

Birkdale Koala Safe Neighbourhood update

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What have our Birkdale koalas been up to?



Find out by following IndigiScapes on Facebook. It is the best way to stay up to date with all the latest news from our ambassadors koalas.

If you happen to be near the bottom of the Wellington Point State School keep an eye out for Rainbow who likes hanging out there.

Sadly we lost the devilishly handsome Axle in September last year to a suspected dog attack, when he was moving between backyards on Collingwood Road. Rest in peace Axle.

Uka and her joeys, are still in the area but are no longer wearing tracking collars. Birkdale, we have new recruits coming your way!

While you wait for new ambassadors, check out the koala safe neighbourhood map on the Redland City Council website to see exactly where all our koala ambassadors like to live.

Our partners the University of the Sunshine Coast Detection Dogs for Conservation regularly head out into the field to monitor our ambassadors' health and wellbeing. When needed they will rescue koalas showing signs of illness and send them off to hospital for a little extra care and attention.

You can follow the adventures of our researchers and koalas ambassadors on

 [/IndigiScapes](#).

Download the new *Leave it* app



The free *Leave it* dog training app has been designed by experts to make training your dog fun and successful for both pooch and parent.

Whether it's a new puppy you've recently welcomed into your life, or a well loved family pet that needs training, the *Leave it* app can be tailored to your needs with an initial questionnaire.

The app includes step-by-step instructions, short videos, a progress tracker, clicker and a range of modules to select from, including:

- Intro to dog training
- Dog safety around wildlife
- Come when called
- Keeping your dog safe and happy
- Walking on a lead

You can download the app to your phone or visit leaveit.com.au

Koala adventures await



Birkdale, we are coming to visit you this year.

While you wait, why not join members of the Ormiston Koala Safe Neighbourhood for a Community Bushcare planting and koala spotting walk.

Koala Tree Community Planting and Walk

2 April, 9:00 to 11:30am

Station Street Wetlands Bushcare Group, Ormiston

After planting koala food trees you can join the University of the Sunshine Coast Detection Dogs for Conservation for a walk to spot koalas. You'll learn tips and tricks to help you find koalas - they love playing hide and seek!

Find out more at  [/IndigiScapes](#).

Do you have an idea for a Koala Safe Neighbourhood community gathering in your local area? We'd love to hear from you! Email rcc@redland.qld.gov.au

Redlands Coast Koala Watch update

It is heart-warming to see nearly 400 locals taking up the call to record koala sightings.

More than 1,200 koala sightings have been recorded by members via Redlands Coast Koala Watch.

These sightings continue to provide valuable data to build a detailed picture of koala movements.



Our top five koala sighting suburbs based on the data collected so far:

1. Ormiston
2. Wellington Point
3. North Stradbroke Island (Minjerrabah)
4. Thornlands
5. Cleveland

Birkdale, we'd love to see you on our top five list this year!

Joining Redlands Coast Koala Watch is an easy way to do your bit for koala conservation. Each time you see a koala record your sighting.

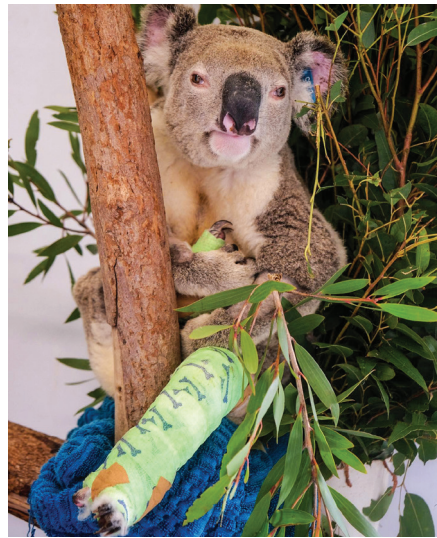
Follow the steps to register here



Help sick koalas and save lives

Illness and injury are now the biggest threat to koalas on Redlands Coast. The sooner a sick or injured koala receives treatment the more likely they will recover and come back home.

By calling Redlands 24 hour Wildlife Rescue Service when you see a sick or injured koala, you are giving koalas like Benson a second chance at a full and happy life.



Ambassador koala Benson was rescued after a resident saw him walking strangely. They called the rescue service and was taken to hospital to be treated.

He was released back to his home range in Cleveland and he can be found hanging out in Janlaw Street Park.

Key signs of illness are red and crusty eyes or a wet, dirty bottom.

If you spot a koala you think may need help, please call 3833 4031.

Supporting koala conservation on Redlands Coast

You can help koalas on Redlands Coast by partnering with Redland City Council through the Koala Conservation Agreement Program (KCAP).



KCAP is a partnership agreement between property owners and Council to protect and reinstate koala habitat, manage dogs, and improve koala movement across the landscape. Owners receive advice, assistance and financial support through the program, for approved projects that support conservation efforts.

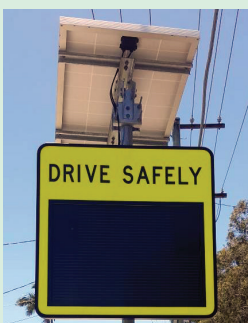
Two new KCAP participants at Beckwith Street, Ormiston are doing great work. The property owners have been actively involved in undertaking habitat restoration works – weed management and planting native species, including koala food trees. With the restoration work well underway a koala bridge has been installed (see picture below) at one property. The bridge provides safe access from the property into the adjoining conservation bushland area.



Koala bridges or escapes are a great addition to any backyard and give koalas a chance to quickly escape if they find themselves in a yard with a dog. It can be as simple as a sturdy timber pole against a fence or more sophisticated like the bridge in the picture.

If your property is 1000m² or more why not join KCAP. For more information or to join call 3824 8611 or email environmentalpartnerships@redland.qld.gov.au

Thank you for slowing down



Death or injury from being hit by a moving vehicle is a significant threat to koalas. You can make a real impact for koala conservation by slowing down and being aware of koalas and other wildlife crossing roads.

Birkdale, the first koala speed sign and road marking has been installed at a koala crossing hot spot on Old Cleveland Road East. Have you seen the sign?

Remember, stay alert when driving. Koalas will cross roads at anytime of day but are most likely to be found taking this leap of faith between dawn and dusk.

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