

Abstract Submission Form and Speaker Profile

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Title	MS	First Name	Ann-Kathrin	Family Name	Kiehn
Position/Role	Content Writer/Advisor				
Organisation you will represent	Wildlife Smart Ltd ta Koala Smart				
Personal Bio Max. 100 words	Ann-Kathrin is a recently retired primary school teacher from Port Macquarie, with a passion for environmental education, in particular koala conservation. She is an inspiring teaching professional and initiated many programs in her last workplace. She engages in practical environmental projects that have a real impact in a local setting, enhancing biodiversity, gardens, and minimising waste. She was awarded the AAEE NSW Sustainability Teacher of the Year Award in 2022. Her dedication and commitment have led to positive social and environmental impacts within her school and in the local community. She now enjoys working on her passion project: saving koalas				
Title of Presentation	Koala Champions! What can you do to save the koala?				
Format of Presentation (please select)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral Presentation (20 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop - 60 minutes (eg interactive indoor session) <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop - 120 minutes (eg outdoor activity) Indicate your preferred presentation types (you may select more than one) NB: We may not be able to offer your preferred option				
Which theme would you prefer to present under? (please select)	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme 1: Listen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theme 2: Learn <input type="checkbox"/> Theme 3: Transform				
Introduction	To inspire educators to utilise Koala Smart education conservation resources that have been professionally designed to empower young people to address the national crisis of koala decline. The objective of the presentation is to demonstrate how an education program can be used to build awareness and develop skills in students to take positive action to address declining koala populations.				
Presentation Abstract: max. 300 words	Part 1:				

	<p>An explanation of Koala Smart including background information on its creation, NSW Koala Strategy backing and environmental and conservation support. Koala Smart has been created to share knowledge, inspire creativity and motivate change which will benefit the environment in general, but particularly the koala. This model is about looking to the future with hope. Students can take an active role in caring for the environment while meeting curriculum targets.</p> <p>Part 2:</p> <p>For educators, an explanation of the available resources including a demonstration of how the materials can be accessed on the Koala Smart website. This will include sample units of work, with lesson plans and relevant worksheets and activities. Guide for field excursions and a variety of audio and visual resources are also available. Koala Smart has also engaged critical friends – many of whom are available for school incursions. This includes environmental and conservation professionals and volunteers, wildlife sanctuaries and hospitals, arborists, rangers and koala rescuers. It is easily accessed for registered teachers via the Koala Smart website. Access to student resources are also possible.</p> <p>Part 3:</p> <p>Learning in Action: How one group of students tackled a pressing problem within their school grounds. The Koala Smart program was the catalyst for action through building awareness and understanding of koala decline through habitat loss and bushfires. These young regional citizen scientists took on the challenge of trying to save some habitat destined for development. They sought to increase koala habitat within their school grounds after witnessing habitat destruction on a neighbouring property. They were so distressed observing known koala trees being bulldozed and needed to do something.</p>
<p>Key Message: A short summary of presentation</p>	<p>The participants have a full understanding of the Koala Smart program and the resources that are available to them. The Presentation has clearly demonstrated that education can address the critical decline in Australia’s declining koala populations. By Learning Together this is an opportunity for student voices to be heard and empowered to make a difference through engaging and innovative hands-on learning!</p>

All abstracts must be received by 5pm **Friday 28 April 2023 (AEST)**.
We expect to notify speakers by mid June

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