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# KOALA CLANCY FOUNDATION

# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2022-2023



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# ACHIEVEMENTS

IN 2022-2023 YEAR

## TREES PLANTED 2023 season\*:

33,793 koala trees planted

9 properties 34.4+ ha

\*trees planted counted by season 1 June - 30 Sept 2023

## WEEDS REMOVED:

209,300 Boneseed weeds removed

## OVERALL/all time:

129,697 total trees planted since 2016

4.1 million+ weeds removed since 2012

6,085 volunteers have contributed 13,382 hours

## FUTURE:

30,000 koala trees estimated for 2024 season

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

786 community members participated

19 public Koala Conservation Days run

17 corporate & special KCDs run







# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Research collaboration with University of Sydney on 3 scientific papers
- Chosen to join National Koala Recovery Team Community Advisory Committee
- Attended National Koala Conference at Port Macquarie, May 2023. Dr Valentina Mella acknowledged us in her keynote presentation on Day 1.
- Collaboration with huge commercial nursery in Lara to grow trees for free
- 12 orphaned Ringtail Possums soft-released on our project sites
- Tree guards removed from 5 projects and ongoing, recycled for use next year
- Koala News & Science: monthly newsletter started February 2020 reaches 389 subscribers. [Subscribe](#)
- New audio monitoring project for koalas on planting sites began.





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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Our eighth year:

It was a record-breaking year for us.

Just after the start of the 2023 tree planting season we planted our 100,000th koala tree. That's a milestone I never imagined when we started KCF in 2015.

By the end of that season, we had planted over 129,000 trees. We planted every weekend from 3 June to 2 September, minus one weekend in mid August. In one day we planted 1931 trees. In one amazing week we planted 5891 trees.

Our KCF team were determined, dedicated and professional, and our members were ultra supportive.

Along the way we soft-released 12 orphaned Ringtail Possums into new habitat, removed 200,000+ weeds from the You Yangs, collected and reused 7000+ tree guards, transitioned to all bamboo stakes and ran a weekend tree planting event for IFAW. We also supported a scientific research project on stemflow, another on koala genetics, and started two new research projects with the University of Sydney. We were interviewed by the ABC, Geelong Advertiser, Herald Sun, 3AW, 3RRR and WIN News. We gave presentations at the National Gallery of Victoria, for Geelong and Macedon Ranges councils, and for community groups all over our region.

In March 2023 we were chosen to join the Australian government's National Koala Recovery Team to assist in implementing the recovery plan for the koala.

We were engaged for the 2nd year as expert tree planting consultants for a huge event at Victoria University. We attended two conferences as guests of IFAW: the National Koala Conference in May 2023, and the Great Eastern Ranges conference in October 2022.

We are learning, testing, teaching, and making new connections in the koala and environment space. Our koalas are getting known, and better protected.

Thankyou to all who've been part of this.





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# PRESENTATIONS

Presentations to community groups and the general public are important for building connections. We are regularly invited to present on the subject of local koalas.

I gave presentations to the following groups:

November 2022: Pentland Hills Landcare

January 2023: Rotary Club of Kardinia

February 2023: Ocean Grove Coastcare

April 2023: National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne Now

And a few more after the end of this reporting period:

August 2023: Macedon Ranges Council

October 2023: Geelong Nature Festival

November 2023: Rotary Club of Highton

## KOALA RESEARCH

We are working on three scientific research projects with the University of Sydney

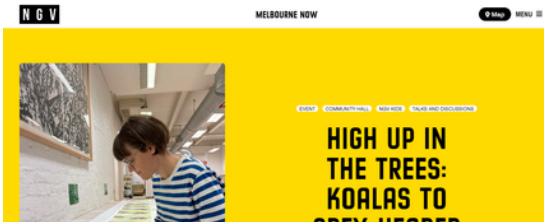
- my koala nose pattern ID method;
- composition of stemflow that koalas drink;
- chlamydia testing of koala scats.

In all papers we will be acknowledged, or if they are published, I will be a co-author. On the nose pattern paper I will be lead author.





# MEDIA



Bellarine Times  
Monday, November 27th, 2023

## Residents invited to koala snapshot session

February 20, 2023 • BY Vinne van Gerschoot



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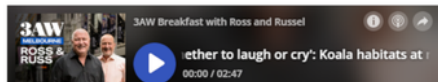
## 'I don't know whether to laugh or cry': Koala habitats at risk

A new Victorian Koala Management Strategy has been slammed as weak and indefensible by the president of the Koala Clancy foundation, Janine Duffy.

Koala habitats in Victoria have been under threat due to climate change, native forest logging and bushfires.

"They can take out huge areas of forest, and koalas do need quite a lot of forest actually," Ms Duffy told Ross and Russell.

