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# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2021-2022



# ACHIEVEMENTS

IN 2021-2022 YEAR

## TREES PLANTED 2022 season\*:

38,628 koala trees planted

27, 628 You Yangs; 9 properties 33+ ha

11,000 East Gippsland; 2 properties

\*trees planted is counted by season 1 June - 30 Sept 2022

## WEEDS REMOVED:

345,000 Boneseed weeds removed

## OVERALL/all time:

95,854 total trees planted since 2016

3.8 million+ weeds removed since 2012

5,328 volunteers have contributed 11,228 hours

## FUTURE:

30,000 koala trees estimated for 2023 season

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

835 community members participated

14 public Koala Conservation Days run

17 corporate & special KCDs run

2481 volunteer hours spent on weeding, tree planting or koala research







# ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Our first mention in the Senate of Australian Federal Parliament, in 2022
- Research collaboration with University of Sydney on 2 scientific papers
- Koala News & Science: monthly newsletter started February 2020 reaches 374 subscribers. [Subscribe](#)
- Presentation to Moorabool Landcare Group with CSIRO March 2022
- Attended Victorian Koala Workshop December 2021

Wednesday, 26 October 2022

THE SENATE

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## SPEECH

**Date** Wednesday, 26 October 2022  
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**Questioner**  
**Speaker** Rice, Sen Janet

**Source** Senate  
**Proof** Yes  
**Responder**  
**Question No.**

**Senator RICE** (Victoria) (10:02): Recently I joined a koala habitat tree-planting day with the Koala Clancy Foundation. It was industrial-scale tree planting. As far as the eye could see, trees were going in the ground. There were about 50 volunteers on the day I was there, and over a period of a couple of weeks the Koala Clancy Foundation was planting out I think 50 or 100 hectares with thousands and thousands of trees.

It's a fantastic contribution to try to create habitat for koalas. However, the day I was there, as I was planting these trees in the ground, my mind kept going off to the fact that less than 100 kilometres away, in the Wombat State Forest—soon to be Wombat National Park—the Andrews government is logging koala habitat. They're calling it 'salvage logging', but I've seen the photos; it looks like clear-felling to me. The Victorian National Parks Association and the local environment groups knew this logging was going ahead, and it is going ahead. They did some surveys of the areas of the forest that were planned to be logged. They found in overnight surveys in these areas of forest that were being logged—areas that are about to be a national park—40 greater gliders, one powerful owl, four koalas, one boobook, one feathertail glider and seven ringtail possums. It is outrageous. I think of all the wonderful work that groups around the country like the Koala Clancy Foundation are doing, and meanwhile our precious native forest, home to koalas and such a diverse range of other species, is continuing to be destroyed by logging and by clearing.



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Our seventh year:

We did it again! 38K trees planted over the 2022 winter season, and 345,800 Boneseed weeds removed. 835 volunteers participated contributing 2481 hours of volunteering.

This time we did all our own fundraising, and it was hard, but we managed and learned a lot, which will benefit us in future. We ran our first community fundraisers and raised over \$28,000 on those.

I had a lightbulb moment at a conference I was sponsored to attend in October 2022. We were sitting listening to great speakers all talking about what should be done.

I wished we were talking about how and when we would do it.

This is what we do best at KCF. We talk about doing, and then we do it.

So when a professor at that conference told me that koalas are probably not going to make it through another 0.5C of warming (which is locked in and unavoidable) unless we lower the threats to them, I knew what had to be done.

**We've got to get koalas match fit for the big fight to come.** That means doing our local work, and helping other groups where we can, using our strengths in advocacy and outreach to amplify our collective voice.

It started with a public rally in November 2022, and will hopefully continue into a Victorian Koala Alliance. From there we hope to get a seat at the tables where decisions are being made.





# MEDIA

We had some great local media this year.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

January 2022: ONLINE NEWS Adventure.com [How to travel and make the world a better place in 2022](#)

March 2022: The Advocate by Patricia Jenkins: [Koala foundation fights climate change and fire risk with tree planting goal.](#)

April 2022: The Geelong Independent, by Fatima Halloum: [Koala-ty volunteers protect native animals.](#)

June 2022: The Golden Plains Times, by Tim Bottams: [Koala group expands efforts](#)

And a few more after the end of this reporting period

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## KOALA RESEARCH

Our research in the You Yangs has slowed as Echidna Walkabout day tours (which funded the research) have reduced. We try to have a researcher out in the You Yangs once a week, either for a Koala Conservation Day (once a month) or an Echidna tour, or just to keep in touch with our koalas.

