The Logan Koala Awareness Survey was conducted between November 2011 and January 2012. The survey aimed to gain an understanding of the community’s perceptions and knowledge of koalas in Logan to assist with the ongoing protection of the city’s koala population.

Overall, there were almost 350 residents who participated in the survey. It was found that while many respondents had a low general knowledge of koalas, many had major concerns for the future of the Australian icon and for the environment in general.

The results from the survey allow us to understand where action needs to be taken to not only protect koalas but increase awareness of koala populations in our city.

**LOGAN KOALA AWARENESS SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY**

**How much do you know about koalas in Logan?**

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<td>Average knowledge</td>
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**So what is Council doing about this?**

We have updated our website to provide interesting and informative koala facts, with specific information relevant to Logan. A koala workshop will also be arranged for later in the year.

To be kept updated on this and other environmental activities, please email environment@logan.qld.gov.au

**How often have you seen koalas in Logan?**

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**So what is Council doing about this?**

The suburbs with most koala sightings are Daisy Hill, Springwood, Jimboomba, Shailer Park, Cornubia and Rochedale South. A number of residents noticed a decline in koalas in their local area.

We have updated our website with information on parks in Logan where there is a good chance of seeing a koala, and also what to look for when searching for koalas.

**Have you ever reported a koala sighting to Council or any other organisation?**

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**So what is Council doing about this?**

Logan City Council encourages residents to report koala sightings through the “Report Your Wildlife Sightings” form on our website so we can improve our knowledge on where koalas live in Logan and help better protect them.
LOGAN KOALA AWARENESS SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

HOW CONCERNED ARE YOU ABOUT THE STATUS OF KOALAS IN LOGAN?
95% of respondents are concerned to some degree over the status of koalas in Logan.

So what is Council doing about this?
Council recognises how important koalas are to the residents of Logan. Therefore there are a number of strategies and activities in place to help protect our koala populations. See the Council website for details.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE MOST SERIOUS THREATS TO THE LONG-TERM SURVIVAL OF KOALAS IN LOGAN?
Land clearing, housing development and construction of barriers, such as fences, are perceived by the community to be the greatest threats to koalas, followed by roads, dogs, disease and bushfire.

So what is Council doing about this?
Council is working to enhance and connect koala habitat through its new Planning Scheme. We also have measures in place to reduce threats to koalas such as requirements for safe koala fencing and informing residents on wildlife-friendly driving habits.

The website contains updated information about koalas in Logan and how residents can act responsibly to reduce threats to koalas.

YOUR ACTIONS
A large number of respondents already take actions to consider koalas but would also like to know what other actions they can take to help koalas.

So what is Council doing about this?
Council is proposing a number of initiatives:

- the website has been updated to include information on dog ownership and koalas/wildlife, information on how to create a wildlife-friendly backyard, and information on general actions residents can take to help koalas. Make sure you regularly check Council’s website as we continually update this resource.

- Council is working on publishing information on specific roads in Logan where there is a high risk of hitting wildlife.

- A wildlife-friendly backyard display will be at the Logan Eco Action Festival on Sunday 3 June 2012, to give residents ideas and inspiration for their own backyards.
**Logan Koala Awareness Survey Results Summary**

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A SICK, INJURED, OR DECEASED KOALA?**

So what is Council doing about this?

We have updated our website with specific information on what to do and who to contact if you find a sick, injured or deceased koala, including photographs and descriptions on how to tell if a koala is sick.

**WOULD YOU BE MORE INCLINED TO SUPPORT A BUSINESS THAT TAKES KOALA-FRIENDLY MEASURES?**

So what is Council doing about this?

Council will set up a working group to investigate this concept.

**DO YOU THINK LOGAN CITY COUNCIL IS TAKING APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE SURVIVAL OF KOALAS IN LOGAN?**

So what is Council doing about this?

This report is the first step in providing greater clarity around Council’s activities. Our website will be updated with details of Council’s relevant policies, strategies, programs and initiatives aimed at protecting koala populations.

Council has a long standing commitment to preserving areas of environmental importance, particularly koala habitat areas. As Logan looks towards the future, Council is strategically planning ways to manage an increased population whilst retaining and enhancing our natural values.

The new Logan Planning Scheme will focus heavily on koala habitat conservation. A Koala Conservation Strategy is being developed as part of the planning scheme to address koala-specific issues, and will include a number of actions that will contribute to a net increase in koala habitat, and assist in the long-term retention of viable koala populations in South East Queensland.
A number of other suggestions were made on how Council and the Community can improve koala habitats and population levels for the future:

- **PLANT MORE KOALA TREES AND ENSURE TREES REMOVED ARE REPLACED**
- **CREATE MORE WILDLIFE CORRIDORS**

**So what is Council doing about this?**

Future development in Logan will be driven towards areas of low ecological importance. An offset policy is being developed that will ensure that any development that does occur will actually contribute to an increase in koala habitat in Logan, and will connect significant areas of fragmented vegetation. Council will also continue to revegetate strategic areas with koala trees.

We also have a number of incentive programs for private landowners to encourage the retention and planting of habitat in Logan:

- Land for Wildlife
- Voluntary Conservation Agreements and Covenants
- Free Tree program where residents can collect three free trees each year

- **INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS, PARTICULARLY ON THREATS TO KOALAS AND STATUS OF POPULATION**
- **PROVIDE PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION ON WHERE KOALAS ARE IN LOGAN**
- **ADVISE RESIDENTS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND ENFORCE REGULATIONS AROUND DOGS AND CATS, PROPER FENCING ETC.**

**So what is Council doing about this?**

We have updated our website with information about koalas in Logan including a map showing where residents have seen koalas and how residents can act responsibly to reduce threats to koalas.

Residents are also encouraged to participate in environmental events and activities that occur throughout the year and feedback from this survey will be used to develop future environmentally focused activities.

Residents can also become involved through Council-run EnviroGrants, the Bushcare Program, and National Tree Day activities, to participate in the protection and growth of Logan’s koala population and environment.

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