

**Koala Regeneration
Advisory Committee
TERMS OF REFERENCE**



Committee Name	Koala Regeneration
Committee Type	Advisory
Responsible Section	Economic Development
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1. Purpose	To advise Narrandera Shire Council on the welfare and conservation efforts of the Nationally Significant Koala Colony in the Narrandera LGA with the assistance of NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and assist Narrandera Shire Council to run the Annual Koala Count.
2. Establishment	<p>The Koala Regeneration Committee has been established to provide particular expertise to help the Council to make its decisions and/or help engage community resources and opinion. There are no formal, delegated powers to act in place of Council.</p> <p>Any decisions or recommendations from the Committee need to be adopted by Council at a formal meeting to achieve legal standing.</p> <p>The Koala Regeneration Committee as a Committee of Council is bound by practises established in Council's policies - in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Code of Conduct
3. Volunteer Groups	<p>The Committee will be responsible for the coordination of the following Volunteer Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koala Count
4. Objectives	<p>The principal responsibilities of the Koala Regeneration Committee will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Annual Koala Count becomes a Council led event under the direction of the Koala Regeneration Committee in consultation with National Parks and Wildlife Service. • Recommend to Council regarding the preservation of the Narrandera Koala Colony. • Advocate for state and national funding opportunities in support of the Narrandera Koala Colony.
5. Objectives from the Community Strategic Plan (CSP)	<p>The objectives of the Koala Regeneration Committee align with the following objectives from the Community Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To feel connected and safe: <p>16. Encouraging the community to initiate the development of innovative and regular events.</p> <p>17. Support community groups where possible to remain functional into the future.</p>

	<p>18. Enhanced opportunities for community members to better connect with Council such as participating in one of Council's Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To value, care for and protect our natural environment <p>22. Preserve and manage our natural environment and native flora and fauna.</p> <p>25. Preserve and promote our local Koala population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support local business and industry to grow and prosper <p>39. Work with regional organisations, industry and local businesses to improve the economic environment for Narrandera Shire</p> <p>42. Promote the Shire and region through active participation in partnerships with other Councils, regional tourism and industry groups</p> <p>48. Support the development and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure within significant recreational destinations including river and forest areas.</p> <p>For more information refer to the 2017-2030 Community Strategic Plan available via Council website:</p>
<p>6. Membership</p>	<p>The Committee is to consist of a minimum of six (6) members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of four (4) Community representatives • Minimum of one (1) Councillor – appointed by resolution of Council at the commencement of each Council term • One (1) NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service representative • Committee members shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Send an apology if unable to attend a meeting. (Councillor to contact Councillor Alternate) ○ Read Business Papers in advance and undertake necessary research. ○ Raise issues and concerns, and report on initiatives and issues which may be relevant to or of interest to other members. ○ Participate in discussions and decision making. ○ Follow through actions minuted and subsequently adopted by Council.
<p>7. Method of Determining Members</p>	<p>Recruitment and appointment to the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of the previous committee be invited to apply • Nominations of interest advertised via social media, print media • Nomination form completed by interested parties • Submissions collected • Report submitted to General Manager • Recommendations to Council • Resolution of Council endorsing members of Committee <p>The process to replace any vacant positions is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review previous nominations • Nominations of interest advertised via social media, print media • Submissions collected

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report submitted to General Manager • Recommendations to Council • Resolution of Council endorsing members of Committee
8. Office Bearers	<p>The Committee will elect the following office bearers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson – elected annually at AGM from the Community representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair meetings and ensure agenda items are discussed, decisions are made and action to be taken, as appropriate. ○ Ensure preparation of agenda before the meeting. ○ Approve meeting minutes prior to distribution. ○ Represent the Committee as spokesperson. ○ The Chairperson can cancel scheduled meetings if there are no scheduled Agenda items for consideration.
9. Term	The Committee is established for the term of Council, plus three (3) months.
10. Meetings	<p>Meetings are held four times per year with the first one prior to end of March, in addition to an Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>The Committee may also call a special meeting in extraordinary circumstances where a majority of members believes this to be necessary.</p>
11. Quorum and Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quorum for a meeting will be a majority of the members of the committee • A quorum is not required for meetings to take place however a quorum is needed for a decision to be made on a matter • For a vote to be carried a majority of members attending, ie: half the number plus one (1) is required • Committees are encouraged to make decisions by consensus • In the event of a tied vote, the Chair will have the casting vote • Council staff do not have the authority to vote on issues
12. Reporting Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Recommendations for submission to Council Meeting • Minutes of meetings within two weeks from meeting • List of office bearers elected at the AGM by 30 August • List of suggested capital improvement works for consideration in the budget by February • List of suggested Fees and Charges by February • Updated Asset Register by May • Annual Report by 30 August
13. Termination of Membership	<p>A person shall automatically cease to be a Committee member if the member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resigns by notifying the Committee and Council in writing • fails to advise of an absence of up to three meetings in a calendar year • fails to comply with Council's Code of Conduct • holds any office of profit under the Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fails to disclose any pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Committee is concerned and takes part in the consideration, discussion or votes on any question relating to the matter • dies • or if Council passes a resolution to remove the member from the Committee.
14. Executive Support	<p>Council's Economic Development team is responsible for providing support to the Committee and will undertake to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be the main conduit between the Committee and Council • Provide and/or collect reports for compilation of the agenda • Compile and circulate agendas, attend meetings, compile and distribute minutes • Monitor and follow-up Action Report • Compile the Annual Report of the Committee in conjunction with the Chair • Assist with referrals and information for resolution of matters within their authority • Facilitate a review process for the Committee and Terms of Reference prior to the end of each Committee term <p>Council's Governance team will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee the recruitment, selection and appointment process for Committee membership • Provide information and education on good governance <p>The WHS&R Officer will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training and education on WH&S • Undertake regular volunteer education and inductions
15. Committee Review	Within three months of the Ordinary election of Council.
16. Alteration of Terms of Reference	Amendment of the Terms of Reference can be by a majority vote of the Committee. The endorsement of Council is required before changes are enacted.

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