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KOALA CLANCY FOUNDATION **ANNUAL REPORT**

2024-2025





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ACHIEVEMENTS

IN 2024-2025 YEAR

TREES PLANTED 2025 season*:

20,608 koala trees planted

4 properties 8+ ha

*trees planted counted by season 1 June - 12 Nov 2025



WEEDS REMOVED:

105,950 Boneseed weeds removed



OVERALL/all time:

185,397 total trees planted since 2016

4.6 million+ weeds removed since 2012

7626 volunteers have contributed 17,323 hours



FUTURE:

30,000+ koala trees estimated for 2026 season



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

661 community members participated

13 public Koala Conservation Days run

18 corporate & special KCDs run





ACHIEVEMENTS



We remain well ahead in our goal to plant 300,000 trees by 2030. Only 114K to go, and 5 years to do it.



A new joint project with Melbourne Water delivered two informative fact sheets, and increased public engagement. We expect to continue this partnership.



Two more scientific papers published!



Tree Planting Season 2025 Fundraiser raised \$41,955! Summer 2024 Fundraiser raised \$21,410.



We had to change contractors as Matt from Kingfisher Environmental Services moved into a new role, but his recommendation: Callahan Tree Services, worked brilliantly.



We planted over 20,000 koala trees during a drought, by adopting some new methods. Progress so far is looking promising.



Corporate, educational and institutional volunteering is growing, and we are retaining relationships over multiple years.





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ten years since launch!

Our tenth year was marked by increased public engagement, new partnerships and successfully adapting to climate, and social conditions.

We got out into our local community, offering informative fact sheets, scientific papers, public information events and letterbox drops.

The climate was tough, we faced a planting season in a drought and had to adapt. We successfully implemented new methods for dry conditions, and they worked. Fortunately November brought some rain, and our trees are doing well.

Our fundraising reached a new high. In a very tough financial situation, where many charities were struggling for funding, we raised our own funds and were able to achieve our revegetation goals.

Corporate support was critical to our funding too. We were thrilled that 10 out of 18 organisations that volunteered with us in 2024/2025 were repeaters. Some are long-term supporters, on their fourth year volunteering with us.

Cleaning up sites and re-using tree guards and stakes for a second time has become our normal operation. Koala Clancy Foundation is one of very few revegetation groups that do this. It gives us great pride to see most of our two- and three- year-old sites completely clean and free of tree guards and rubbish.





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PRESENTATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Presentations and special events are important for building connections and strengthening our community.

We hosted/gave presentations to the following:

September 2024: Gordon TAFE Animal Studies

December 2024: Bar Clara event

March 2025: Anakie Community Day stall

May 2025: Koala Identification webinar for Wild Koala Day

May 2025: Ballan Community Market stall

And after the end of this reporting period:

July 2025: Geelong Nature Festival planting day

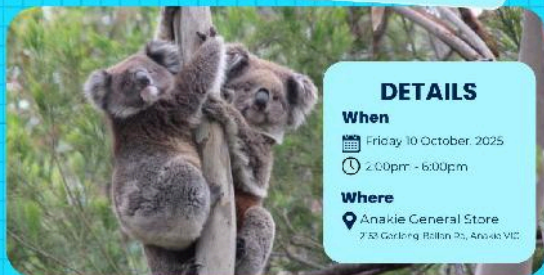
July 2025: Promotional video for new tunnel naming competition from Transurban (we received a donation)

October 2025: Info Arvo at Anakie General Store

November 2025: Ballarat Wildlife Rehabilitation & Conservation AGM presentation

Catch the Koala Clancy Foundation team at the upcoming event:

Info Arvo & Presentation
at
Anakie General Store





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KOALA RESEARCH

Two more of our co-authored scientific papers were peer-reviewed and published in 2025. This brings the total to four published papers driven by Koala Clancy Foundation research.

This means that koalas in our region are finally being recognised in the scientific community.

Full links to all our papers can be found here:

www.koalacancyfoundation.org.au/learn-about-koalas/koala-scientific-information



RESEARCH ARTICLE | Open Access |

Koalas (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) and Stemflow: Drinking More Than Just Water

Connor Flanagan, Mark B. Krockenberger, John T. Van Stan II, Janine Duffy, Valentina S. A. Mella

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Preliminary Evidence of Chlamydiosis in Koalas of the Greater Geelong Region, Victoria: A Potential Emerging Threat?

