

## WILDLIFE AND DOGS

Dogs can be a problem for koalas in this area. Koalas suffer stress and can be very easily wounded or killed by dogs. If you own a dog, here are some tips:

- Take your dog for regular walks so it doesn't get bored. Always have your dog on a leash.
- Please don't allow your dog to chase koalas or any wildlife.
- If a koala enters your yard, please watch your dog, it's better not to leave dogs unattended around koalas.
- On large properties (acreage / rural areas), please be mindful of the vulnerable wildlife that you live with. If your dog is not wildlife friendly please don't allow him/her to roam especially at night.
- Have your dog de-sexed.
- Start a neighbourhood trend and encourage others to be koala-aware.

### Hot Weather

Koalas generally receive enough nutrition & moisture from the browse they eat. However in hot weather you can help by placing a fresh bowl of water at the base of the tree they like to visit. This also helps the Kangaroos, Wallabies Echidnas Birds & Reptiles remain hydrated.



## GIVE KOALAS A HOME

Koalas need safe places to eat, sleep, raise their joeys and meet up with other koalas. No trees means no koalas - but not just any tree will do. Koalas can be fussy.

Koalas preferred species to eat is Manna gum. They also like to eat Red gum, Swamp gum, Mahogany and Grey box. Koalas live in territories consisting of numerous food, social and rest trees.

Rest trees can be non Eucalypt species. It is important to look after all trees. Koalas' territories all overlap. Koalas stay in the same territory for life unless pushed out by unnecessary tree removal. It is important to look after their homes.

Planting a variety of local native species, including koala favourites, will help koalas and other wildlife. Looking after your trees ensure our Koalas and other Wildlife have a home for the future. Trees also look great and provide shade for us humans.



## WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

There's plenty more you can do to help your local Wildlife. For instance:

- Observe koalas from a distance – please don't try to pat them remember they may look cute and cuddly but they can scratch and bite.
- Drive slowly & carefully especially at night. Watch for all wildlife including our feathered friends who like to cross the roads.
- If koalas like to visit your yard consider providing timber climbing posts on hard-to-climb fences.
- Swimming pools can be a hazard for koalas and children please provide a koala/child proof fence.
- Let your neighbours know about the local koalas and how they can help.
- Please report any sick/injured or dead wildlife to The Raymond Island Shelter, contacts can be found on the back.
- Please support the work of the Australian Koala Foundation.





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### Please contact us if

- you come across a koala sitting on the ground
- you see an injured/sick koala
- you need more information and
- for all injured/sick wildlife



We are a nonprofit voluntary run organisation funded by donated money.

Thank-you to all the Residents of Raymond Island who help to look after the koalas and all wildlife and call us when an animal /bird is in need.



*A Special thank-you to Main Street Veterinary Practice Bairnsdale who provide us with unconditional care & support to help us look after our wildlife*

**NO TREE... NO ME!**



## RAYMOND ISLAND WILDLIFE

### LIVING WITH KOALAS

Perhaps you've spotted one 'on the move' or happily feeding in a gum tree? Or maybe you've heard a strange grunting sound late at night...

In this special part of the world, you share your home, streets, gardens, parks and bushland with one of the world's most lovable yet vulnerable animals - the koala.

Living with koalas is a privilege and a big responsibility. Luckily, there are some simple things you can do to give your local koalas a helping hand.

***Remember...  
We share our  
homes with  
the Koalas &  
all the local  
wildlife  
& they share  
their homes with us.***

