



"Cloud" - a wild female koala

# 'The Two Mountains Koala Trail'

A project of the  
Lal Lal Catchment and Upper Williamsons Landcare Groups

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### Order Your Trees Now for Next Year

Landowners wanting trees for planting next winter-spring are asked to complete the order form at the end of the newsletter and return before the 30 November.

This will allow locally collected seed to be used for propagation. The koalas are sure to know their preferred trees, even if we humans can't tell the difference.

Support for this project is being provided by a DEPI Communities for Nature Grant.

### Community Planting Day

The planting day on the 21<sup>st</sup> September was a great success, with a good roll out of volunteers and wonderful food provided by the members of the Navigators Historical Group.

We planted 400 trees before lunch on the boundary fenceline of Linda Grant, on Glenanes Road, Dunnstown .

The event also created interest from other landowners and it looks like there will be plenty of interest in further plantings next year.

### Gorse eradication program

The Landcare Network's gorse eradication scheme has been well supported by landholders in the area of the two Mountains Koala Trail.

The first program has been fully subscribed and the Network has just been advised that it will receive a second round of funding of \$23,000 to support further gorse removal.

It was very pleasing to see that V-Line is spraying the gorse on the rail easement between Yendon and Navigators and we have established a good relationship with their track maintenance staff based in Ballarat and will be in talks about revegetation works in some areas.

### Do you have a koala photo?

Please send me any photos you have of koalas locally. I love hearing stories of recent sightings.

### Our Technical Adviser nominated for Prestigious Award

Janine Duffy, Echidna Walkabout Tours, provides technical advice for our project and it delightful to note that her company has been nominated for a World Responsible Tourism Award, in the category 'Best for Wildlife Conservation'. We wish her all the best.

### Koala Monitoring

Please record any sightings of koalas on the Atlas of Living Australia website at

<http://bie.ala.org.au/species/Phascolarctos+cinereus>

*Aim: To create a landscape between Mts Warrenheip and Buninyong where koalas can migrate in relative safety and comfort, with the goodwill and support of the local communities.*

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