



# Bangalow Koalas

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- What started as a small group of concerned neighbours trying to protect a 400m stretch of koala trees in Bangalow has now grown into a registered environmental organisation creating a community wildlife corridor across the Northern Rivers of NSW
- From the start we worked closely with both Byron and Lismore councils regarding where our corridor should head towards
- It now connects existing sections of koala habitat with new plantings extending westward from Byron Bay to Tenterfield, north to the Queensland border and south to Grafton





# Our Goal



- Aiming to plant 250,000 trees by the end of 2025
- 144,756 trees planted since 2018, doing 57 plantings on 43 properties
- 80% since February 2020 and by years end we will have planted 156,000 trees
- We aim to educate, involve and inspire the community



# Education



- Green Innovations Awards Mentoring Program



- Landholder workshops
- Health and habitat workshops



- Kiddy Workshops
- Mentoring

# Community Engagement

- Letter box drops
- Newsletters
- Local press / media
- Social media engagement
- Fundraising drives
- Market stalls
- Community plantings
- Citizen scientist – recording koala sightings
- Koala road signage





# Community Involvement

## Community Groups

- Bangalow Lions
- Bangalow CWA
- Byron Bay Rotary
- Preschools and primary schools





# Inspiring

## Community support – including:

- Empathetic landholders
- Local councils
- Landcare groups
- Community
- Traditional owner groups
- Dedicated cohort of members and volunteers





# Partnerships

- WWF collaboration for 3 years to plant 100,000 trees
- Minyumai Land Holding Aboriginal Corporation
- One Tree Planted funding the trees
- Forestry NSW providing trees
- Federal, State, Local Councils, Landcare Groups and Rescue and Rehabilitation Groups



# Community Engagement



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**bush regeneration**





# Questions?