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for koalas
in the Redlands

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KAG Newsletter

April-June 2023

DIARY DATES

**Sunday July 23
Annual General Meeting
1.30pm-4pm**

Thorneside Community
Hall, 200-204 Mooroondu
Rd

Guest speakers: Koala
Vaccine researchers and
also Mayoral candidate for
2024, Jos Mitchell

**See P.3 for details and
proxy form**

**Sunday July 30
National Tree Day
9am-11am**

Location to be advised
www.indigiscapes.redland.qld.gov.au

**Sunday August 6
Tree Planting
8.30am**

173-201 Cleveland- Red-
land Bay Rd, Thornlands
(access via end of Tuna
Court)

Wear closed-in shoes and
sun safe clothing. BYO
gloves, hand tools provided
and holes are pre dug. All
are welcome and a deli-
cious morning tea follows
the planting.

IndigiScapes Native Nursery

Open Mon-Fri 10am-3pm and
9am-12noon on the first Sat-
urday of each month.

Friendly advice on how to
create a beautiful garden with
plants native to the Redlands.
All plants are only \$2.50 each
and Koala food trees are free!

CROWDS WALK FOR TOONDAH AS FEDERAL DECISION LOOMS

More than 1000 community members of all ages took to the streets of Cleveland to voice their protests against the proposed Toondah Harbour development on Sunday May 14.

The peaceful march led by 'Beako', a giant migratory shorebird puppet sent a final strong message about the growing opposition to the environmentally destructive proposal.

Disappointingly during this time, Labor State government

representatives for the Redlands, Don Brown and Kim Richards publicly confirmed their support for this proposal that will see 3600 residential units built in high rise towers upon what is currently Moreton Bay Marine Park and Ramsar listed protected wetlands.

It is expected that Federal Environment minister Tanya Plibersek will hand down her decision to accept or reject the proposal in coming weeks.



If approved the 20 year+ development will be a death sentence for the Toondah koalas due to the significant increase in traffic both during the build and once the area is home to around 8,000 extra residents.

The plan will decimate 37 hectares of seagrass, feeding grounds for endangered dugongs and turtles. Also destroyed will be about 12 hectares of protected habitat important for the survival of migratory shorebirds.

Ramsar listed wetlands must be 'no-go zones' for development which is one of the key goals for the Ramsar Convention of which Australia was one of the first countries to sign in 1974.

The Conventions mission is 'the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local, regional and national actions and international cooperation, as a contribution towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world'.

This means ensuring that activities which might affect wetlands will not lead to the loss of biodiversity or diminish the many ecological, hydrological, cultural or social values of wetlands.

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Koala Sightings
March to June 2023

Birkdale: Barrett St, Collingwood Rd, Haigh Rd, Lapidus St, Sunnybay Dr. **Capalaba:** Wilson Ct. **Cleveland:** Channel St, Colburn St, Fitzroy Street, Island St, Middle St, Shore St E. **Mt Cotton:** Gramzow Rd, West Mt Cotton Rd. **NSI:** Ballow St, East Coast Rd, Mallon St, Tramican St, **Ormiston:** Delancey St, Stevens Pl, Sturgeon St.
Thornlands: Boundary Rd, Lorikeet Dr. **Victoria Pt:** Cameron Ct, School Rd. **Wellington Pt:** Bibury St, Birkdale Rd, Bligh St, Janelle Ct, Main Rd, Sawmill Dr, Skinner Av, Spurs Dr.

Other LGA's

BCC: Anstead, Mt Gravatt E.
GCCC: Reedy Ck. **GRC:** Imbil, Wilsons Pocket. **MBRC:** Camp Mountain, Kurwongbah, Lawnton, Strathpine. **SBRC:** Kingaroy. **SRC:** Jimna.

Primary data sources:

<https://biocollect.ala.org.au/project/index/edad0555-32a6-473e-8956-c70cf80329c4>
<https://biocollect.ala.org.au/acsa/project/index/f3d0ad81-135d-40bb-baec-50db553df6d0>
[https://biocache.ala.org.au/occurrences/search?q=text:koala&fq=c1959:%22Redland%20\(C\)%22&fq=occurrence_decade_i:%222020%22&pageSize=100](https://biocache.ala.org.au/occurrences/search?q=text:koala&fq=c1959:%22Redland%20(C)%22&fq=occurrence_decade_i:%222020%22&pageSize=100)

Great work and thank you!

KAG was a fortunate recipient of a donation from 13 year old local boy Thomas Palmer. Thomas raised the funds by collecting and cashing in recycled containers with 50% of all proceeds being donated to koala conservation groups.

Thank you also to those who have donated to KAG through the Containers for Change Scheme.

