

## IPSWICH ENVIROPLAN

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### Ipswich koala populations

Ipswich has several koala populations that persist within the urban footprint. Areas in the south and east of the city contain highly valuable habitat.

However, koalas face challenges such as land clearing, roads, domestic dogs and habitat fragmentation.

Despite the threats, opportunities exist to minimise impacts on koalas and achieve positive outcomes for the long term sustainability of urban koala populations.

#### More information on koalas

**Ipswich City Council**  
ipswich.qld.gov.au/koalas

**Wildlife Watcher**  
Wildlifewatcher.com.au



### Become a landholder partner

The majority of koala habitat is found on private land.

Landholders can play a significant role in koala conservation.

Even if you are a landholder with limited bushland on your property, you could still make a significant contribution towards broader koala conservation efforts.

Ipswich City Council offers a range of partnerships that can support landholders with conservation and restoration goals.

The Landholder Conservation Partnerships Program has options for rural and urban properties.

To find out more about the program, see [ipswich.qld.gov.au/lcpp](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au/lcpp)



## Koalas in Ipswich

What you can do to help



[ipswich.qld.gov.au/koalas](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au/koalas)





# HOW YOU CAN HELP KOALAS



The koala is one of our most loved and iconic animals, but did you know their existence is under threat in Queensland?

## Report koala sightings

Koala sightings are important for managing and recording koala populations. Whether you spot a healthy, injured or deceased koala, all records are important.



DOWNLOAD THE  
**QWILDLIFE APP**  
TO REPORT  
KOALA SIGHTINGS

Key signs a koala is unwell can include:

- a wet and dirty bottom
- swollen/pink or crusty eyes
- very thin appearance
- sitting at the base of a tree for extended time.

For injured or sick koalas contact:

**Ipswich Koala Protection Society**  
0419 760 127

**RSPCA QLD**  
1300 ANIMAL (264 625)

## Make your property koala friendly

Koalas can become stuck in backyards.

Make your fence koala friendly with changes such as:

- posts with horizontal rails at least 3cm apart
- leaving a 30cm gap under the fence
- a plank leaning against the fence at an angle no more than 60 degrees
- using materials that koalas can easily grip such as round timber posts or chain wire mesh
- thick planks that allow the koala to walk across the top of the fence
- trees or sturdy shrubs close to the fence.

## Koalas can drown in swimming pools.

Make your pool koala friendly with changes such as:

- installing a tethered rope (marine rope is ideal) with a float such as an empty milk bottle
- a koala proof fence such as transparent glass, Perspex or steel
- a beach-type access where the water is level with part of the pavement
- cover your pool with a tight pool cover when not in use.



## Be a responsible pet owner

Domestic dogs can kill or injure koalas. Just a single dog bite can seriously injure a koala.

Incidents can happen when koalas enter yards with dogs, or when dogs roam into nearby bushland.

Most dog attacks occur between dusk and dawn when koalas are most active. Please keep your dog indoors or confined during these times.

It is an offence to allow your dog off leash in any public area other than a designated off leash dog area.

What to do if your dog injures a koala:

- immediately remove your dog from the area
- call Ipswich Koala Protection Society or RSPCA QLD.

## Leave It

Keep our furry friends and wildlife safe! Leave It offers DIY dog training videos, a free app and events to support you with training your dog to leave wildlife alone.

See [Leaveit.com.au](http://Leaveit.com.au)

## Drive carefully

Koalas often cross busy roads to access food and shelter. Road strikes are a major cause of koala deaths each year.

Please keep to the speed limit and take extra care at night, particularly near bushland areas.

It is also important to be aware of koala crossing road signs and the common locations koalas cross.

## Look out - there are koalas about!

The koala breeding season in South-East Queensland is from around August to February. Spring in particular is a peak time for koalas to be moving around and finding mates. They have to cross roads and move through properties which makes them vulnerable to many threats.

