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Cold Country Koala Project

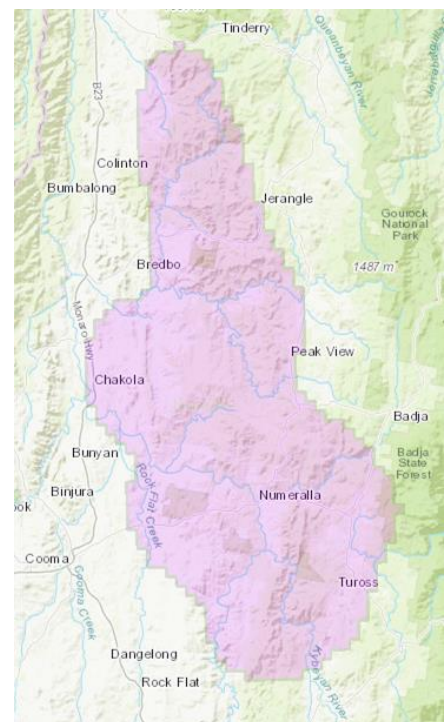
Enhancing and protecting koala habitat

Local Land Services is partnering with Landcare to deliver funding under the NSW Koala Strategy to support the recovery of the endangered Koala populations located in the Southern Tablelands/Monaro.

About the project

The Monaro is home to a unique koala population, mainly located around the ARKS (Area of Regional Koala Significance) as per the map below. Historical and recent surveys have shown that this area's koala population has a local and state-wide significance. Under the NSW Koala Strategy, the Southern Tablelands includes one of ten koala strongholds within NSW. It is vitally important for us to protect and enhance koala habitat through on-ground works and to conduct ongoing surveys to learn more about this population and how we can help them.

We are offering co-contribution incentives to private land managers for on-ground works that protect and enhance koala habitat in and around the ARKS. On-ground works will also be supported by Koala surveys, regional seed collection initiatives and landholder education events.



Area of Regional Koala Significance (ARKS)

Funded projects can include the following on-ground works:

- Site preparation, bush regeneration, or revegetation planting to expand, restore and connect koala habitat
 - Livestock exclusion fencing to protect and enhance koala habitat
 - Weed control to protect and enhance koala habitat
 - Cultural/ecological burning.
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Koala Karaoke

Audio monitoring for koala presence is conducted with a small audio monitor that records the sound of the male koalas who are 'singing' (or bellowing) to attract a mate during the breeding season, which runs from around Oct to Jan in our region. The monitors are set to record from dusk to dawn for approx. 7-10 nights, with these recordings then computer-analysed to identify any koala calls. Landholders in appropriate areas may be able to participate in the Koala Karaoke program to find out more about koalas on their land.

Eligibility and further information

N.B: Projects may include a range of the above activities

- Eligibility for funding will be considered based on a range of criteria, including:
 - Proximity of the property to, and within the Areas of Regional Koala Significance.
 - Proximity of the property to an area of high biodiversity value (National Park, wildlife corridor, etc.)
 - Landholder's demonstrated commitment to conservation and natural resource management.
 - Landholders are required to provide co-funding or in-kind contributions (e.g. labor for fencing) towards the project. Support for restoration activities available to a maximum of \$2000/ha.
 - Landholders willingness and ability to maintain and monitor project sites, particularly revegetation works.
 - Projects will typically be limited to plantings of up to 600 trees or less unless the landholder can demonstrate that they have previously implemented a successful large-scale revegetation project.
 - Applications under this EOI are initially for the 2022-23 financial year, with potential for additional funding for further stages.
 - Local Land Services and Landcare will provide support to landholders in project development. Landholders will be expected to enter into a 10-year management agreement and will be required to undertake agreed management activities relevant to the funding they receive.
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- Local Land Services and Landcare are committed to the protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. All project applications are assessed to determine if a known (registered) aboriginal site is located in close proximity to the project site. In the instances where this occurs, an Aboriginal Sites Officer may be engaged by Local Land Services to ensure that the proposed activities do not impact on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

Further guidelines regarding the eligibility of projects to be discussed following shortlisting of applications.

If you would like to apply or discuss this opportunity, please contact:

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Habitat and Wildlife Recovery Project – Registration of Interest

Registrations of interest must be received by:

Friday 7 October 2022 for funding in the 2022/2023 financial year



Registrations of Interest may also be completed online.

Applicant/s Name:	
Property Address:	
Applicant/s Telephone No.	Home: Mobile:
Applicant/s Email Address:	
Length of time owning property:	
Property size:	
Type and number of livestock (if applicable):	

Please tick relevant box(es) below & indicate the approximate scale of works you would like to apply for:

N.B: Final project details (including the exact scale of works) will be determined in consultation with successful applicants. Also, you may apply for multiple types of works, i.e.: Tree planting may also require weed control and may also benefit from fencing, etc.

Revegetation works Fencing
Approximate area of revegetation: ----- Approximate length of fencing: ----- meters
sqm

Weed control I'm interested in finding out more about
Approximate area of weed control: ----- Cultural/Ecological burning.
sqm

Tell me more about Monitoring/surveillance

Have you ever participated in any environmental/biodiversity conservation projects or initiatives e.g. Landcare projects, Land for Wildlife, Rural Landscape Program, etc.? Yes / No

If Yes, please indicate what project(s) these are, and what (if any) land management agreements are in place:

LLS will be working directly in partnership with Landcare and the NSW Koala Strategy (Dept. of Planning and Environment) on this project. Do you give permission for LLS to share the information provided in this application with our partners? Yes / No

Would you like to receive information about other land management/biodiversity conservation initiatives, programs, workshops, etc. from LLS or our partners? Yes / No

Additional information

Please attach any additional information you would like to include to support your application, i.e. Land for Wildlife property assessments, property photos, etc.

Please email (attaching your completed form) to:

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