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THE STORK DEPOSITS ITS BUNDLE

A koala baby in mother's pouch, a rare camera close up of nature's nursery for Australia's world famous native bear. There's no record of any previous publication of this delightful family scene. The baby's name is Geraldine and she's drawing plenty of attention to Melbourne Zoo. Peter the platter has got wildly excited and wanted to get home to tell the Missus. He can't get in and is he annoyed. A young koala soon learns to climb a tree or a man, in this case Mr. Jack Fincher, Curator of Melbourne Zoo's Australian section. Geraldine is five months old and this is the first time she's up and about. In no time at all the baby is getting into its mother's hair, even bites her ear. Gosh, almost human these koalas. Geraldine has got the hang of things in the outside world and now it's back to the pouch. Mum's had to dispense with her sipper owing to the war. There'll be some congestion at the bottle-neck if koalas ever have quins. Well, that's one Australian who doesn't have to worry about the housing shortage, born with a flat. Nature, you think of everything!