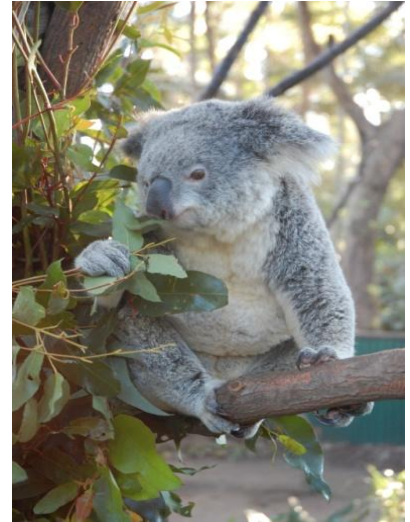


## HISTORY OF CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is probably most famous for its feeding of wild lorikeets each day. It seems fitting then that this is where it all began...

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary covers an area of 27 hectares, all once privately owned by Alex Griffiths. Mr Griffiths was both a bee-keeper and market gardener, growing and selling a variety of flowers, particularly Gladioli, as a way of making his living.



It was in 1947 that Mr Griffiths started feeding the wild Rainbow Lorikeets who were damaging his flowers when they fed on the sweet nectar they contained. To distract them from his crops he began feeding them at the exact same location they are still fed today.

Word soon spread about this phenomenon, and as the number of visitors to the bird feeding grew, Mr Griffiths bought more land and started displaying other native Australian animals. *Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary was born.*

In 1976 Mr Griffiths donated his property to the National Trust of Queensland and the tradition of feeding the lorikeets and the commitment to the conservation and preservation of our unique native wildlife is continued on by our Wildlife Officers today.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary prides itself on its reputation of having the world's largest collection of Australian native animals as well as a very extensive collection of native plants (maintained through our own nursery program). We are also very proud of our dedication to native animals' on-going survival through public education, breeding programs, research programs and hospital services.

