The Myall Koala & Environment Group held its Annual General Meeting and Quarterly Meeting in June 2019.

Sixteen members were present with 19 apologies. Office-bearers were re-elected unopposed.

President Jill Madden reported that Koala sightings in the twin towns were down and she was not optimistic they would recover to the levels of less than six years ago, the loss of habitat and more fragmented habitat being the main causes. However, we have healthy populations surrounding the towns and our emphasis must be on preserving and enhancing fauna corridors.

The annual Easter raffle and stall were very successful and raised funds for further fauna surveys around town and to support habitat rehabilitation.

The group has proposed a name change for Winda Woppa Reserve to ‘Randle and Pat Pritchard Memorial Reserve’. Jill said this was well supported by other groups in our towns.

The group would continue to monitor any changes or developments to proposals to rezone the land between the Golf Club and the beach.

A submission was lodged with MidCoast Council by MKEG objecting to the proposal to double the density of the subdivision at North Shearwater on ecological and site suitability grounds.

The koalas painted on the road surface in Kingfisher Avenue will be repainted by MidCoast Council after the recent repaving, hopefully with a more realistic koala shape.