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 For 1 or more players, 20 minutes to play

Welcome to Koala Rescue Club! Koalas are an endangered species, so it's our job to protect them. In this game, you will plant new trees for koalas to live in and then rehome them safely. Each turn a die roll determines which configuration of trees or koalas you can draw. Fill in areas to score points, and complete rows and columns to claim special bonuses. Volunteers will help you change the shapes you can draw, and skybridges will open up new areas to plant in. And don't forget to build hospitals to keep your koalas healthy!

### SETUP

Each player takes a sheet and a marker.  
 You will also need one 6-sided die.

### GAMEPLAY

The game is played over 30 turns divided into 2 rounds. Each turn you will either plant trees or rehome koalas in 1 area of your map (an area is a group of trees marked by a sign). At the end of each round you will score areas you have filled with trees and koalas, and any hospitals you have built. You can also score points by fulfilling the requirements of merit badges.

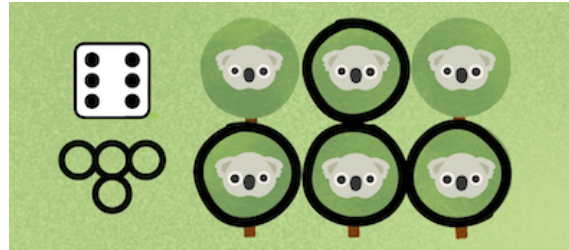
Each turn, any player rolls the die. All players write the number rolled in the next empty white square at the bottom of their sheet. This is to keep track of what turn it is. Then all players simultaneously draw a shape of circles within 1 area, corresponding to the number rolled. These shapes are displayed at the bottom-left of the sheet. Turns are taken simultaneously, so do not look at what the other players are drawing until you have finished your turn.

Each player must choose to use the rolled shape to EITHER plant trees OR rehome koalas, as follows.

### PLANT TREES

Circle trees in the configuration of the rolled shape.

- You may only circle trees in area A, or in an area you have connected to with a skybridge.
- You may flip or rotate the shape.
- You must use the entire shape.
- You may not circle a tree more than once.
- You do not need to draw the shape in a way that touches previous trees, you may leave gaps.

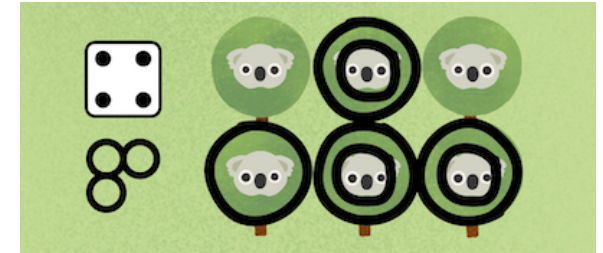


A 6 is rolled and the player decides to plant trees.

### REHOME KOALAS

Circle koalas in the configuration of the rolled shape.

- You may only ever circle koalas on trees that are already circled.
- You may only circle koalas in area A, or in an area you have connected to with a skybridge.
- You may flip or rotate the shape.
- You must use the entire shape.
- You may not circle a koala more than once.
- You do not need to draw the shape in a way that touches previous koalas, you may leave gaps.



A 4 is rolled and the player decides to rehome koalas.

Remember, on each turn you must choose to plant trees OR rehome koalas. You may never use the rolled shape to do some of each.

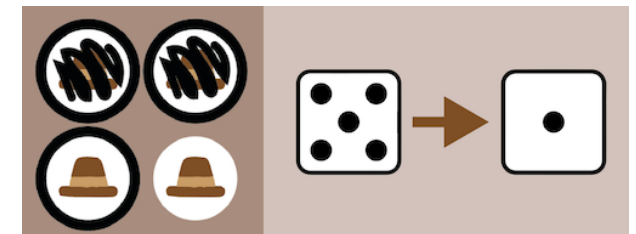
### CIRCLING A SINGLE TREE OR KOALA

If you cannot legally fit the rolled shape anywhere or you choose not to use it, you may instead use your turn to circle 1 tree OR circle 1 koala in a circled tree. In both cases the circle must be in area A, or in an area you have connected to with a skybridge.

