

WORONORA VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

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MOTION FOLLOWING

**AGM & GENERAL MEETINGS ON
25th JUNE 2025 at 7pm (NOTE NEW TIME)
WORONORA RIVER RSL & CITIZENS CLUB**



PROPOSED MOTION FOR KOALA HOSPITAL.

Motion to be considered for approval by the WVRA Inc. Committee.

Please read and give approval and /or feedback ASAP so the motion can be forwarded to our E Ward councillors and all councillors for action.

WVRA Inc. agree that a Koala Hospital located in Sutherland Shire would serve as a valuable contribution for conservation, rehabilitation, education and hospitalisation of our furry friends. The nearest hospital for Koalas being Port Stephens and Port Macquarie which provide the specialist equipment needed for the injured endangered species.

After visiting the Koala hospitals personally, we were informed that they were linked with the local universities providing practical experience for veterinary and environmental science students, along with excursions for school children. The Sutherland Shire Koala Hospital could partner with Wollongong University, Indigenous Elders and Royal National Park, providing resources for public education and Indigenous Culture.

Funding could be obtained through State Government, Council, donations, grants and self-funding.

Part of the self-funding for Port Stephens Hospital was obtained through glamping (glamorous camping) with onsite accommodation nestled within the sanctuary for a full experience amongst the Koala habitats. Fully booked, this experience attracts many local and overseas tourists.

WVRA Inc. strongly recommends that there should be policies and orders in place to prevent any cruelty from aerial spraying or random killing within the Sutherland Shire that would compromise the safety and health of Koala colonies. Having these policies in place would grow a healthy and robust

Koala population and prevent subsequent lawsuits as seen in the recent Supreme Court action against DEECA who sprayed and killed over 1000 Koalas in Budj Bim Park Victoria. (ref. article)

Our Association (WVRA Inc.) requests that Sutherland Shire Council (SSC) as part of the SEPP and KPoM, include these vital assets for the Shire to contribute to the preservation of one of our unique Australian animals.

In summary WVRA Inc. passed this motion at our last General Meeting on the 25th of June 2025 requesting that:

Sutherland Shire Council approve a Koala Hospital within the Sutherland Shire.

That the Koala Hospital be linked to Wollongong University for education, rehabilitation and preservation.

That the hospital be included as part of Council's Koala Plan of Management (KPoM) and State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP).

That all wildlife corridors be preserved as a priority.

That there be Indigenous input in the KPoM.

That Council urgently push for inclusion of the Shire in the SEPP.

Subject to any DA consideration or approval, State and Local Government MUST consult with Koala groups for accurate and updated records as to Koala colony numbers and new sightings.eg Sydney Basin Koala Network.

That there be Local and State policies in place preventing aerial killing, cruelty and or spraying.

That the Council retain food and shelter trees to support a healthy Koala population.

That appropriate signage be placed throughout the Shire in protection of Koalas and their habitat e.g. dogs must be on a leash.

This motion was passed on the 25/6/25 by WVRA Inc. Members and Committee.

We would appreciate your acknowledgment and look forward to your support regarding this important motion.

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