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WILDLIFE CRISIS

AFA is on the Far North Coast close to where many fires have broken out and where much of the destruction has taken place.

We're in contact with NSW mid north coast groups, who have really copped the worst of the holocaust, and Queensland groups as well.

Wildlife hospitals have been overwhelmed with donations not only from the caring public but also from folks overseas. But... there's many small shelters who are struggling to cope with injured, starving, thirsty animals and they're not getting much help at all.

AFA has been on the phone to as many small groups as we can locate trying to find out what we can do to help. Without the hospitals,

wildlife would not have a hope of surviving their injuries but long term, there's very few areas where they can eventually be released.

It's not just the koalas suffering. Kangaroos, wallabies, joeys, gliders, ringtail possums, echidnas, all our precious wildlife are in trouble because of the ongoing drought. Starvation and thirst is driving animals anywhere they might find help.

Small shelters are attempting to feed significant numbers with no financial help.

AFA has come up with a SCHEME!



Orphan Annie - a 9 month old orphan joey rescued by Queensland Koala Society.

AFA has officially adopted the New England Wildlife shelter in Tenterfield. We will supply food for a growing number of starving animals on an ongoing basis.

At the same time, on our very popular koala crisis Facebook page, we'll be inviting people who really want to help wildlife to consider becoming a sponsor for other small shelters struggling to cope.

These wildlife shelters need feed, milk and medical supplies long term. Fuel is also a big need as most rescuers are forced to drive many kilometres to rescue koalas, take them to the nearest wildlife hospital, collect them after treatment and take them back to their shelters or released into their home range.

Rescuers also have to drive sometimes long distances to get a supply of suitable leaves for koalas – again a difficult task as

without rain, the leaves are increasingly unable to supply moisture and nutrient needs.

Funds will be spent directly with feed suppliers, invoices and receipts will confirm monies spent.

Many kangaroos are being fed, many of them are burned, non catchable and so reliant on pellets and water. A large number of orphan joeys are being cared for as well.

The death toll of wildlife is truly horrific. On the mid north coast, Birdlife Australia estimates millions of small birds have died. They were simply unable to fly fast enough to get away from the intensity of the fires.

ADOPT A WILDLIFE SHELTER



To adopt a shelter visit:
<https://www.givenow.com.au/koalacrisis>

LEAVE A COMMENT WITH YOUR DONATION WITH THE NAME OF THE SHELTER YOU'D LIKE TO ADOPT

MISINFORMATION ABOUNDS

AFA wants our supporters and the public to be aware of two never ending constantly repeated scenarios promoted by WWF and the Australian Koala Foundation.

WWF has well and truly planted the myth that “ koalas will be extinct by 2050” if habitat clearing goes on at this rate. Setting a date for extinction 30 years in the future not only gives the governments a get out of jail card but there's not a shred of evidence that supports this irresponsible prediction.

The reality? Given the impacts of climate change which is killing the forests, along with government approval, the ongoing drought and bushfires, koalas will be lucky to last a decade.

There's never been a more urgent need to buy up existing habitat which can be protected in the long term with areas available for revegetation.

The AKF puts out two highly misleading statements which the mainstream media dutifully repeats ad nauseum. A Koala Protection Act is one effort. Anyone with a knowledge of existing legislation at the state and federal level knows there is absolutely NO possibility of any Koala Protection Act, it's a fantasy and why the media continues to push this

misinformation doesn't inspire confidence in journalists.

Then the other one the AKF pushes is “ koalas are functionally extinct.” Garbage. For example, there's a thriving critically important major population in southwest Sydney currently under threat by a massive Lendlease housing development.

In South East Queensland, there are still good populations at Toondah Harbour and many other areas.. all under threat of development BUT they can be saved if their habitat is protected.

The bushfires have resulted in some major scams on social media and a real campaign of misinformation.


Koalas can **STILL BE SAVED** and AFA is putting a full page advertisement in PM Morrison's electorate calling on him to acknowledge the massive concern from all over the world and ACT.

A wonderful Xmas to our wonderful supporters !

*For the Animals,
Sue Arnold & Friends.*



SAVE THE KOALA CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES



AFA has put together a booklet for communities fighting to save koala habitat which is free on line. The booklet is full of useful information including rescue guidelines, hospital contacts, media and political guidelines. The booklet is free of charge.

GET YOURS HERE: <http://bit.ly/koalarescue>



PLEASE HELP SAVE THE KOALAS



PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

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