### USING VOLUNTEERS

After the die is rolled, you may choose to use volunteers to change its number. Each volunteer you use adjusts the die result by plus 1 or minus 1. You may also use a volunteer to turn a 6 into a 1 or a 1 into a 6. To use a volunteer, fill in an already-circled volunteer at the bottom of your sheet.

- You may use multiple volunteers in a turn.
- Volunteers only change the die result for you, not the other players.
- On map 1, you start with 1 volunteer already circled and ready to use, but this is not the case on all maps.



A player uses 2 volunteers to turn the rolled 5 into a 1.

## BONUSES

After taking your turn, if you have now circled every koala in a row or column, you may take the bonus action depicted in the white circle at the end of that row or column. Fill in the circle and do the following:



Circle 1 tree in area A, or an in area you are connected to with a skybridge.



Circle 1 koala in a tree in area A, or in an area you are connected to with a skybridge.



Circle 1 volunteer at the bottom of your sheet. You may use it on a future turn.



Fill in any 1 circle on any hospital depicted on the left side of your sheet.



Trace the skybridge until it reaches a sign. You are now connected to this new area and may circle trees and koalas in it.

Some maps have bonuses with a number next to them. This means you get to do that bonus multiple times.

- Remember, you only claim a bonus when a row or column is filled with koalas (not just trees).
- If you complete multiple rows/columns in 1 turn, you may choose the order in which you use the bonuses.
- If you cannot legally use a bonus when you fill it in, it is lost. You may not save it for later.

## MERIT BADGES

At the end of each turn, all players check to see if they have fulfilled the requirements of any of the merit badges listed on the lower-right of the sheet. If you have, announce it to the group.

The first player to achieve a particular merit badge circles the larger circle beneath it, and will score this many points. All other players to achieve this badge circle the smaller circle beneath it. If multiple players are first to achieve the same merit badge on the same turn, they all circle the larger circle.

## SCORING A ROUND

After the 15th turn, round 1 is over. After the 30th turn, round 2 is over. After each round the players score:

- 1 point for each area completely filled with trees (whether or not it is also filled with koalas).
- 1 point for each area completely filled with koalas.
- The points listed on the roof of any hospital that has all of its circles filled.

In round 2 you score all your complete areas and hospitals, including those you scored in round 1. Write your score for each round in the boxes provided.

## END OF THE GAME

After round 2, the game is over. Each player adds together their scores from round 1, round 2, and any merit badge points. Write your total in the box under the merit badges. Whoever has the most points wins and is Koala Rescue Club's most helpful member! If there is a tie, the tied player who circled the most koalas wins.

## CLASSROOM PLAY

You can play Koala Rescue Club with any number of players at once, even a whole classroom. Play the game as usual, with the teacher rolling the die and announcing the result to the players. To help the game run smoothly, each turn when a player finishes drawing they should raise their hand. When all players have their hands up, the teacher will know it is time for the next turn.

## SOLO VERSION

You can also play Koala Rescue Club by yourself. Gameplay works the same but with 1 difference. If you achieve a merit badge in round 1, you receive the points in its larger circle. If you achieve a merit badge in round 2, you receive the points in the smaller circle. At the end of the game, see how good your score is in the table below. Try and beat your top score!

- 0-12** Junior club member. Keep practicing!
- 13-16** Club secretary. You're getting the hang of it!
- 17-20** Club treasurer. You're making a real difference!
- 21-24** Vice-president. An excellent achievement!
- 25+** President. A champion of Koala Rescue Club!

## ABOUT KOALA ENDANGERMENT

In 2022, the koala was listed as endangered under Australia's *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*. Koala populations are in serious decline, suffering from the effects of habitat destruction due to urbanisation and agriculture, bushfires, car accidents, domestic dog attacks, and disease. Since European colonisation, 80% of Australia's eucalyptus trees - where koalas live and eat - have been destroyed. The Australian Government's Threatened Species Scientific Committee estimated that the 2021 koala population was 92,000, and had halved in 2 decades. The Australian Koala Foundation's 2023 estimate puts the total population at koalas at likely under 60,000.

## AUSTRALIAN KOALA FOUNDATION

Joey Games is donating 10% of our profits from this game to the Australian Koala Foundation. Established in 1986, the AKF is the principal non-profit, non-government organisation dedicated to the effective management and conservation of the Koala and its habitat. Learn more at [www.savethekoala.com](http://www.savethekoala.com)