

**9th Annual National
Flying-fox Forum**

10-11th October 2024

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NATIONAL
FLYING-FOX
FORUM

**THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2024 – RAMADA BY WYNDHAM MARCOOLA BEACH
923 DAVID LOW WAY MARCOOLA – BEACHFRONT BALLROOM**

LEARNING TO GIVE A FLYING-FOX ABOUT BATS

Tyron de Kauwe | Environmental Operations | Sunshine Coast Regional Council

MITIGATING HEAT STRESS IN AUSTRALIAN FLYING-FOXES

Samantha Yabsley¹, Jessica Meade¹, Christopher Turbill¹, Matthew Mo², Eliane McCarthy¹, Annabel Dorrestein¹, John Martin^{1,3}, Justin Welbergen¹ | ¹Western Sydney University | ²NSW DCCEEW | ³Ecosure

QUEENSLAND UPDATE

Lindsay Delzoppo¹, Michael Messer² | ¹Wildlife and Threatened Species Operations | ²Governance and Operational Policy | Department of Environment Science and Innovation

FLYING-FOX HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAMING

Emmett Weatherford | Biodiversity Monitoring and Assessment | Shellharbour City Council

NEW SOUTH WALES UPDATE

Matthew Mo | Biodiversity and Conservation | Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

AUSTRALASIAN BAT SOCIETY FLYING-FOX UPDATE

Jess Bracks, Maree Treadwell Kerr, Sarah Curran | Flying-fox Expert Group Co-Conveners | Australasian Bat Society

BURDEKIN SHIRE'S JOURNEY - REACTIVE TO PROACTIVE

Preeti Prayaga | Public Health and Environment | Burdekin Shire Council

FRANKIE JR'S FLIGHT PATH: NAVIGATING CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY NEEDS IN BYRON SHIRE'S FLYING-FOX MANAGEMENT PLAN

Claudia Caliarì | Biodiversity Team | Byron Shire Council

UNTANGLING WILDLIFE ENTANGLEMENTS: PATTERNS REPRESENTED IN RESCUE DATA FROM NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Libby Timmiss, Matthew Mo, Jane Jamieson, Vanessa Wilson, Ron Haering, Aditi Sriram, Shona Lorigan, Joshua Gregory, Sebastian Holmes | Biodiversity and Conservation | Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

SOUTH AUSTRALIA UPDATE

Jason van Weenen, Liberty Olds | Green Adelaide | Department of Environment and Water

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20 YEARS OF THE BAT HEALTH FOCUS GROUP

[Shana Ahmed](#) | Wildlife Health Australia

SPECTACLED FLYING-FOX RECOVERY TEAM UPDATE

[Maree Treadwell Kerr](#) and [Sera Steves](#) | The Spectacled Flying-fox Recovery Team

THE UTILITY OF GPS TRACKING FOR FLYING-FOX MANAGEMENT

[Dr John Martin](#)^{1,2}, [Jessica Meade](#)¹, [Eliane McCarthy](#)¹, [Samantha Yabsley](#)¹, [Annabel Dorrestein](#)¹, [Ram Mohan](#)¹, [Senna Grady](#)¹, [Justin Welbergen](#)¹ | ¹Ecosure | ²Western Sydney University

TOWARDS TRANSBOUNDARY FLYING-FOX MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION – BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

[Dr Justin Welbergen](#) | Western Sydney University

FLYING-FOX PARALYSIS SYNDROME

[Dr Alison Peel](#) | University of Sydney

VICTORIA UPDATE

[Leila Brook](#), [Warrick McGrath](#), [Angus Williamson](#), and [Vural Yazgin](#) | Biodiversity Division | Department of Energy, Environment & Climate Action

THE APPLICATION OF LONG-TERM FLYING FOX COLONY FOOTPRINT DATA AND HOW IT CAN BE APPLIED TO CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

[Jess Goring](#) and [Andrew Evans](#) | Environmental Services | City of Moreton Bay

WHERE THE BLOODY HELL ARE YOU? THE DECLINING OCCUPANCY OF KU-RING-GAI FLYING-FOX RESERVE

[Haley Henning](#) | Natural Areas | Ku-ring-gai Council

DO REHABILITATED AND HAND-REARED FLYING-FOXES SURVIVE IN THE WILD?

