Koala Sightings on North Stradbroke Island

Please forward completed sheets to Jan Aldenhoven, who will ensure the data gets to Redland City Council, the Koala database and Wildnet.
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Date\time	Recorder & contact details	Koala's location	Tree type	Sex	Maturity	Condition	Comments

Koala's location: As accurate as possible, eg street address (note front, back yard or nature strip), or closest landmark or number of kilometres from landmark if along road, or GPS mark (indicate GPS datum, eg WGS80, AGD84, GDA94 – this information is available in "Units" section of your GPS) or use Refidex\UBD, eg Brown Lake picnic area is Map 333 E17, or if using eastings and northings on that page, reference is 542375E (halfway along the square of 750m from line 542E) and 6959125N. If taking a reference from a map, note the map reference system. Or draw a mud map. Ideally the location description would allow someone to find the koala tree or clump of trees.
Tree type: Name if possible or note tree for later ID by an expert. Blue Gum *Eucalyptus tereticornis;* Swamp Mahogany *E. robusta*; Blackbutt *E. pilularis*; Paperbark *Melaleuca quinquenervia;* Scribbly gum E. *racemosa;* Red Stringy bark *E. resinifera;* Needlebark *E. planchoniana;* Brush box *Lophostemon confertus*; Swamp box *Lophostemon sauveolens;* Island Cyprus *Callitris columellaris;* Mango tree, etc.
Sex: Mature males have a brown stain in crease of their chest (scent gland); sometimes their testes can be seen.
Maturity: Can be difficult to know; small or large is helpful. Also record mother with young on back or visible in the pouch.
Condition: Healthy, sick (red eyes, wet bottom, skinny), injured, dead. Note: report injured, sick or dead koalas to our local animal rescue team: 0407 766 052. Dead koalas are returned to NSI for burial after being checked.
Comments: Resting, feeding, climbing, on ground, or even just a record of the call. If feeding, would be extremely useful to identify the tree or at least note the exact tree for later identification. Only record feeding if you see leaves actually being eaten. The tree a koala rests in may not be the tree it feeds in. Check for ear tags, colour and position (right ear, left ear), as some koalas (released after hospitalisation, research) have identification marks. Note if wearing radio collar.
Rather than leave a box empty, write "unknown" if a detail is not known. Best to write what you actually see and not extrapolate.