

Koalas

The Moreton Bay region is home to many species of native wildlife, including the koala. To support wildlife, council, in partnership with a number of stakeholders, implements a range of targeted conservation initiatives across the region.

Koala Conservation Partnership Project (KCPP)

The KCPP was initiated in 2009 to assist the long-term sustainability of koala populations in the region and focuses on koala conservation activities and initiatives, including:

- *The Urban Koala Project* - a collaborative research project between council and University of the Sunshine Coast, trialling small growing eucalypt trees suitable for use in urban areas.
- *Koala chlamydia vaccine research* - Moreton Bay Regional Council is a foundation funding partner and continues to work with University of the Sunshine Coast in the research, development and fields trials of a chlamydia vaccine for koalas.
- *Koala habitat tree plantings* - council, local residents and Pine Rivers Koala Care Association members have planted 1,200 koala habitat trees and 1,000 shrubs and ground layer plants at North Lakes to strengthen wildlife corridors.
- *Koala fodder plantations* - council has established fodder plantations at Morayfield, Burpengary and Petrie, for use by wildlife carers.

Koala Nature Refuges

Koala Nature Refuges are a voluntary agreement between council and the Queensland Government that protects the significant conservation value of a property. Council has set aside more than 280 hectares as Koala Nature Refuges at:

- Whiteside Road Park, Whiteside
- Brian Burke Reserve, Samford Valley
- Kurwongbah Park, Petrie

Green Infrastructure Network Program (GIN)

The GIN program focuses on the installation of fauna movement infrastructure to assist wildlife to safely move around the region without the need to cross busy roads. Types of fauna movement infrastructure include:

- fauna movement underpasses
- fauna rope bridges
- roadside animal exclusion fencing and
- animal refuge poles



Fauna rope bridge installed at Old North Road, Warner in 2016.