. When Jesus died, his death opened the door for any person to have friendship with God; a fresh start in life when they put their trust in Him.

Yet it doesn't stop there. On Easter Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead, we celebrate the fact that Jesus smashed death! It is because of Jesus' resurrection that you can have a certain hope of life beyond death – a life that the Bible says in the New Testament letter, written by the Apostle Peter, "that will never perish or spoil or fade", like so many things in our world today.

The great news of Easter is that when Jesus died on the cross then three days later rose again, this changed everything. Life for you can be extraordinarily different!

Now, you can have friendship with God. Now, by making a decision to follow Jesus, to commit your life to him, you can have

hope and direction. You can know meaning and purpose. You can have peace with God. You can know the sure and certain promise of eternal life.

Easter is truly the long weekend that changes everything!

At Mulgoa Anglican Church, we not only want to celebrate these magnificent truths but also share them with you! That is why we would love you to join us over Easter (see the details below) - "The Long Weekend that Changes Everything!"

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electricity pole, and if possible, divert him from this path. If you notice koalas in distress or in a difficult situation, please call Triple 000, Wollondilly Koala Hotline 4677 1100 and Marcus Zorich from Koala Retreat 0419 956723, as he can work with emergency workers to handle and capture them to ensure they are placed in a safe zone.

Marcus Zorich (based in the Mulgoa region), is a koala specialist who has decades of experience consulting to zoological bodies, providing koala management training and education as well as sourcing koala food on a professional level.

For more information, go to www.koalaretreat.com and join them as they start their weekly blogs on koala conservation.

More information? Contact Marcus on 0419 956723.



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