

KOALA CONVERSATIONS: TWO WEEKS OF IDEAS, DIALOGUE AND ACTION

Press Release

Northern Rivers, NSW - April 23, 2024 - Koala Conversations, a dynamic series of events dedicated to koala conservation, is set to captivate communities across the Northern Rivers region. From the 18th to the 31st of May, a multitude of engaging activities and educational opportunities will unfold, culminating in the Koala Conversations Forum at Southern Cross University on the 1st of June.

Initiated by the Northern Rivers Koala Partnership, comprising six councils and Friends of the Koala, and proudly supported by the NSW Government, Koala Conversations promises an enriching experience for all participants. Silva Evaraers, General Manager of Friends of the Koala, expressed her enthusiasm for the initiative, stating, "Through the collaborative efforts of the Northern Rivers Koala Partnership we are thrilled to present Koala Conversations. This initiative serves as a powerful platform for community engagement and education, focusing on the critical aspects of koala conservation."

The program features a diverse array of activities aimed at inspiring and mobilising community action. From tree plantings and family fun days to informative workshops and professional development opportunities, there is something for everyone to get involved in. Highlight events include koala habitat plantings with Envite and National Parks and Wildlife Service, a cultural burn by the Jagun Aboriginal Alliance, and special koala collage club events at the Lismore Regional Gallery.

"We have curated a series of engaging and educational activities organised by a variety of organisations, that aim to inspire and mobilise community action. We invite everyone to join us in making a profound impact on koala conservation," Silva emphasizes.

The Koala Conversations Forum at Southern Cross University promises to be the pinnacle of the program, featuring expert speakers who will delve into topics spanning the themes of protecting, restoring, and creating koala habitat. Attendees can expect insightful discussions and valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities surrounding koala conservation efforts.



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With events spanning from Pottsville to Lawrence and west to Casino and Homeleigh, Koala Conversations represents a regional effort to safeguard the future of our iconic koala. Week day tours of the Friends of the Koala Northern Rivers Koala Hospital in Lismore offer an up-close look at the vital work being done to care for injured and sick koalas.

The full program of events is available on the Friends of the Koala website, inviting individuals and communities to unite in conversation, action, and commitment to making a lasting difference in the conservation of our beloved koalas.

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About Koala Conversations

Koala Conversations is a series of events dedicated to koala conservation, organized by the Northern Rivers Koala Partnership and supported by the NSW Government. The program aims to engage and educate communities across the Northern Rivers region, fostering a collective commitment to protecting and preserving koala habitats. For more information, visit: <https://friendsofthekoala.org/koala-conversations/>.