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Two of the region's award-winning wildlife parks, Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas and Rainforestation Nature Park Kuranda, are hopeful for Koala Joeys this breeding season as the result of a new exchange program.



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Both parks, which are owned by the CaPTA Group, have just welcomed new male koalas from Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on the Gold Coast, with the intention of diversifying the gene pool and increasing the bloodlines of the resident Koalas at all three parks.

Rainforestation Nature Park has welcomed Sunny, a large 8kg, 8-year-old-male Koala, who will reside at the park for the next 12 months, whilst Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas has welcomed Rocky as their newest permanent resident.

Rainforestation Nature Park's head wildlife keeper Kate Barnard said they hope Sunny will be popular with the park's resident females Kara and Newbie.

"Now that breeding season is in play from now to March, hopefully Sunny will wine and dine our females, with the result of us having some new Koala Joeys," she said.

Wildlife Habitat Wildlife Supervisor Rebecca Lynch said the males are ready to meet the females and will set out in an attempt to woo them, but ultimately the girls will decide on their suitors.

"Female koalas come into oestrus every 35 days throughout the breeding season, but will only ovulate once mating takes place," she said.

"Our keepers will map their oestrus cycles to ascertain best timing to be placed with a suitable male for mating, however she will have final say on whether the male is a perfect match."

CaPTA Group is locally owned and operated by the Woodward family of Cairns, consisting of Rainforestation Nature Park, Tropic Wings Coach Tours, Jungle Tours & Trekking, The Wildlife Habitat, Cairns ZOOM and Wildlife Dome, Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, ABC Sales & Maintenance and Careers Training Centre.

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