

Establishing koala habitat connectivity in the Gympie Regional Council area in 2019



Koala Action Gympie Region is encouraging landholders to plant more koala food trees by taking part in their programme funded by the Gympie Regional Council Environment Levy.

Because most Koala habitat is on private land, people living in areas with Koalas can have a great influence on whether populations in their area survive or become extinct. You can help by:

- learning more about their preferred foods in your area and how they use other trees;
- preserving and/or planting koala habitat on your land;
- understanding habitat use and threats to koalas;
- understanding normal behaviour and signs of poor health; and
- reporting any sightings.

Fragmentation of habitat is a very real problem often causing significant deaths. Connectivity of habitat for breeding, dispersal and genetic diversity is vital.

Our goal is to encourage and educate people to enhance existing koala habitat and help land owners protect the koalas that use their properties. After all, these landowners are the custodians of some of the most iconic wildlife in Australia.

To this end we are holding a Community Meeting at Kilkivan public hall on Sunday March 31st from 9:30 am to 12 noon. We will have speakers on the following topics:

Koala Action members: How you can assist these precious icons and general information about koalas in your area and the wider Gympie Region.

The Dance of Production and Nature Conservation: Shane Joyce- Kilkivan Grazier and biodynamic practitioner. Shane has been at the cutting edge in what now is being called regenerative agriculture. Beginning in 1974 at West Cooroy, moving to Theodore in 1982, & then to Kilkivan in 2014. Shane has achieved outstanding landscape & conservation outcomes, while striving for top 10% of industry beef-enterprise outcomes.

Wild dogs in the landscape-managing the balance: Gympie Regional Council Contractor for Predator Control. This contractor specialises in wild dogs, working with government and private landholders to resolve wild dog impacts on livestock, native wildlife, pets and people. As one of the highest causes of koala deaths in the region, this a topic close to the hearts of those of us supporting our koala populations.

Maintaining healthy koala populations – their problems including Chlamydia, stress, climate and more: **Paula Rowlands** President of Gympie ANARRA Wildlife Rescue, Paula works from her Glastonbury property. She and her group have been in the forefront of koala and other wildlife

rescue in the region for many years. She will share insights into the threats, signs of disease and injury and how to help our furry friends.

Light Refreshments will be provided at noon. RSVP will assist with catering.

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