

# How to co-exist with Kangaroos

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Alexis and Scott have lived in the upper Blue Mountains since 2004. Since then they have made their property a safe haven for local kangaroos.



Two and a half acres of mostly undeveloped land.  
One quarter of land is zoned bushland conservation

We had plans to build gardens & put up fences to house my collection of rare shrubs and perennials



PERENNIALS



SHRUBS



GRASSES



Within one week of moving in;  
my rare plants were looking ragged  
by cockatoos, rosellas, possums, bower birds & ...



...13 grey kangaroos



They emerge from three trails and ...



...graze for hours



We share this planet with other sentient beings.



We had to rethink our plans to include the other inhabitants

# Relationship between humans and kangaroos



If humans impedes the wellbeing of another species;  
It is not considered unjust ...  
It is the greatest hypocrisy of human culture



Small changes are happening...

Nike and Puma announce that they will no longer use kangaroo skins



*KING football boots with non animal based material. Image: puma.com*

...because of people like you



The only reason that change happens is because people like you call out the injustice.

Don't ever underestimate your power to illicit change by calling out the injustice.



Over 20 years, Scott and I  
have developed a  
deeper understanding of  
and connection to our  
kangaroos



Every autumn to spring,  
joeys are safe to leave the  
pouch and to find their feet



In 2019 fires; no grass and a fire front bearing down...



- Water vessels
- Kangaroo nuts
- Other food

# NPWS need to place permanent water vessels in national parks

WIRES  
WATER  
STATIONS





# April 2021 BMCC adopts 'RIGHTS of NATURE'

**Rights of Nature (RON)** is a rapidly growing international movement that aims to ensure a safe and healthy future for our planet by encouraging humanity to reorient its relationship with nature, from an essentially exploitative one, to one that recognises the importance of all life on earth.



## Earth Laws

Earth Laws, Rights of Nature, Legal Personhood, Ecocide, Eco-governance, Eco-democracy



## Education

Events, training workshops and professional development courses



## Greenprints

Place-based systems change and bioregional governance



## Earth Economies

New Economy Network Australia, Doughnut Economics, Wellbeing and Steady State Economics



## Future Dreaming

Indigenous knowledge, Caring for Country, Earth Laws and First Laws



## Human-Nature Connections

Earth jurisprudence, Deep Ecology, Interconnectedness of Life

# 'RIGHTS of NATURE' is an opportunity for change

I encourage council to support 50kmph zones through mountain villages.



Connections with older females is strong ...



.. We do not encourage it as some clients are self entitled rulers and takers not custodians of the planet.



We do not own them...



... We share this property with them. They are our family.

If a tree falls across their trails...



... They bypass the obstacle but keep to the trail.



Our grass is very green...



... because of roo manure



A pretty faced wallaby...



... tried to eat the rest of my rare shrubs & perennials

I am grounded by my connection with kangaroos...



... by sharing this with others, I am encouraging and awakening