



Do you have isolated paddock trees and want to do more to support koalas and other wildlife?

There are many ARKS (Area of Regional Koala Significance) in the Mid Coast area where koalas are active: Kiwarrak, Barrington, Wang Wauk, Wallingat, Khappinghat, Crowdy Bay and Comboyne. Are you in or near one of these?

You can participate in the Koala Paddock Tree Regeneration Project now!

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ Paddock trees provide shade and shelter for livestock, prevent erosion, store carbon, and are essential food and habitat for wildlife, including koalas and birds.
- ❖ Koalas and other wildlife use these trees as “stepping stones” across the agricultural landscape as part of their home range, but especially in the breeding season.
- ❖ When isolated paddock trees die, there are no younger trees there to replace them.



WHAT DOES THE PROJECT INVOLVE?

- ❖ An electric fence around a selected paddock tree, limiting access by livestock, but allowing wildlife access. Fencing design and layout will be co-designed with landholders, with all materials supplied by Landcare.
- ❖ Landowners are expected to erect and maintain the fence and submit photos of the natural regeneration at the site annually over a three-year period.
- ❖ Some sites will be selected for more intensive monitoring for changes in biodiversity.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

- ❖ Collect data on natural regrowth versus planting; examine the impact of excluding livestock; create a small patch of bushland to act as a safe refuge for koalas and other animals; improve existing wildlife corridors; and ultimately grow trees which will replace the paddock tree when it dies.
- ❖ Once the patch of bush is mature enough, the fence can be removed, or you may wish to protect the area permanently.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Project Officer - Lauren Booth on 0402 131 674 or to register your interest, please email Lauren@midcoast2topslandcare.org

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