

## Flying-fox Advisory Committee snapshot

CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL WORKS WITH WILDLIFE EXPERTS, CARERS AND STAFF TO TACKLE FLYING-FOX MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Est. 2015	Community education	Strategic approach	wildaboutaustralia.com Council in action
Knowledge and research based advice	5,000+ Respondents to flying-fox question as part of the 'Our Cairns' community survey in August 2016	9 members, including 5 community reps	Council and FFAC recent highlights: Flying-fox Advisory Committee (FFAC) formed Safety signage for passers by Bat chats at roost site on school holidays
Includes two Councillors as members	Response to community concerns	Quarterly progress reports to Council	Sponsorship of local bat festivals/ events Council bat webpage redevelopment Direct Consultation
Education Partnership			engagement with affected residents/ businesses
	concerns	Council	webpage redevelopment Direct engagement with affected residents/



## SOUND MACHINE SUCCESS

In recent months, Council has employed a sound machine on loan from the Royal Sydney Botanic Gardens to assist with approved deterrant and dispersal activities. The highly directional audio device was used from the very early morning before fly-in times to deter flyingfoxes from coming to rest, which then allowed for critical tree trimming for the safety and health of the trees and passers by. Successful deterrents are preferred over 'lifting' the flying-foxes once they have come to rest.

DISTANT SIRENS, WHIP CRACKS, FLYING FOX CALLS, AND CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION NOISES ARE USED FOR THE DEVICE.