



Educational Tours

The number of koalas in care at any one time varies. As a general rule, numbers are higher in Spring and Summer.

If you want to learn about koalas, attending a tour at Burrubi, our Education Centre, is a great way of doing so. Our experienced volunteers give an informative talk covering koala biology and ecology, threats to their survival and conservation strategies. As well as answering any questions you may have, visitors also get the opportunity to see the koalas we have in care and might be lucky enough to see free-ranging koalas (sometimes with joeys) in the tall eucalypts surrounding the Centre.

As our koalas are wild animals in rehabilitation we ask visitors to understand that we do not offer holding or patting.

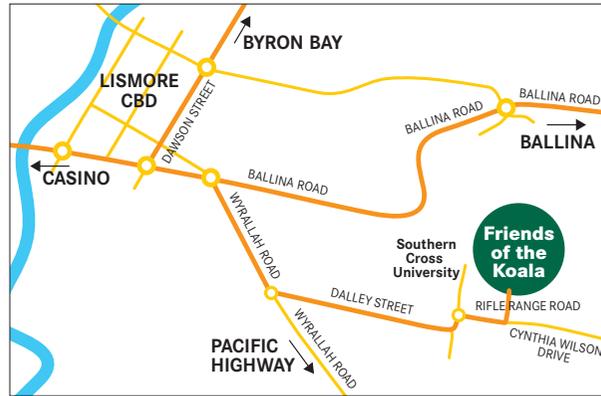


Can't visit but would like to help?

Adopt a koala, donate or report a sighting of a koala at www.friendsofthekoala.org

Find us

Adjoining the leafy campus of Southern Cross University in East Lismore. Entry is by donation.



WELCOME TO THE
Koala Care and Research Centre
LISMORE NSW



Burrubi Education and Administration Centre

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Koala Rescue Hotline
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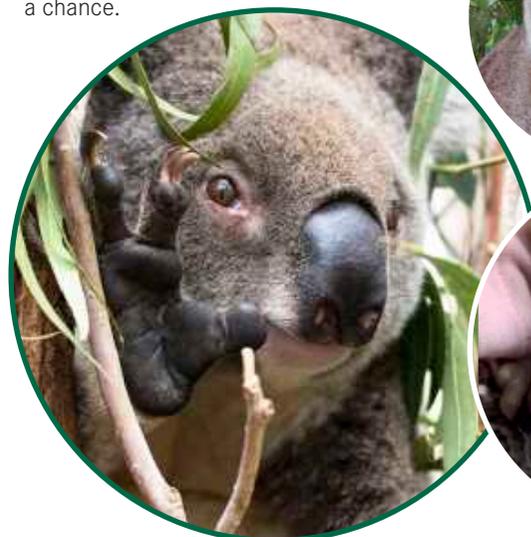
Why a Koala Care and Research Centre

The Northern Rivers is a koala stronghold. However, in coastal areas particularly, numbers have declined dramatically in recent years and koalas are under increasing threat.

Each year over 300 koalas are admitted to the Centre out of an estimated regional population of a few thousand.

The biggest threat to koalas is habitat loss. However, disease, motor vehicle strikes and attacks from dogs (domestic and wild) also contribute to koalas needing care and rehabilitation.

Friends of the Koala's ongoing purpose is to mitigate the impacts of these threats and advocate for koala welfare. Without these efforts, injured and sick koalas don't stand a chance.



Where we are

The Koala Care and Research Centre is located on 1.27ha bushland site in East Lismore adjacent to Southern Cross University. This land has been gifted to Friends of the Koala by Lismore City Council for a 21 year lease. The site forms part of a koala corridor, one of several in urban Lismore.

Recent studies have confirmed that the campus of Southern Cross University and adjoining areas support a breeding population of koalas.

When to visit

Our tours run at 10am and at 2pm Monday to Friday and at 10am on Saturdays. We encourage booking ahead so a volunteer will be available to conduct the tour. To make a booking, please call 02 6621 4664. Entry is by donation.

About the Centre

The Koala Care and Research Centre was opened in 1996 and is operated by Friends of the Koala Inc. – a group of dedicated volunteers drawn from across the Northern Rivers.

Facilities include Burribi Education and Administration Centre, a Triage, Treatment & Pathology Clinic, outdoor enclosures and a native plant nursery. Street parking and picnic tables are also available.



About the Nursery

Friends of the Koala's native plant nursery specialises in species known to be local koala food trees as well as many other native plants.

Koala food trees are sold for \$1 each to landholders in the Northern Rivers in known koala habitat areas.

Visiting the Native Plant Nursery is by appointment with Mark Wilson, our Trees Officer on 0413 339 554.

Proceeds from the range of merchandise at Burribi and plant sales from the nursery help provide funds for the organisation.

