



# 'The Two Mountains Koala Trail'

A project of the

**Lal Lal Catchment and Upper Williamsons Landcare Groups**

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### **A Good Start**

Great news! There seems to be good community support for the 'Two Mountains Koala Trail' with around 30 people attending the Information session on the 13<sup>th</sup> March at the Navigators community centre.

The aim of the project is

*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.*

### **There are koalas around**

Around 20 koala sightings were recorded at the information session, and Janine Duffy reported clear signs of koala activity on both Mt Buninyong and Mt Warrenheip from claw marks and scratchings on smooth barked eucalypts.

### **Are we recording the same koala?**

We may be recording the same koala at different locations so Janine has provided a guide to identifying koalas by the markings around their face, especially around their nose and nostrils. No two koalas have the same markings. We now need to get some good photographs of the faces of the resident koalas.

### **Next Steps**

In a debrief following the information night it was decided to:

- submit a funding application to Council for support for a planting day later this year. (DONE)
- Record and share data from sightings of koalas
- Follow up on leads with photography groups (for koala photography competition) – especially to record markings around the koalas' noses – for ID purposes
- Follow up on leads to invite landowners to participate in tree planting
- Apply for State and CMA funding when it becomes available (DONE)
- Release a press statement following the event. (DONE)
- Encourage people to record sightings on the national database for koala sightings in [Atlas of Living Australia](#)

### **What will the trail look like?**

The current thinking is to have more clumps of trees in the landscape, especially near permanent water.

If you can help, please contact one of the following and be part of this special project

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Keep up to date with progress of this exciting project on the [Moorabool Landcare Network website](#)

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