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## 8TH NATIONAL FLYING-FOX FORUM

14 - 15 September 2023  
Port Macquarie, NSW



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**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023, SAILS PORT MACQUARIE BY RYDGES  
20 PARK ST, PORT MACQUARIE**

8:30 – 9:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>NSW TIME</b>	<b>SESSION 1</b>
9:00-9:10	<b>WELCOME TO COUNTRY</b> Birpai Elder Uncle Bill O'Brien OAM   Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council
9:10-9:20	<b>CONFERENCE OPEN</b> Dr Jasmyrn Lynch   Environment and Sustainability Manager   Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
9:20-9:40	<b>NEW SOUTH WALES UPDATE</b> <u>Matthew Mo</u> and <u>Libby Timmiss</u>   Biodiversity and Conservation   Department of Planning and Environment
9:40-9:55	<b>NEW SOUTH WALES UPDATE: NPWS</b> Shona Lorigan   Conservation Programs Branch   National Parks and Wildlife Service   Department of Planning and Environment
9:55-10:10	<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY UPDATE</b> <u>Clare Wynter</u> and <u>Stephen Bartos</u>   ACT Wildlife
10:10-10:25	<b>THERMAL DRONE SURVEYS: A NEW METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AN INDEX OF ANNUAL FLYING-FOX REPRODUCTION</b> <u>Dr John Martin</u> <sup>1,2</sup> , Eliane McCarthy <sup>1</sup> , Samantha Yabsley <sup>1</sup> , Jessica Meade <sup>1</sup> , Justin Welbergen <sup>1</sup> , <sup>1</sup> Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment   Western Sydney University   <sup>2</sup> Wildlife Services   Ecosure
10:25-10:40	<b>AUSTRALASIAN BAT SOCIETY FLYING-FOX UPDATE</b> <u>Jess Bracks</u> , Maree Treadwell Kerr, Sarah Curran   Flying-fox Expert Group Co-Conveners   Australasian Bat Society
10:40-10:50	<b>QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION</b>
10:50-11:15	<b>MORNING TEA</b>

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NSW TIME	SESSION 2
11:15-11:30	<b>QUEENSLAND UPDATE</b> <u>Michael Messer</u> <sup>1</sup> and Lindsay Delzoppo <sup>2</sup>   <sup>1</sup> Governance and Operational Policy   <sup>2</sup> Wildlife and Threatened Species Operations   Department of Environment and Science
11:30-12:00	<b>POPULATION AND MOVEMENT DATA FOR AUSTRALIAN FLYING-FOXES</b> <u>Eric Vanderduys</u> <sup>1</sup> , Peter Caley <sup>1</sup> , Adam McKeown <sup>2</sup> , Chris Pavey <sup>3</sup> , David Westcott <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> CSIRO Land & Water, Qld   <sup>2</sup> CSIRO Land & Water, SA   <sup>3</sup> CSIRO Land & Water, NT
12:00-12:15	<b>DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT BAT HEALTH</b> Keren Cox-Witton   Wildlife Health Australia
12:15-12:30	<b>BLACK FLYING-FOX DIET METABARCODING OVER TIME AND SPACE</b> <u>Cynthia Pietromonaco</u> , Dr Rachele Wilson, Dr Alison Peel   Centre for Planetary Health and Food Security   Griffith University
12:30-12:45	<b>AN UPDATE ON THE SPECTACLED FLYING-FOX RECOVERY AND THE RECOVERY TEAM</b> <u>Maree Treadwell Kerr</u> and Sera Steves   The Spectacled Flying-fox Recovery Team
12:45-1:00	<b>QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION</b>
13:00-14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
NSW TIME	SESSION 3
14:00-14:15	<b>VICTORIA UPDATE</b> <u>Rodney Vile</u> , Warrick McGrath, Angus Williamson, and Vural Yazgin   Biodiversity Division   Department of Energy, Environment & Climate Action
14:15-14:30	<b>KOOLONBUNG CREEK FLYING-FOX CAMP MANAGEMENT PLAN</b> Byron Reynolds   Natural Resource Management Team   Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
14:30-14:45	<b>FLYING-FOX VS AUSTRALIAN WHITE IBIS - WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BALANCE SHIFTS?</b> Jess Gorrington   Environmental Services   Moreton Bay Regional Council
14:45-15:00	<b>PRACTICAL MONITORING OF FLYING-FOX CAMPS FOR MANAGEMENT</b> <u>Tim Pearson</u> , Martin Fallding <sup>1</sup> , Emily Rix <sup>2</sup> , Chelsea Costello <sup>3</sup> , <sup>1</sup> Lake Macquarie City Council   <sup>2</sup> Northern Beaches Council   <sup>3</sup> Ku-ring-gai Council

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15:00-15:10	<b>QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION</b>
15:10-15:30	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
<b>NSW TIME</b>	<b>SESSION 4</b>
15:30-16:00	<b>INFLUENCE OF BUSHFIRES ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE DYNAMICS IN THE GREY-HEADED FLYING-FOX</b> Dr Michelle Power   School of Natural Sciences   Macquarie University
16:00-16:15	<b>A REVIEW OF A TWO-YEAR FLYING-FOX AMENITY IMPACT REDUCTION GRANT TRIAL</b> <u>Tyron de Kauwe</u>   Environmental Operations   Sunshine Coast Regional Council
16:15-16:30	<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA UPDATE</b> <u>Dr Liberty Olds</u> and Jason van Weenen   Green Adelaide   Department of Environment and Water
16:30-16:45	<b>"NO BAT NO ME" AND "FACTS ABOUT BATS" - EMPOWERING BYRON SHIRE'S COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR FLYING-FOX CONSERVATION</b> Claudia Caliri   Biodiversity Team   Byron Shire Council
16:45-17:00	<b>PREPARING TOMORROW'S CARETAKERS: THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF FLYING-FOX EDUCATION IN THE EARLY YEARS</b> <u>Jenna O'Connell</u> <sup>1</sup> and <u>Tyron de Kauwe</u> <sup>2</sup>   <sup>1</sup> Community, Planning and Environment   Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, <sup>2</sup> Environmental Operations   Sunshine Coast Regional Council
17:00-17:15	<b>QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION</b>
17:15-17:30	<b>LUCKY DOOR PRIZES AND WRAP UP</b>
17:30-18:30	<b>NETWORKING</b>

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## FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023, PORT MACQUARIE

9:30-10:30	<p><b>WORKSHOP – Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, 17 Burrawan Street, Port Macquarie in the Function Room</b></p> <p>Discussion, Matthew Mo and Libby Timmiss, NSW DPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Shared experiences interacting with the broader ecological sector</li><li>- Roost management options – where to next?</li></ul>
10:50-11:40	<p><b>KOOLONBUNG CREEK SITE VISIT – Gordon Street (opposite Coles)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Walk to Kooloonbung Creek roost (~20 min, meeting at the camp at 10:50)</li><li>- Walk around the roost</li><li>- Discussion of human-wildlife conflict and roost management</li><li>- Discussion of community education and engagement activities</li></ul>
12:00-12:35	<p><b>KOALA HOSPITAL TOUR – Cnr of Roto Place &amp; Lord Street, Port Macquarie</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Guided tour (front of house) of the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital</li></ul>

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