[Kerryn Parry-Jones](#)¹, [Sue Preston](#)², [Anja Divljan](#)³ | ¹University of Sydney | ²Wildlife Animal Rescue and Care Society | ³Australian Museum

POPULATION AND MOVEMENT DATA FOR AUSTRALIAN FLYING-FOXES

[Eric Vanderduys](#)¹, [Adam McKeown](#)² | ¹CSIRO Land & Water, Qld | ²CSIRO Land & Water, SA

FLYING-FOX HABITAT REHABILITATION: 12,000 TREES PLANTED ALONG THE RICHMOND RIVER

[Allana Clifford](#) | Environment Engagement | Richmond Valley Council

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY UPDATE

[Clare Wynter](#) and [Stephen Bartos](#) | ACT Wildlife

BRINGING BACK FLYING-FOX HABITAT TO THE KYNNUMBOON FLOODPLAIN

[Matthew Bloor](#) | Waterways | Tweed Shire Council

FLYING-FOX HABITAT CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT

[Amanda Davis](#) | Griffith University | Bat Conservation and Rescue Qld

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**FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024 – RAMADA BY WYNDHAM MARCOOLA
SURFAIR CONFERENCE CENTRE**

9am – 10am	<p>STEVE PARISH OAM: A LIFE BEHIND THE LENS "Bat conservation succeeds not just in defence, but in celebration." - Steve Parish.</p>	<p>Steve will take us on a 63-year journey back to the early 1960s when little was known about Australia's fauna. His first book was published in the 1974, inspiring the formation of Steve Parish Publishing in 1985. In 2008, he was awarded the OAM for decades of work promoting Australia's nature. In 2004, he was approached to photograph and publish books celebrating Australia's flying mammals, the chiropterans, which he now regards as his greatest challenge and a highlight of his career.</p>
10am – 10:30am	<p>Morning tea provided - Surfair</p>	
10.30am – 12pm	<p>Workshop - Should we be encouraging flying-foxes in or out of urban areas? Facilitated by Jacqueline Nolen – Sunshine Coast Council</p>	<p>Workshop using the World Café method designed to create a safe, welcoming environment in which to intentionally connect multiple ideas and perspectives on a topic by engaging participants in several rounds of small-group conversation. Our World Cafe Conversation will be exploring the question - Should we be encouraging flying-foxes in or out of urban areas? Guest speakers will provide 'food for thought' before we share in the World Café Conversation.</p>
1230pm – 1.30pm	<p>Lunch provided - Surfair</p>	
1.30pm	<p>Bus pick up at Ramada Marcoola</p>	
1.50pm – 3pm	<p>Flying-fox management – working with our local residents. with Tyron de Kauwe & Andrew Smith - Sunshine Coast Council</p>	<p>Demonstration of a canopy-mounted sprinkler system located in Emerald Woods Environment Reserve, Mooloolaba. Hear how this system has empowered local residents to be part of the flying-fox management process and enabled the community to co-exist with this incredibly important native species.</p>
3.30pm – 5pm	<p>First Nations Storytelling in conservation - challenging our relationships with nature with Aunty Bridgette Chilli</p>	<p>Walk on Country with Traditional Owner Aunty Bridgette Chilli. Listen as she shares traditional stories of the flying-fox and First Nations Lore, inviting us to rethink our relationship with nature and our responsibilities in caring for Country.</p>
5pm	<p>Bus to Brouhaha Maleny</p>	

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5.30pm – 7pm	Networking session and a chance to sample the Little Red Flying-fox Beer at Brouhaha Maleny	'Digest' the experiences of the day while enjoying canapes and a light dinner. We also hope to catch a glimpse of the natural wonder of the flying-fox dusk flyout from Brouhaha Maleny.
7pm – 7.45pm	Bus return to Ramada Marcoola	

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2024 – SUGGESTED ACTIVITY
SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL 10TH ANNUAL AUSTRALASIAN BAT NIGHT – MALENY

1pm – 8pm	<p>Join #frankietheflyingfox for this FREE family event including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker sessions with bat experts (timetable tbc) • LIVE native animals up close • Guided roost tours • Kids art activities • Batty stalls • Batty games • Outdoor movie under the stars • And MUCH, MUCH MORE! <p>Tickets available: <u>TENTH ANNUAL AUSTRALASIAN BAT NIGHT - MALENY TICKETS, SAT 12/10/2024 AT 1:00 PM EVENTBRITE</u></p>
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