However, from another angle our research is thriving. The University of Sydney is working with me on a paper about my koala nose pattern discovery – we expect to have it mostly written by May 2023. I will be lead author.

Another paper about stemflow water in eucalypts has gained research permits and is just waiting on a student to write it. I will be one of the authors and Koala Clancy Foundation will be acknowledged.



## Former forest turning a new leaf

BY BILLY HIGGINS

A GEELONG-region koala charity has enlisted more than 100 volunteers as part of a campaign to restore 10 hectares of local habitat for at-risk native species.

Koala Clancy Foundation (KCF) is planting 8000 grey box eucalyptus trees this winter at Balling, north of the You Yangs, in its largest-ever single-season reforestation project.

The planting drive will restore a block of former eucalypt forest that was cleared for farmland more than a century ago and is now a vital refuge for endangered plants and animals.

A total of 301 volunteers, including City of Greater Geelong councillors Scott Mansfield and Michelle Midgley, tourism groups, Deakin University students and KCF members have participated in the latest round of plantings that has already

planted 4,300 trees in the ground.

The charity expects koalas to be using the trees within two to four years, and by 20 years that the area is returned to a forest it hopes will soon become a vibrant habitat for koalas and other threatened native species. Foundation president Janine Duffy got her hands dirty at a public planting day this month, and is encouraging local volunteers to do the same.

"This enormous 8,000-tree project is a dream come true for me," foundation president Janine Duffy said.

"More than 10 per cent of the forest type remains Australia-wide, and it is now classified as endangered."

"Many of the animals that lived in or used the grey box forests are now endangered, so we are putting some of that ecosystem back."

The foundation is based between the You Yangs and Harborne Kangas, near Macleod, and aims to create habitat, educate the community, support research and

advocate for protection of wild koalas and their forests.

The existing Balling grey box site is on a farming property and delivered in partnership with the site's landowners.

"The area is immediately south of one of the region's last remnants of mature grey box forest that is retained on the property, and would become the southernmost block of the forest type in Australia."

"Since 2016, KCF has planted 75,000 trees in greater Geelong and 2.8 million invasive weeds with help from 1800 volunteers. The project has received backing from the International Fund for Animal Welfare and City of Greater Geelong through its environment sustainability grants."



Volunteers hope the seedlings will grow into a koala habitat in two to four years.  
LEFT: Victoria Senator Janet Rice. Photos: LOUISA JONES



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GREATER GEELONG

## Volunteers plant trees for koalas with their bear hands

PHOTOGRAPH



Geelong University student, Grace Palmer.

## AUSSIE ANIMAL SHOW



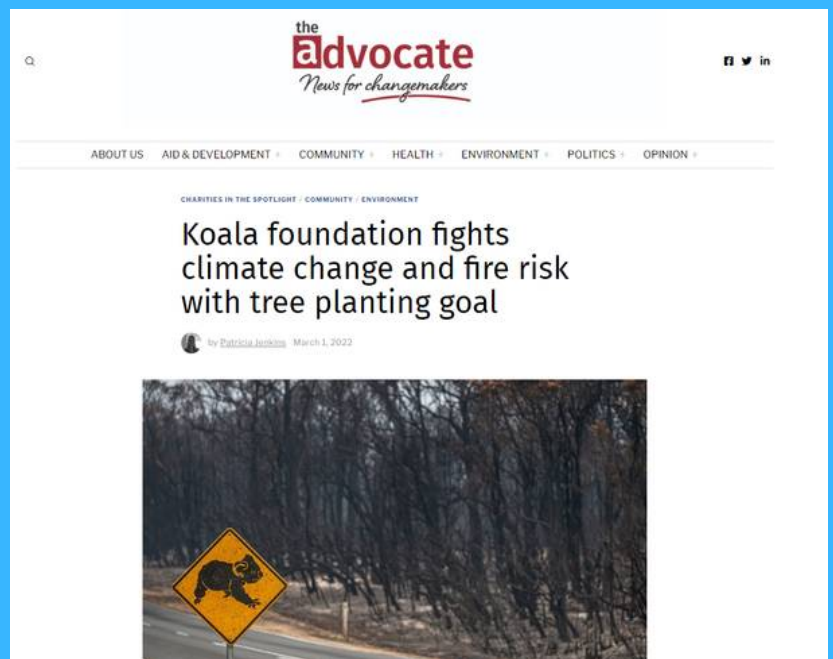
## VICTORIAN KOALAS UNDER THREAT

This week on the Aussie Animal Show Rob Chats with Janine Duffy from the Koala Clancy Foundation and Jessica Robertson from Ballarat Wildlife and Conservation.



