

THE RED KANGAROO

The Teacher of Responsibility

Red Kangaroos, like all macropods, travel on powerful hind legs, using their long, thick tails to balance their body while hopping. They travel at speeds of up to 60 km/h and are capable of leaping over obstacles three metres high. They feed mainly on grass and require very little water. Red Kangaroos are classified as the largest marsupials in the world.

Red Kangaroo Dreaming teaches us to take responsibility for our actions and to understand what appropriate behaviour is, and what is not, so that we may become affective leaders and parents. It helps us to maintain equilibrium and to always tackle life in a forward motion. The primary responsibility of the leader or parent is to live a life of integrity so that the example may trickle down to even the smallest joey. The Red Kangaroo is unique in its ability to have three young on the go at once; one at foot, one in the pouch and one growing in the womb. As the one at foot is weaned, the one in the pouch exits, making way for the new born. With the womb devoid of life, the female will quickly replace the foetus with another. When Australia's environmental conditions are fertile, the Red Kangaroo knows a productive existence, with the mob's numbers increasing day by day. If the conditions deteriorate, however, due to drought, fire or flood, the females do something quite extraordinary. They will abandon the infant in their pouch and put the foetuses in their womb into a state of suspended animation. The infants remain nourished, but lay dormant for years, waiting for the conditions of the land to improve.

By surrendering the existence of one joey and by putting the other into a state of uncertainty, they take responsibility for the survival of their young at foot; the stronger options that hold the most promise for the future of their people.

If Red Kangaroo has leapt into your life, ask yourself: Are you taking adequate responsibility for your life, your role as parent or leader and the welfare of your people? Do you live in a constant state of stress, just surviving from one day to the next? If you are, do you consider this as taking responsibility for your actions? Have you sacrificed a part of yourself for the benefit of the family that you now regret letting go? Have you put some part of your life 'on hold' and feel annoyed that no-one appreciates it? If so, what prompted you take this action, and for how long are you going to wait to reactivate them? If now is not the right time then set a goal for which you can aim, thus making the wait more bearable.

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