KAG's ID code is: **C10146563** and needs to be quoted at the time you deposit your containers.

www.containersforchange.com.au/qld/where-to-return

Petition against Birkdale Whitewater Centre

A new petition has been launched to oppose plans to construct an Olympic Whitewater Stadium on land at Birkdale that is home to koalas and other wildlife. The 62 hectare site is rich in environmental, cultural heritage values and must be protected from inappropriate development.

Please sign and share with family and friends, thank you for your support!

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-the-Assembly/Petitions/Petition-Details?id=3901>

Have your Say on Wildlife Connections Plan

Council are asking for community input into a proposal to make changes to the Redland City Plan's Environmental Significance Overlay that will see the Wildlife Connections Plan 2018-2028 (WCP) incorporated into the City Plan.

[Final Wildlife Connections Plan 2018 2028 A2528412 \(1\).pdf](#)

Currently the WCP is not a statutory document meaning that when new development applications are assessed, consideration of the wildlife corridor mapping is not mandatory as the WCP is only a guide without legal status.

KAG sees this is a positive move, as the key aim of the WCP is to "manage, enhance and protect core wildlife habitat patches and to facilitate improved connection of wildlife corridors across the Redlands".

Disappointingly, this proposed change has taken four years to come about due to resistance from a sector of Redland councillors. The change will only apply to areas within the urban footprint.

However, it's a good start and KAG hopes the next step will be to include the balance of the Redlands that takes in the rural areas that also contain vital habitat forming part of the wildlife movement corridors.

We encourage you to express your support for the proposed changes by using the link below. Alternatively comments can be emailed to rcc@redland.qld.gov.au, posted to RCC PO Box 21, Cleveland Qld 4163 or delivered in person to one of the Council customer service centres. Comments on the changes close on June 22, 2023.

[Environmental Significance Overlay - Major Amendment | Your Say Redlands Coast](#)



**You are invited to
Koala Action Group
Annual General Meeting**

When: Sunday July 23, 2023 starting at 1.30pm

Where: Thorneside Community Hall 200-204 Mooroondu Rd, Thorneside

Guest speakers

QUT Professor Ken Beagley and researcher Toby Maidment will present results of a Koala Vaccination program they are involved in that has the aim of reducing the effect of this deadly disease in wild koala populations

Redlands Mayoral candidate for the 2024 local government election, Jos Mitchell will talk about her vision for the Redlands

We hope you can join us for election of a new committee and hear the interesting line-up of speakers.

RSVP by July 16, 2023

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Nomination Form for Elected Positions:

I,being a financial member of KAG

(1) Nominate the following person for the position indicated.

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Additional Committee Members (4)

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(2) Nominate or the chairperson
to act as my proxy at the Koala Action Group Qld Inc. 2023 AGM

Signed: Date:

**Please send to KAG by July 21, 2023 via post PO Box 660, Capalaba or email:
admin@koalagroup.asn.au**

Congratulations Bernice....

Co-founder and life member of KAG, Bernice Volz was recently awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service to conservation and the environment.

Over a period of 35 years Bernice has dedicated her life to preserving the natural environment and founded the Karawatha Protection Society in 1990.

She has been involved in many conservation projects and groups including: Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre, Bulimba Creek Catchment Conservation Committee, Oxley Creek Catchment Association, Bayside Wildlife Preservation Society, West Logan Environment Group, Logan and Albert Conservation Group, Society for Growing Australian Plants, Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre and The Avicultural Society.



To report a sick or injured koala contact Redlands Wildlife Rescue Service (24 hours) on 3833 4031

Report koala sightings to - Redlands Koala Watch

<https://yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/koalawatch>

OR

[Report a Koala Sighting – Koala Action Group Qld Inc \(koalagroup.asn.au\)](http://koalagroup.asn.au)

KAG Membership:Application/Renewal Please complete the following and forward to: KAG: PO Box 660, Capalaba Qld 4157 or email admin@koalagroup.asn.au
Fees can now be made via direct debit to: Koala Action Group Qld Inc. Suncorp Bank BSB: 484-799 Account No. 001748631 and include your name in the ref. line.
Please note: If paying by cheque or money order, ensure the payee line includes the full name - Koala Action Group Qld Inc. (the bank does not accept abbreviations)

Name -----

Address -----

Phone/email -----

Annual membership rates: Single:\$15; Family:\$25; Pensioner:\$10; Under 18:\$10 (Donation:optional) Please specify membership type.

If you're interested in any of the following, please indicate.

Tree planting { } Help with displays { } Letterbox drops { } Wildlife Rescue { }

I apply for membership of the Koala Action Group Qld Inc and enclose my membership fee.

Signature:Date:.....

All membership renewals are due in June unless otherwise stated on newsletter envelope's address label. Email recipients will receive an email renewal advice.