Press PLAY to hear Janine Duffy's thoughts



Golden Plains Times  
Monday, November 27th, 2023

## Tree effort for koalas returns

May 27, 2023 • BY Tim Bottoms



Thousands of trees have been planted on an historic sheep grazing property.  
#WINNews | Channel 8 & 80 (HD) Weeknights from 5:30pm

Farmers Ross and Liz Wilkie work with volunteers to help save koala habitat on their Lethbridge property. Picture: Brad Fleet

## Seeds of a koala lifeline



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## Volunteers plant trees for koalas with their bear hands

14/07/2022



## Koala conservationists call for urgent action from next Victorian premier

ABC Ballarat / By Laine Johnson

Posted: Yesterday at 7:32 am, updated: Yesterday at 7:52 am







# TREE PLANTING

## 33,793 TREES!

We planted **33,793** trees on 9 sites in our local area in the 2023 season. This means we've planted **129,697** trees to date. Just 170,303 to go by 2030! Interest for 2024 is looking good. We have 3 ongoing properties, 1 new property and another one still to visit.

## Sustainability:

We began removing tree guards from 2+ year old plantings in late 2022. We salvaged enough good quality guards to reduce our purchase of new guards to 4,000 only. (Down from 37,000 in 2021). Damaged guards are packaged and we are now seeking recycling options.

We have fully transitioned to **bamboo stakes**, away from hardwood. Bamboo is strong, light, more sustainable than hardwood and cheaper.





## Nursery collaboration:

Boomaroo Nurseries in Lara approached us with an offer of support. We will use their facilities, potting mix, water and staff expertise to raise as many trees as we can, which will reduce our costs.

## Possum soft-release:

12 orphaned Ringtail Possums have been soft-released on 2 planting sites, in partnership with licensed wildlife carers Gracia & Louise. Members have assisted with this program, by providing daily water and browse to the possums in the first week of soft-release. It is hoped that the re-introduction of these small mammals will help the ecosystem get ready for koalas.



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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A total of 786 volunteers participated over the financial year, contributing 2307 volunteer hours to tree planting, weeding, and koala research.

We ran 19 Koala Conservation Days with the local community, with an average of 20.8 participants.

Corporate and special KCDs have remained important to us, we ran 17 of these, with a variety of groups ranging from Hewlett-Packard to the Deakin University Enviro Club.





# ADVOCACY

Koala News & Science now has 389 subscribers and gets over 52% open rate on average.

We launched Koala Alliance Victoria on 3 May, Wild Koala Day.

VicForests posted about Wild Koala Day and had a statement on their home page for months after the event.

The Victorian Koala Management Strategy was finally released on 6 May 2023. In the lead up to Wild Koala Day we had gained some significant media on this issue, that would have been noticed in government.

A Victoria-wide Koala Survey was started in October 2023, seeking information on populations and genetics.

After an initial big impact, time pressures got in the way for the Koala Alliance organisers, and the alliance is in hibernation for the moment.



## WEEDING

Boneseed removal continues outside of tree planting season, with events running once a month. We ran 7 weeding days, both for the public and for special groups, with a total of 322 volunteer hours contributed and 209,300 weeds removed.

This brings our weeding total up to 4.1 million.





# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2022-2023



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### INCOME

Donations	\$92,721.72
Attendance at conservation events	\$36,307.55
Sales: books, merchandise	\$277.48
Membership subscriptions	\$8216.70
Grants	\$103,965.30
Other Income	\$961.97

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$245,272.08</b>
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### EXPENSES

Weeding & planting	\$57,396.76
Promotion	\$1,481.06
Cost of sales, books etc	\$1,575.82
Insurance	\$1,354.54
Vehicles & travel	\$6,985.68
Equipment	\$5,328.11
Fundraising	\$227.27
Wild Koala Day expenses	\$224.00
Koala Alliance	\$692.03
Employment Expenses	\$109,691.33
Other (accounting, legal, admin)	\$5,109.46

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$190,066.06</b>
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<b>NETT PROFIT</b>	<b>\$55,206.02</b>
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### BALANCE SHEET AS OF 30 JUNE 2023

#### Assets

Cash in bank and at hand	\$70,163.00
Cash in Fund account	\$81,760.00
Trade Debtors	\$3,630.00
GST refund due	\$511.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$156,064.00</b>

Liabilities	0
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$156,064.00</b>
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# THANKYOU

To our wonderful donors in 2022-2023, thank you. We couldn't do this without you.

Thank you to our corporate & institutional donors in 2022-2023: Warrenbrooke, Down Under Endeavours, St George's Workers Club, Koala Cuddles Australia, Rotary Club of Highton, Oxford Pharmagenesis, Rotary Club of Kardinia, Hidden Secrets Tours, The Changesmiths and S-kin Studio, and others who prefer to remain anonymous.

Thank you to the organisations who support us with grants: IFAW, Bupa Foundation, 15 Trees, and Lord Mayors Charitable Fund, and indirectly Melbourne Water and Corangamite Catchment Management Authority.

Huge thanks to our board who contribute their 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

Thank you to our staff: Eliza Anderson, Peta Coward, Hayley Forster, Jacqui Stent, Vanessa Raniolo & Siobhan Heenan

And thank you to all our Members



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