Some Moreton Bay Koala Rescue members engage in a tree-planting event. Image: Moreton Bay Koala Rescue.

Shining a Light on Koala Rescue

Moreton Bay Koala Rescue

Moreton Bay Koala Rescue is a not-for-profit organisation of trained and dedicated volunteers. We have an around-the-clock roster of rescuers and ambulance drivers who rescue, transport, and monitor sick, injured, orphaned, and displaced koalas in the City of Moreton Bay region in Queensland.

Our local koalas struggle to survive in an area of high development and declining habitat. Habitat loss and fragmentation are resulting in increased car strikes, dog attacks, and disease, ultimately contributing to the decline of the local populations.

Our team spends considerable time training, rescuing, transporting, and releasing rehabilitated koalas. We also conduct checks on all reported sightings to ensure each koala is healthy, uninjured, and safe.

Community tree planting events are run to help increase corridor connectivity within our urban areas, and advocating for better outcomes is crucial to expanding our region's koala populations.

Education is another element of what we do. Our newly formed 'Joey' group aims to educate our younger members on koalas and other wildlife within our local ecosystems. We believe the future survival of koalas (and all wildlife) is in their hands.

We immediately respond to all calls for help 24/7. Koalas sitting in dense vegetation can be challenging to spot at night. Reflected eye shine from a torchlight is often the only way we know they are there. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Australian Wildlife Society. With this grant, we purchased ten powerful Ledlenser head torches, which will assist with locating koalas more efficiently when responding to night calls. The head torches purchased are also equipped with red and green lights, which reduces the impact on wildlife night vision.

If you would like to find out more please visit: moretonbaykoalarescue.org

Above: A koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) and its joey in a eucalyptus tree in Moreton Bay, Queensland. Image: Moreton Bay Koala Rescue.

A rescue of a koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) who had been hit by a car. Image: Moreton Bay Koala Rescue.