



Kangaroo Footprints



LULU, A KANGAROO HERO



Sunday night, September 21, 2003 was a stormy night at Tanjil South, a few hours from Melbourne. Early next morning, Len Richards went out to check his property. While he was checking, a tree branch fell on him and knocked him unconscious. Fortunately for Len, an Eastern Grey kangaroo named Lulu was nearby.

A few years earlier, Len had found the little joey in the pouch of her dead mother, killed by a car on a nearby road. The family had cared for her, making a warm pouch for her and bottle-feeding her a special milk formula for orphaned kangaroos. They named her Lulu.

As Lulu grew, she was wild and free but often chose to stay around the home area.

When Len fell to the ground unconscious, Lulu went to the house and began croaking insistently to alert the family to the accident. Soon Len was on his way to the hospital and thanks to Lulu raising the alarm he made a good recovery.

FAST FACTS

In May 2004, Lulu was awarded the RSPCA Animal Valor Award for bravery for saving Len's life. She was the first native animal to receive the award.

