



Koala Conversations Forum

Two weeks of ideas, dialogue and action



Saturday , 1st June 2024, SCU Lismore

PROGRAM TIMES & TOPICS

9.00 **Arrival.** Tea and coffee available.

9.30 **Welcome from our MC** - Cate McQuillen
Welcome to Country - Ashley Moran

PROTECT

9.45-10.15 **Koala Monitoring - Snapshots of Local Activity in a Regional Context**

Caitlin Weatherstone - Byron Shire Council, Hannah Rice-Hayes - Lismore City Council and Marama Hopkins - Tweed Shire Council

10.25-10.40 **Koalas, Fire & Rainforest**

Andy Baker - Southern Cross University

10.50-11.05 **Protecting Koala Habitat in the Northern Rivers through Private Land Conservation Agreements**

Fiona Dawson and Georgina Jones - Envite

11.15-11.30 **Chlamydial Vaccine**

Sam Phillips - University of Sunshine Coast and Jodie Wakeman - Friends of the Koala

11.40-11.55 **The Northern Rivers Koalas - A State Perspective**

Dan Lunney - University of Sydney

RESTORE

12.05-12.20 **Caring for Country along the Boorabee (Koala) Songline across the Northern Rivers Region**

Tristan Evans - Jagun Aboriginal Alliance

LUNCH

Enjoy some food and casual connection time

1.20-1.35 **Habitat Restoration Cudgen Northern Rivers 25 years on ... What Have We Learnt?**

Jo Green- Tweed Shire Council and Rhonda James - Bushland Restoration Services

1.45- 2.00 **Key Lessons Learnt from Surveys of 2022 Flood-impacted Koala Restoration Sites**

Jane Wickers - Earthscapes

2.10 - 2.25 **Understanding Koalas on Ngunya Jargoona IPA to Inform Management**

Maria Matthes - International Fund for Animal Welfare IFAW



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2.35-2.50

The Regional Koala Strategy – Development and Outcomes

Angie Brace - Friends of the Koala

3.00-3.15

Creating A Regional Approach - How Far Have We Come Since 2012

Scott Benitez Hetherington - Tweed Shire Council and Clive McAlpine - University of Queensland

3.25- 3.40

Documenting Past and Current Koala Habitat Restoration Activities in the Northern Rivers

Peggy Eby - Griffith University

3.50- 4.05

Multi Year Monitoring of the Koala in the Richmond Range

Ross Goldingay - Southern Cross University

4.10 - 4.40

Panel Discussion How can the Northern Rivers Save their Koalas Collectively?

There will be 5 mins of question time at the end of each presentation

The forum is proudly brought to you by the **Northern Rivers Koala Partnership** with support from members of the **Northern Rivers Koala Network**.

The **Northern Rivers Koala Network** is a collective of practitioners working on Bundjalung, Yaegl & Gumbaynggirr country across the Northern Rivers to protect, restore and create healthy koala populations. Our wide network of agencies, community organisations, Traditional Owners, and practitioners work on rescue and rehabilitation, community education and awareness, koala habitat restoration and management, research, and advocacy. Together we aim to be strategic and collaborative across our region for the benefit of koalas.

Have you got the Friends of the Koala in your phone?

Please report all koala sightings especially if they are sick or injured to our 24/7 hotline (02) 6622 1233

Notes:



Thank you to our event partners

