



Koalas in Rural Ipswich

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The rural areas of Ipswich currently provide significant amounts of high quality habitat suitable for koalas.

While koalas often need large areas of habitat to persist, studies of local koala populations in rural Ipswich show they are well adapted at using smaller patches of habitat. Koalas in Ipswich frequently move between small habitat patches and are even known to use cattle shade trees for temporary refuge.

Ipswich Koala Conservation and Habitat Management Plan

Ipswich City Council is working hard to implement the Koala Conservation and Habitat Management Plan to ensure koalas and their habitats are maintained for the enjoyment of future generations.

The plan aims to protect, enhance, manage and increase koala habitat through:

- increasing the amount of koala habitat in rural Ipswich to reduce fragmentation of essential habitat
- enhancing and protecting key habitat corridors to maintain or increase regional and local connectivity
- understanding, identifying and reducing the impact of major threats to koalas across all areas of Ipswich.

How can you help?

1. Report koala sightings

Koala sightings are important for managing and understanding koala populations. Whether you spot a sick, injured, deceased or healthy koala, all records are important. Key signs a koala is unwell include:

- sitting on the ground
- sitting in the same tree for more than two to three days
- inflamed or weeping eyes or a reddish-stained rump.

If you see a Koala (healthy, injured, sick or deceased), please call Ipswich Koala Protection Society on 0419 760 127 or 0412 541 611, or visit ikps.com.au



2. Be a responsible pet owner

Domestic dogs can kill or injure koalas, with some estimates that dog attacks can account for 40% of total koala mortalities within an area. This can happen when koalas enter yards with dogs or when dogs roam into nearby bushland. Most dog attacks occur between dusk and dawn when koalas are most active. Please keep your dog indoors or confined during these times to reduce attacks on koalas. For more information please see the Koala and Domestic Dog Guide online at Ipswich.qld.gov.au/koalas

3. Drive carefully

Koalas often cross busy roads to access food and shelter. Road fatalities are a major cause of Koala deaths each year. Please keep to the speed limit and take extra care at night, particularly near bushland areas. It is also important to be aware of koala crossing road signs and the common locations koalas cross.



When driving at night please be on the lookout for koalas crossing at these locations:

- the Cunningham Highway through Ebbw Vale, Purga, Willowbank and Mutdapilly
- the Warrego Highway through Brassall and Pine Mountain
- Ipswich – Boonah Road
- Ipswich – Rosewood Road
- Rosewood – Laidley Road
- Karrabin – Rosewood Road.

4. Become a Landholder Partner

The majority of koala habitat is found on private land and land owners can play a significant role in koala conservation. Council offers a variety of partnerships. The perfect partnership for you will depend on your property's attributes including location, size and existing conservation values.

Through the Koala Conservation Agreement (KCA), landholders are provided with various tools to assist with sustainably managing your property for koalas, whilst maintaining the integrity of the existing land use. The KCA offers various incentives based on the value of the property.

Even if you are a landholder with limited bushland on your property, you could still be located within an important habitat corridor for certain species. This means that revegetation could still make a significant contribution towards increasing connectivity and providing movement opportunities for koalas.

To find out whether you meet the KCA or other partnership requirements in Ipswich, visit lpswich.qld.gov.au





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