



"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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*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.*

## **Council Funds Community Planting Day**

Good news! Moorabool Shire Council has provided \$4,000 through its Community Grants for a community planting day to kick-start on-ground works for the koala trail.

The funds will also be used to attract matching funding from State government agencies.

## **Land wanted for tree planting**

Small parcels of land in the 'corridor' are needed for planting trees suitable for koalas; in particular Manna gums, red gums, and swamp gums. The trees should also have some understorey species planted with them to protect the trees in their early years of growth.

Suitable areas are the corners of paddocks, or a copse. Laneways are also suitable.

## **Landowners are asked to contact one of the project team (opposite) with their offer.**

We are interested in areas of 0.3ha and above. Our aim is to provide the trees and tree-guards, and provide help with the planting.

Some areas may need to be sprayed and the ground ripped prior to planting trees.

## **Sunday 28 September - Community Planting Day**

The community planting day has been pencilled in as Sunday, September 21. The event will run from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please keep this date free.

A special planting day may be offered for schools and corporate groups (depending on interest) – probably Friday 24 September.

## **Koala Monitoring**

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

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

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

We may be recording the same koala at different locations so Janine Duffy has provided a guide to identifying koalas by the pigmentation 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. Please maintain a distance, be quiet and use some [wild Koala Etiquette](#) when approaching Koalas.

Good photos leading to positive identification of a koala will entitle the photographer to 'name' the koala. The photo will be uploaded to the project website at

<http://mln.org.au/projects/two-mountains-koala-trail>

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

The current thinking is to have more clumps of trees in the landscape, especially near permanent water as koalas are vulnerable in heat and need access to shelter and water in hot dry weather.

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

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