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Registered Charity



ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020



ACHIEVEMENTS

IN 2019-2020 YEAR

TREES PLANTED:

9000 trees planted

5 properties

17.41 hectares planted

16,500 total trees planted since 2016

40,000 - 50,000 koala trees estimated
for 2021 season

WEEDS REMOVED:

900,000 Boneseed weeds removed
total 2.4 million+ since 2012

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

1945 community members participated
36 community Koala Conservation Days
run

1800+ volunteer hours spent on
weeding or tree planting





ACHIEVEMENTS

IN 2019-2020 YEAR

MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS:

- **Research collaboration** with University of Sydney. An insight into natural koala drinking behaviour. *Ethology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/eth.13032>
- **Global impact** with 28+ news agencies running koala drinking story around Wild Koala Day May 3 2020 [The Guardian](#)
- Front cover of science journal **Ethology** in August 2020 [Link](#)
- **The Conversation** mentioned us and linked to KCF in June 2019 [Link](#)
- Koala News & Science: monthly newsletter started February 2020 reaches 250 subscribers. [Subscribe](#)

PRESENTATIONS & MEETINGS:

- **Hosted Koala Public Meeting:** 28 November 2019
- **Global Youth Summit:** 21 January 2020 Presentation
- **Port Phillip Greens:** 6 February 2020 Presentation
- **Hosted Koala Working Group:** February 17, 2020 Attended by top scientists & NGOs
- **Hosted Koala Tree Planting Workshops** (with Bangalow Koalas): 28 April, 2 May, 7 May 55 participants from VIC, NSW, QLD.
- **Raymond Island Koalas & Landcare:** 2 June 2020 Meeting

Study solves lingering mystery of how Australian marsupials stay hydrated

Reuters

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our fifth year:

I've heard that, in order to grow, a movement needs a crisis. A crisis that shakes the public out of comfort and into action.

Tragically, we've had that crisis this year. First the worst bushfires on earth in human history, all in koala habitat. Estimated loss of 70% of koalas in bushfire-affected areas.

Then, the pandemic. Though Australia's emissions have come down a little (temporarily), unfortunately the virus diverted attention from the impacts of the bushfires. Luckily, the Australian public have not forgotten koalas.

These two events have changed the landscape for Koala Clancy Foundation.

The damage to our icon species has been deep and long-term. But community, corporate and donor interest has never been stronger, and we are growing stronger for it.





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MEDIA

The year has been non-stop media. Our hope and aim that koalas would stay in the news is happening.

February 2020 - present: We now have a regular radio timeslot on The Sustainable Hour radio show & podcast, first Wednesday of every month.

May 2020: The University of Sydney's paper on koalas drinking went worldwide. The paper, released on Wild Koala Day, used and credited EW/Koala Clancy Foundation pictures and data. The Guardian, Reuters, Al Jazeera, every News Corp paper in Australia, New York Post, India Tribune, India Times, Jakarta Post and many other publications ran the story.

August 2020: The same picture, also credited to us, appeared on a subsequent Guardian story about koalas in NSW, and was the front cover image for the science journal Ethology.

November 2020: we helped Australia win the Lonely Planet award for community restoration. I was the sole spokesperson for the award, and the majority of the promotional video is our koalas and tree planting.





THE CONVERSATION

COVID-19 | Arts & Culture | Business | Economy | Education | Environment | Health | Politics | Public | Society | Sports



What does a koala's nose know? A bit about food, and a lot about making friends

The koala's nose is distinctive — it's a big black leathery remnant in the middle of a round, grey face that's surprisingly soft to the touch. And every koala nose is unique.

A study of 100 wild koalas found distinctive patterns of pigmentation around the nostrils allowed observers on the ground to reliably recognise individual animals, even when they're in the trees.

THE WEEKLY TIMES



AUSTRALIA'S CONSERVATION EFFORTS RECOGNISED

A Victorian tour group has been highlighted for their work in protecting



MEDIA

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"Our Wildlife Has Suffered Terribly": The Impact of Australia's Fires and How You Can Help



A strong voice and strong support for Victorian Landcare

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Wild Koala Day - Virtual Event - 3 May 2020

Wild Koala Day, a national day to celebrate koalas living in the wild, will go ahead online, digitally and in people's homes on Sunday May 3, 2020.

