

# Scientists map out koala genetics

**SYDNEY:** Australia's dwindling koala population could receive better treatment for diseases thanks to research that has mapped out their genetic blueprint. The research, led by Dr Rebecca Johnson, from the Australian Museum, and Professor Peter Timms, from the Queensland University of Technology, has worked out the initial sequencing of the koala genome. Before that, very little was known about the immune system of Australia's "honorary citizen", Prof Timms said.