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Save the Koala Month this September is here!

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The Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) is now 32 years old and has worked tirelessly for the Koala since 1986 and initiated Save the Koala Month which is celebrated worldwide. "When the AKF started, the Board took the view that we must be completely independent of Government funding so we can always be a voice for the Koala. Our founding fathers were very wise and our strength is the trust we have endured from people from all over the world that love Koalas," said Deborah Tabart OAM, Chief Executive Officer of the AKF.

Tabart says that while saving Koalas is serious business, September is a time to have fun while raising much-needed funds.

"We've carried over last year's theme 'Love is in the air' to 2018, firstly because September is prime mating season for Koalas, but also because we want to spread the Koala love as far as we can." Check out the cheeky Chester in our CSA.

Ms Tabart says that Save The Koala Month is the AKF's lifeblood, as they take no government funding. "The Koala needs help. It was listed as a vulnerable species in 2012 under federal laws. There was supposed to have been a recovery plan written by 2014 and it hasn't. We, the AKF want a Koala Protection Act – it will be the only way to save habitats.

In the meantime, Ms Tabart says we need the Koala's supporters to help and as always there has been a plethora of fantastic ideas; cupcakes for Koalas, haircuts, fun-runs and grand-final parties.

If you would like to help in your local area; order a donation box from the AKF website.

The AKF's main focus is now enacting a Koala Protection Act, a simple piece of legislation that has been written by brilliant legal minds, with its main focus on protecting Koala trees.

"So tell your friends, have fun, raise money and celebrate how special Koalas are!" Ms Tabart said.

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