Australians encouraged to wear a gum involved in online activities to demonstrate

For further details and to get involved, visit: <https://www.landcare.org.au/wild-koala-day>

ecotravelist

How to help save koalas from home this Wild Koala Day

3 May 2020

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"COVID-19 slowed everything down," says Duffy. "So people don't have the time to go out and see koalas. We hope they will remember koalas, and now they see koalas and protect them."

Do koalas have a special place in our hearts and need our creative ways to help save koalas on Wild Koala Day and beyond, both from home and in the wild. Join us on 3 May 2020.

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9 uplifting wildlife and conservation stories we all need to read

Hidden between coronavirus news updates are a few positive stories about sleeping lions, multiplying koalas and even species coming back from the brink of extinction. Let's have a read...



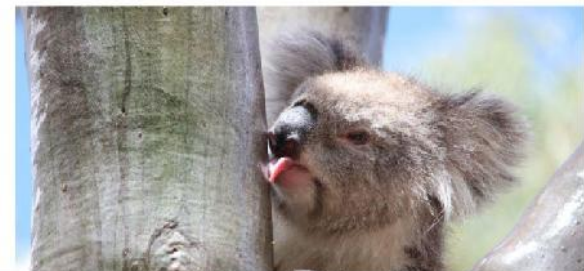
1. It's been a great year



How Koalas Are Impacted by Australia's Wildfires— And What You Can Do to Help

REUTERS

How do koalas might think



Search - The Guardian Australia edition

The Guardian

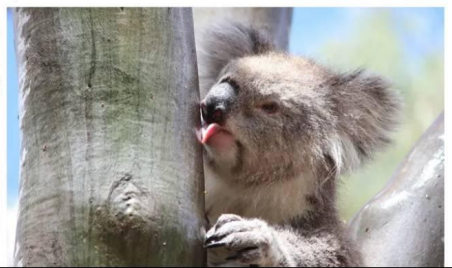
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TREE PLANTING

9000 TREES!

We put in a huge effort and planted 9000 trees on 5 sites in the 2020 season, an increase of 230% on last year. Volunteers were banging down our door to get a place, and every tree planting day was full and into waitlist. Lockdown stopped us from taking community members, but we proceeded with Echidna Walkabout jobkeeper staff until we got all the trees into the ground.

Our total trees planted to date = **16,500**

Interest for 2021 is exceeding all our hopes: we have 4 confirmed properties and another 11 still in consideration, with 22,000 trees likely. We have also 2000 trees on Raymond Island and another 20-25,000 in far East Gippsland.

KCF could be responsible for planting a total of **50,000** trees next year.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We are really starting to reach the local community. In 2020, before lockdown, we were achieving an average of 25 volunteers on every Koala Conservation Day. Tree Planting KCDs, running every weekend, had a higher average. That's a significant increase on our 2018-2019 average of 14.7 volunteers.

Corporate and special KCDs were up significantly too, with over 1500 participants. Thanks to KPMG, Wyndham Council, Aesop, Emmaus College, Reptile Encounters-Rowville High School, Albert Park Secondary, Get Lost Travel Group and Koorie Youth Justice.



