

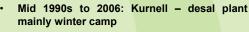


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beginning of 2013 noelb, 30/08/2016 n2



Brief history



- Summer 2006 2007 on the move from desal to Kareela, a permanent nationally significant camp
- Conflict 2008 to date, residents and schools, squeaky wheels, radio DJs, newspapers, political agendas, sixty minutes
- 2013 Management Plan, core aim was to provide strategies to lessen the conflict, and protect the schools
- We pushed hard for in situ management, to avoid dispersal,
- we nearly got there....but







Stage 1 - *in situ* management to reduce conflict

- In situ conservation with actions to reduce the impacts of the flying-fox camp
- Education, research, monitoring, community health and safety, resident property improvement grants, schools liaison, changing Council operations
- Constructing visual barriers, giant fences up to 12m in height, extra shade cloth protection, cleaning options
- All aimed at protecting schools and residents







Stage 2 – the buffer



<u>Buffers</u>

- 2010 12m buffer, to move the FFs away form the Bates Drive school boundary
- 2014 20 m buffer to move FFs away from residents and all school boundaries. Included 15% of the core roosting habitat.
- Eleven nights chainsaw, high powered lights, tritterer and mulchers
- still not enough dispersal





Communication



All targets and methods explored:

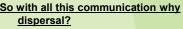
- <u>Targets:</u> school staff, parents, residents, community, other camp managers, wildlife rescue organisations, Councillors, other politicians and potentially affected stakeholders
- Methods: social media, local paper, information sessions with NSW Health, Council's website, onsite residents meetings, education nights, school Principal meetings, flying-fox working party, Councillor briefings, direct emails to those directly affected, letters to politicians and lots and lots of meetings!



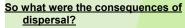




Dispersal – despite our best efforts



- Politics
- Poor flying-fox PR
- Sensational journalism
- Elections
- Lots of emotion
- DJ jibes



- Unknown flying-fox impacts
- Emotionally draining
- Staff turnover
- Struggling to keep faith in ourselves
- Splinter camps
- No end in site





Actions and costs to date



- Vegetation trimming 2009 \$2000
- Vegetation buffer clearing 12m adjacent school 2011 \$25,000
- Planting of additional camp habitat
- Plan of Management prepared 2013 \$60,000
- Vegetation buffer clearing 20m adjacent all schools and residents July 2014 \$55,000
- Regular community engagement and education 2013-2015 \$10,000
- Revegetation and maintenance of 20m buffer 2015-2016 \$80,000
- Dispersal cost ongoing \$275,000 to date
- Total to date \$500,000+ spent and still spending



