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Koala Woman's Contribution Celebrated

After twenty years as the Koala Woman, Deborah Tabart OAM has been recognised for her long term contributions at the Not-For-Profit CEO Awards last night.

Ms Tabart is the CEO of the Australian Koala Foundation and since beginning at the AKF in 1988, she has conquered a steep learning curve in the worlds of science, politics, development and conservation.

"I have learnt so much about life's journey from the koala and I will not stop until it is afforded meaningful protection," Ms Tabart said on receiving the award.

Ms Tabart is renowned for her tenacious personality, quick intellect and outrageous humour. She has a rare enthusiasm for challenges that most would shy away from.

The awards aimed to recognise the often unheralded contributions of not-for-profit leaders as well as their organisations outstanding achievements.

"I am so honoured to have received this accolade and to have been a part of such a wonderful evening. This empowers the AKF and the koala," said Ms Tabart.

Ms Tabart has led the Australian Koala Foundation to become the major force in the conservation of the wild koala and its habitat. She had seen the organisation raise millions of dollars for research and habitat preservation.

Ms Tabart is the primary architect for the Koala Habitat Atlas which has mapped over four million hectares of koala habitat and was internationally awarded with a Computerworld Smithsonian Award.

"It is more important then ever to start protecting the world's forests and that the koala is a flagship species for all the other animals who are suffering due to habitat loss.

"We all contribute to the problem, so we must all strive to become a part of the solution," Ms Tabart said.

To find out more about Deborah Tabart OAM and how to help the Australian Koala Foundation save our koalas, visit the website at www.savethekoala.com.

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