



"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.*

### Community Planting Day – 21<sup>st</sup> September

Come one and all to our first community planting day for the Two Mountains Koala Trail, to be held on the property of Linda Grant, Glenanes Road, Dunnstown, between 9.30am and 1.00pm

The species to be planted will be mainly Manna Gums, Red Gums, and Swamp Gums.

RSVP for catering purposes to myself as we need to know numbers for the barbecue at [max\\_coster@live.com.au](mailto:max_coster@live.com.au) or text/phone 0409 177 461. Thanks to the Navigators Historic Society who will be doing the catering.

Bring protective clothing, sturdy boots, hat and water bottle and any tools useful for planting trees as tubestock.

### Sponsorship Update

Last newsletter I was able to report we had received seeding funding from the Moorabool Shire Council.

This newsletter I am pleased to report we were awarded a \$10,000 grant through DEPI's Communities for Nature program.

I am also pleased to advise that Central Highlands Water are sponsoring the trees and guards, and there has been great behind-the-scenes work done by Phil Kinghorn and Bryan Hanrahan who are organising the site preparation and fencing.

A request to the Corangamite CMA for a grant through their community grants program was declined.

### Landowners request trees

We have had several requests from landowners for support with trees and these will be attended to in the coming weeks. The difficult and expensive task is providing support for fencing.

### Gorse eradication program

The Moorabool Landcare Network has funds to support gorse eradication and this will be important in the Two Mountains Koala Trail area.

Twenty three landowners have expressed interest in being part of the program; an excellent outcome given the project has been running for less than two months.

### First koala photo

The Lal Lal Moorabool Photographic Group have advised that one of their members has captured a close up photo of one of our local resident koalas. I look forward to seeing this image and seeing if we can detect the unique facial features illustrated by Janine Duffy when she visited the area.

### Koala Monitoring

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

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

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

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