



Koalas colour Port's world



TRAIL – Say hello to a koala at Port Macquarie.

PORT Macquarie, four hours drive north of Sydney, has become home to the Hello Koalas Sculpture Trail, featuring 50 one-metre high koala sculptures.

The trail is a new way for visitors to explore the region and see each of the koalas, which are hand painted and decorated by local and interstate artists.

The koalas have been set up at various tourism attractions and popular recreational spots from the coast to the hinterland.

Koalas hold a special place in the heart of the local community. Port Macquarie is the koala capital of Australia, home to the world's only Koala Hospital and one of the largest coastal koala populations.

Its Billabong Zoo has an accredited international koala-breeding program.

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