**Koalas Count at Narrandera in April**

Grab the kids and some binoculars for your best chance of seeing a koala in the wild on Sunday 17 April in the annual Narrandera Koala Count.

The Narrandera Koala Regeneration Committee and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is hosting the count, but they need as many volunteers as possible.

Ranger Laura Douglas said the count helped to keep a check on the local koala population.

“The annual koala count is a chance for locals and visitors to take part in a project that has been running for some 27 years.

“It’s chance for us to monitor the koala population at the site, checking their numbers but also their condition.

“Koalas were reintroduced to the reserve in 1979.

“By hosting the count, the public gets to see koalas in their natural habitat and we get a nice snapshot of how the population is faring.

“The more people we have counting, the more koalas we generally count, so we would like to see as many people taking part as possible.

“Volunteers should be at the Narrandera Flora and Fauna Reserve on Sunday 17 April at 10 am. Finishing around midday, a BBQ lunch, provided by Rotary, will be available for volunteers for a gold coin donation.

“Follow the signs from Lake Talbot Canal Bridge.

“Kids are most welcome, but please remember to wear long trousers, sturdy shoes, a hat and carry a bottle of water, Ms Douglas said.

For more information contact the NPWS on 02 6966 8100 or the Narrandera Visitor Centre on 02 6959 1766

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