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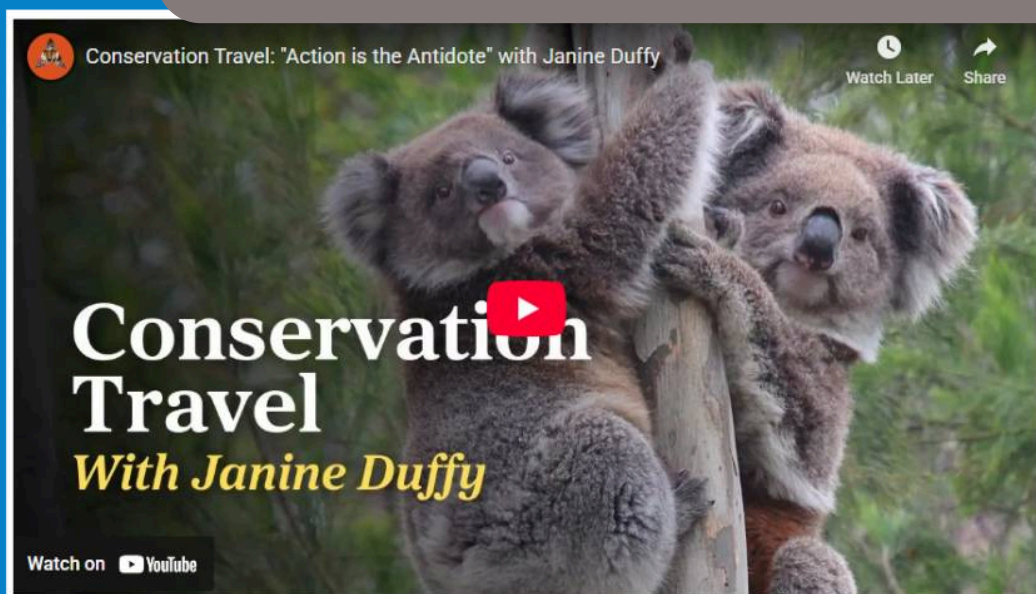
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APRIL 2025:

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC



OCTOBER 2025: OUTBACK





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A holistic approach to disaster response: Recovering and reconstructing habitats after Australia's Black Summer

24 December 2024

Five years ago, the devastating aftermath of the Black Summer fires in Australia confirmed the ongoing necessity of our holistic approach to conservation: one that goes beyond rescue and rehabilitation to include habitat restoration, empowering communities to continue to care for their flora and fauna, and connecting everyone involved to ensure effective use of resources.

Want to help rescue wildlife?

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JULY 2024: ANL

29-JUL-2024

ANL Launches New Sustainability Initiative Rebuilding Koala Habitats, Ensuring Koalas Are Here To Stay

ENVIRONMENT

- ANL launches new sustainability initiative 'Rebuilding Koala Habitats' in collaboration with Koala Clancy Foundation
- Supporting the establishment of a wetland and koala habitat in Victoria's Western Plains, Australia
- ANL, as part of the CMA CGM Group is continuing to 'act for planet' on home soil

ANL, a shipping company under the CMA CGM Group that specialises in moving cargo to and from Oceania and beyond, announces today, in line with National Tree Day their new sustainability initiative – Rebuilding Koala Habitats.

This initiative involves the collaboration with Australian non-for-profit Koala Clancy Foundation. The Koala Clancy Foundation is an organisation focused on supporting the wild koala population of the Western Plains of Victoria; they seek to do this by protecting and enhancing the natural environment. This project aligns with The CMA CGM Group's continuous commitment to 'Act for Planet' and United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15 - 'Life on Land' through ANL's planned investment of time, people and support into Rebuilding Koala Habitats.

The Plight of Victorian Koalas

Over the last 13 years the koala population in the Western Plains of Victoria has decreased drastically, as observed by the Koala Clancy Foundation. This population loss is largely due to the Millennium Drought and further drought between 2017-2020, large numbers of koalas were lost to these high temperatures. The heat has also caused many mature trees in the region to die, resulting in the loss of koala's habitat and source of food in the area.



INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

REDUCE / RE-USE TREE GUARDS & STAKES:

We used 6291 recycled tree guards this year. Our entire planting season needs were met by re-using guards collected off past planting sites. (Down from 37,000 new guards in 2021).

KCF staff were out cleaning up and collecting tree guards on 3 properties in 2025. We also collected stakes. This program will continue.

Damaged, unusable guards were packaged and bundled for recycling.

NURSERY WORKING BEE:

ADCO Construction Group approached us to offer a 24-person working bee for our nursery on 24 October 2024. They built a pot bay, installed a new gate & rafters for another irrigation line, installed gutter guards on shed, painted the trailer and office and other jobs.





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KOALA NEWS & SCIENCE:

Continues monthly, with 399 subscribers.

KOALA TREE SALE:

We ran another plant sale at the season end, and raised over \$820

BAR CLARA EVENT:

Long-term supporter, Bar Clara, designed a cocktail for us using spirits from Mt Rothwell Distillery (one of our planting sites). They donated the proceeds from this cocktail to us, and hosted us for a small event in December 2024.



NURSERY COLLABORATION:

The support from Boomaroo Nurseries continued, allowing us to streamline our operations during planting season. Boomaroo paid for all our potting mix, and provides complimentary nursery space, expertise and irrigation. In 2025 we raised 16,000 of our trees/plants ourselves, and only had to buy in 5000.



THANKYOU

To our wonderful donors in 2024-2025, thankyou. We couldn't do this without you.

Thankyou to the organisations who support us with grants: IFAW, and Melbourne Water.

Thankyou to our corporate & institutional donors in 2024-2025: Australian Geographic Society/Insight Australia, Diverse Travel, Koala Cuddles Australia, Wisdom Homes, Rotary Club of Kardinia, San Francisco Zoo, HS Kompact, Transurban and One Happy Leaf.

Some of our donors prefer to remain anonymous. Thankyou to you too.



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-Foreman, Gloria Wright, Brad Whatmough and Carla Bergen.**

Thankyou to our staff: **Eliza Anderson, Peta Coward, Vanessa Raniolo, Steph Redman and Rhiannon Irving.**

and to **Chris Callahan** and the team at **Callahan Tree Services**, and **Matt Lamanna** from **Kingfisher Environmental Services.**

In particular, thankyou to all our **Members.**