



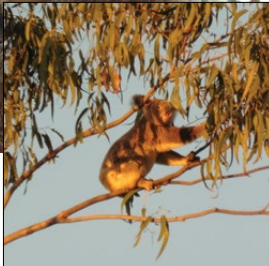
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I live here too...



Newly independant (Mum's in a tree nearby)  
GLASTONBURY



Sunset, and time to get active. The search for good-leaf is on



Content on a grey gum.  
MARY VALLEY



Please be careful—we use the roads too!  
GOOMBOORIAN



Strategy for keeping cool  
TANDUR



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

**ANARRA Wildlife Rescue** (Gympie Region & surrounds)  
*Australian Native Animal Rescue and Release Association*  
• Phone 5484 9111

**Wildcare 24 Hour Emergency Hotline**  
• Phone 5527 2444

**1300 ANIMAL** (1300 264 625)  
RSPCA Call Centre will coordinate assistance/rescue.

**Koala Rescue Queensland**  
• Mobile 0423 618 740 or mobile 0431 300 729

## KOALA ACTION GROUP

**The Koala Action Group** brings together residents with an interest in koala conservation.

*Facebook* Koala Action Group Gympie Region  
*Email* koalas@mrccc.org.au • Phone 5482 4766  
• www.mrccc.org.au (Koala page for sighting form and information).

## TO REPORT KOALA SIGHTINGS

**Koala Tracker** • www.koalatracker.com.au

**Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee**  
Importantly, for the Gympie region, please send details to MRCCC for entry to the State Wildnet database—by email, or download and return the sighting form. See MRCCC contact details above.

## GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Council is developing a Koala Conservation Plan.  
• Phone 1300 307 800 • Email council@gympie.qld.gov.au

## MORE INFORMATION ON KOALAS

**Queensland State Government**  
Department of Environment and Heritage Protection  
• Phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68)  
• www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/koalas  
**Australian Koala Foundation** • www.savethekoala.com

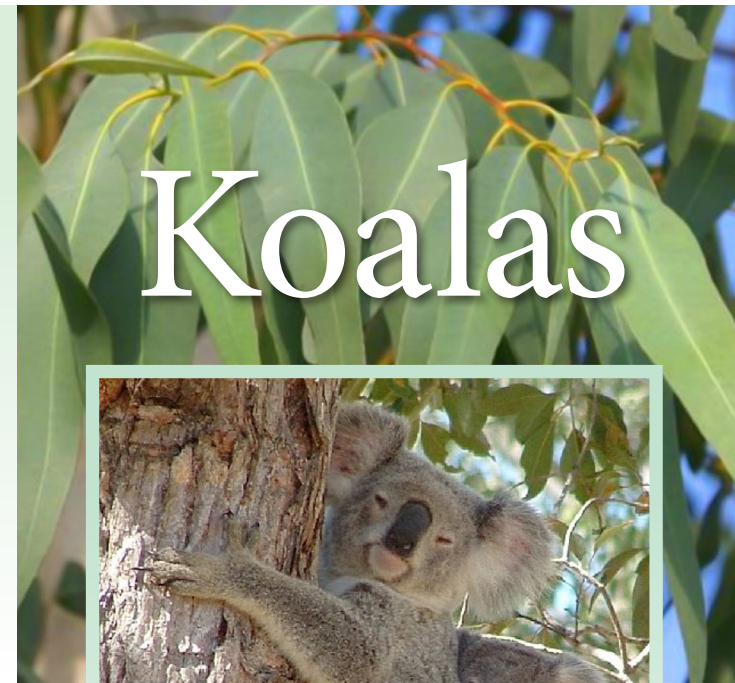
## NURSERIES FOR KOALA FOOD TREES

**Gympie Landcare**  
350 Old Maryborough Road • Phone 5483 8866

**Noosa Landcare**  
Station Road, Pomona • Phone 5485 2468

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# of the Gympie Region

*Much loved,  
too precious to lose.*

# Yes...

## KOALAS ARE VULNERABLE

The koala is listed by both the Queensland and Australian governments as a 'vulnerable' species due to the severe decline in its numbers in Queensland and New South Wales.

The unique and iconic koala is an important part of Australia's natural and cultural heritage. The koala is Queensland's fauna emblem.

## KOALAS ARE IN OUR REGION

While many residents may not have seen one in the wild here, the Gympie Region is fortunate to still have koala populations spread throughout our landscape.

Most koalas live on private land. Locals who are recording and reporting koala sightings are helping build a better picture of where our koalas are surviving, and how they are doing.

## TO CHECK YOUR PROPERTY FOR SIGNS OF KOALAS

- Do you have koala food trees? Some local favourites Tallowwood *E. microcorys*, Grey gum *E. propinqua*, Queensland blue gum *E. tereticornis*.
- Listen during breeding season for the male's deep grunting call.
- Check for long scratch marks and small pock marks on the bark, and for scats (koala poo) under their preferred eucalypt trees.



Scratch marks



Scats



Pock marks

## IF YOU SEE A KOALA

- 1 **Enjoy the special experience!**
- 2 **Check** that the koala is safe and healthy.
- 3 **Call** a wildlife rescue service for advice and help with any sick, injured or dead koala. (Have rescue numbers in your phone.)
- 4 **Report** your sighting! (See back page.)



WIDGEE

What to look for:

- **Eyes**—look swollen, red, cloudy, gummy up, or weepy (conjunctivitis).
- **Bottom**—wet and/or brown, or discoloured due to staining from urine (cystitis).
- **Sitting on the ground**, but making no attempt (or weak attempt) to move when approached.

If you find a dead koala, check the pouch of female koalas. If there is a joey **do not** remove it. Get assistance.

Any koala hit by a car or attacked by dogs requires urgent treatment, even if an injury is not evident.

## DANGER ON THE GROUND

**Remember—koalas are not just up trees! They also move along the ground every day, placing them in danger.**

While most active at night, koalas do change trees in daylight hours too. In Spring and Summer, some koalas cover even longer distances—the adult male koalas in breeding season (starting July), and the young 2 to 3 year old koalas that have to find their new home ranges.

**All this extra activity means that koalas are at more risk from dogs and cars.**

## PROTECT KOALAS FROM DOGS

Keep your dog confined to a house yard, or restrained. Never let your dog wander.

## WHEN DRIVING

Look out for koalas on our country roads and our urban areas where koalas live. Slow speed from dusk until dawn when koalas and other wildlife are most active. Koalas can be slow to move and are easily blinded by headlights.

## IF YOU LIVE IN A KOALA AREA

As most koalas live on private land, their future in our region will depend largely on landowners managing their land to protect and improve koala habitat and connectivity.

### 1 How

- Allow natural regeneration of their preferred eucalypts.
- Plant koala food trees suited to your locality. (Gympie Landcare have a Koala Food Tree brochure.)
- Create wildlife corridors that link fragmented koala habitats—a great community project!



MARY VALLEY

### 2 Protect koalas in your neighbourhood, and allow them to move safely to feed and mate:

- Confine domestic dogs to a fenced house yard.
- Ensure property and paddock fencing has space under the lowest strand for easy passage—a 30cm gap ideally.
- Deal with feral pests—wild dogs prey on koalas.
- Fire—ensure hazard reduction burns in koala habitat are cool burns. Check for koala presence first.

### 3 Welcome new residents to your locality with information about the presence of koalas and how they can help protect them.

## KOALAS NEED US

There is much we can all do for the survival of koalas in the wild in our region.

**Gympie Region can make the difference!**