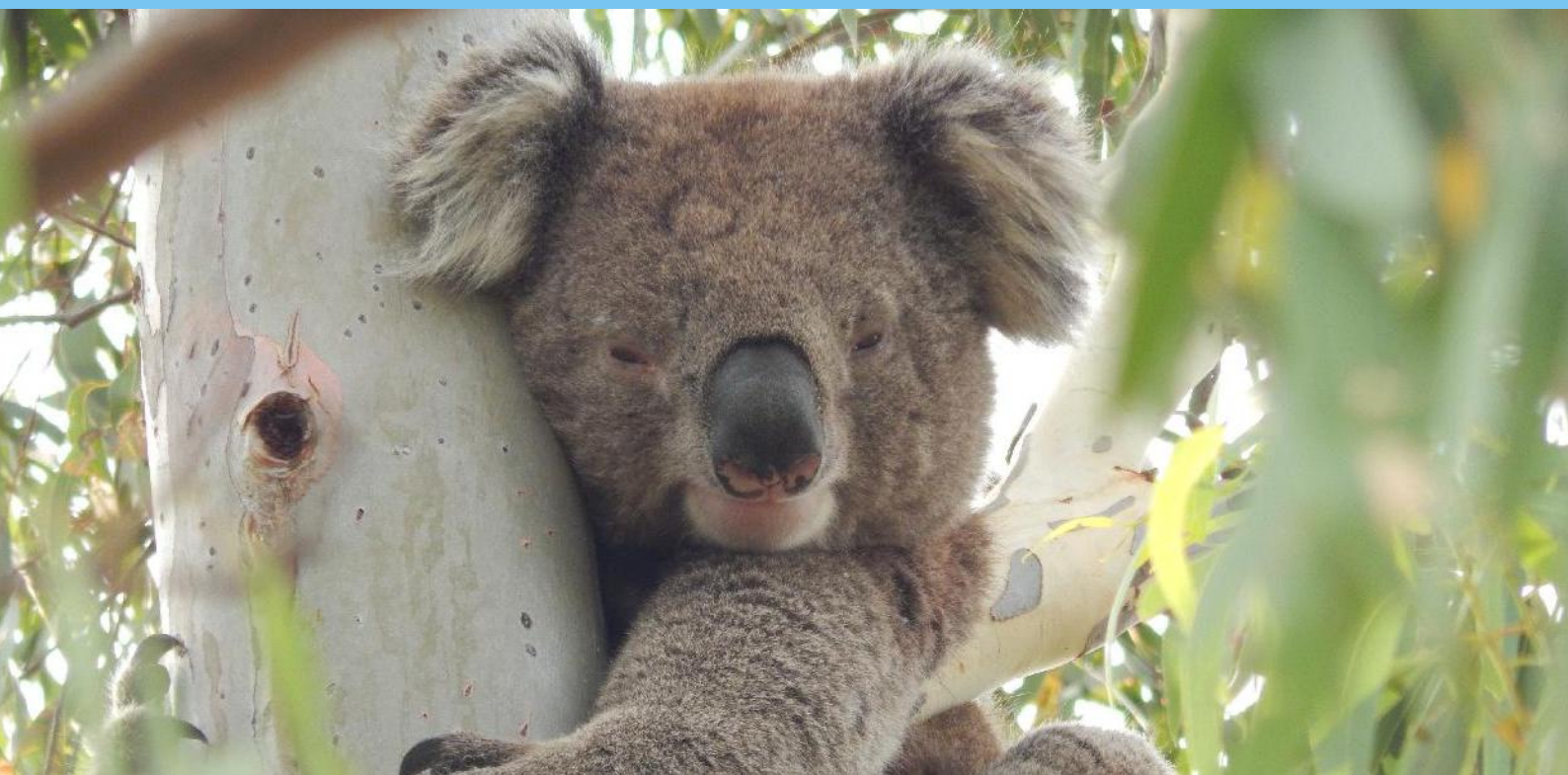
ADVOCACY

We held an emergency meeting in Sydney in February, bringing together top koala academics, activists & NGOs. Important connections & ideas resulted:

- **Koala News & Science:** a monthly newsletter of positive koala news and latest science. 250 subscribers, mostly academics and conservation groups.
- Closer ties to WWF & IFAW, and a grant from IFAW.
- A stronger relationship with **key koala scientists**, which will lead to research collaboration opportunities.

Koala tree planting workshops were held in May to encourage conservation and landcare & friends groups to plant trees for koalas. These were warmly supported, with 55 groups participating.

Wild Koala Day, May 3 2020 was virtual, but still achieved 13K likes on Tourism Australia's facebook.





FINANCIAL REPORT

2019-2020



INCOME

Donations	\$38,644.44
Attendance at conservation events	\$26,145.57
Sales: books, merchandise	\$9,566.02
Membership subscriptions	\$4,788.36
Grants	\$10,000.00
Other Income	\$5.35

Total Income	\$89,149.74
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EXPENSES

Weeding & planting	\$17,808.80
Promotion	\$5,428.65
Costs of sales - books etc	\$13,562.21
Koala Working Group expenses	\$935.44
Wild Koala Day expenses	\$679.58
Employment Expenses	\$40,477.99
Insurance	\$928.50
Other expenses	\$49.32

Total Expenses	\$79,870.49
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NETT PROFIT	\$9279.25
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BALANCE SHEET AS OF 30 JUNE 2020

Assets

Cash in bank and at hand \$121,256.11

Trade Debtors - prepayments -\$450.00

Total Assets \$120,806.11

Liabilities \$00.00

Net Assets \$120,806.11





THANKYOU

To our wonderful **donors** in 2019-2020, thank you. We couldn't do this without you:

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Treasurer: **Roger Smith**

Committee Members: **Rebecca Fraser and David Francis-Foreman**

And thank you to all our **Members**