Koala Clancy Foundation

# MEDIA







# TREE PLANTING

## 38,628 TREES!

We planted 27,628 trees on 9 sites in our local area in the 2022 season.

plus 11,000 trees planted in East Gippsland (by East Gippsland Landcare) on 2 sites.

The You Yangs trees were up 7% on last year and just 2,372 short of our ultimate aim of 30,000 trees per year. We could have done more – we had the properties to do it, and the wet season continued into September – but we didn't raise enough funds in time to go further.

Around the You Yangs local area we've planted 70,004 trees. Just 229,996 to go by 2030!

Interest for 2023 is looking good. We have 2 ongoing properties, 2 new properties and another one still to visit.





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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A total of 835 volunteers participated over the financial year, contributing 2481 volunteer hours to tree planting, weeding, and koala research.

We ran 14 KCDs with the local community, with an average of 18.6 participants. Numbers were a bit low at the start of the reporting period as Covid was still locking us down frequently.

Corporate and special KCDs did well, we ran 17 of these, with a variety of groups ranging from 49 prep-age kids from Woodline School, to 18 sustainable tourism leaders with Tourism Australia.

We ran our first donor event on 4 May with a presentation and movie at the Sun Theatre. It was really well received. As a result we did receive more donations, but the main achievement was the building of our community.





# ADVOCACY

Koala News & Science now has 374 subscribers and gets over 50% open rate every month now. Many subscribers share it further.

We started the Koala Leaders Unite alliance to run a public rally in November 2022. This will probably grow into a formal alliance for Victorian koala groups.

Federal Senator Janet Rice attended a planting day in 2022 and posted about it on her socials, and then mentioned us in parliament in support of the Save The Koala bill.

4 Councillors from the City of Greater Geelong have also attended tree planting: Kylie Grzybek, Anthony Aitken, Belinda Moloney & Sarah Mansfield

## WEEDING

Boneseed removal continues outside of tree planting season, with events running once a month. We ran 11 weeding days, both for the public and for special groups, with a total of 532 volunteers hours contributed and 345,800 weeds removed.

This brings our weeding total up to 3.8million.

The weeds have taken hold again in the You Yangs after the lockdowns, but some areas that we cleared in past are still weed-free.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2021-2022

### INCOME

Donations	\$56,757.53
Attendance at conservation events	\$35,047.66
Sales: books, merchandise	\$170.67
Membership subscriptions	\$8,172.82
Grants	\$290,722.23
Other Income	\$55.58

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$390,916.49</b>
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### EXPENSES

Weeding & planting	\$290,272.38
Promotion	\$2,177.73
Vehicles & travel	\$14,113.31
Shed & equipment	\$37,475.63
Fundraising	\$907.95
Wild Koala Day expenses	\$263.50
Employment Expenses	\$82,917.35
Other (accounting, legal, admin)	\$1124.12

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$429,251.97</b>
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<b>NETT LOSS</b>	<b>\$38,335.48</b>
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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2021-2022

### BALANCE SHEET AS OF 30 JUNE 2022

#### Assets

Cash in bank and at hand	\$67,434.00
Cash in Fund account	\$40,217.00
Trade Debtors	\$32,228.00

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$139,879.00</b>
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Liabilities	\$0
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$139,879.00</b>
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# THANKYOU

To our wonderful **donors** in 2021-2022, thankyou. We couldn't do this without you. You are so numerous now we can't list you all here.

Thankyou to our **corporate & institutional donors** in 2021-2022: Oxford Pharmagenesis, Rotary Club of Kardinia, Hidden Secrets Tours, Firefighters Charity, Euca, The Changesmiths and Koala Cuddles Australia and others who prefer to remain anonymous.

Thankyou to the organisations who support us with **grants**: IFAW, Melbourne Water, City of Greater Geelong, 15 Trees, LUSH, Lord Mayors Charitable Fund, Planet Ark Seedling Bank

Huge thanks to our **board** who all contribute time and skills.

President: **Janine Duffy**

Vice President: **Sharon Williams**

Secretary: **Caz Bartholomew**

Treasurer: **David Francis- Foreman**

Committee Members: **Rebecca Fraser, Liz Hope & Gabrielle Francis**

Thankyou to our **staff** who have put in tremendously, through rain, mud, mosquitoes, baking sun, howling winds, and runaway cattle:

**Eliza Anderson**

**Peta Coward**

**Kathryn 'Spud' Jude**

**Jacqui Stent**

**Amy Somers**

**Hayley Forster**

And thankyou to all our **Members**