

Flying-Fox Habitat Restoration Program 2018 - 2030



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LGNSW partnership with the NSW government's Environmental Trust to deliver \$5M habitat restoration program over 10 years.

- To help NSW councils research, restore and create flying-fox habitat for conservation and conflict reduction.
- **Total project funding \$4.25m:**
 - \$3.4m LGNSW funding & Councils' co-contribution of \$850,000.

Program Aims

- *Test whether or not flying-foxes move to enhanced, restored or created roost habitat sites, improving our understanding of factors contributing to:*
 - o *site occupation by flying-foxes*
 - o *reduction of conflict with the local community.*
- *Enhance and/or restore roosting and foraging habitat for flying-foxes **in ways that seek to reduce conflict at contentious camp sites and reduce negative impacts for flying-foxes at the urban interface** - with preference for habitat to be as far as possible from human settlement.*
- *To learn and share information about flying-foxes and how habitat creation, enhancement and restoration can improve their conservation and reduce conflict with humans.*

Overview – 2 Phases

- Design and establishment phase 2018-2019
Research, mapping, program and monitoring and evaluation design
- Implementation phase 2020–2030.
 - Camp habitat and foraging habitat restoration funding programs rolled out to NSW local councils and local project proposals developed
 - Councils implement long term restoration projects and monitor their impact on flying-fox behaviour and any reduction of conflict with humans

Program Details

2 funding streams:

1. Camp habitat restoration stream
2. Foraging habitat restoration stream

and

Community engagement/education component for all funded projects and support all NSW Councils



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Camp Habitat Funding Stream

Current Status

- This funding stream opened in Dec 2020
- Councils in priority locations who submitted an EOI are now developing their detailed project proposals

Foraging Habitat Restoration Stream

Current Status

- Opened to all NSW councils in June 2021
- 2 stage process – EOI and then full application
 - First round of EOIs June /July 2021
 - Second round EOIs Sept /October 2021

Foraging Habitat Restoration

Criteria includes, amongst others:

- Restoration site to be:
 - closer to non-contentious regularly used FF Camp site than contentious site and
 - within 20k of non-contentious regularly used camp
 - suitable for winter /spring flowering FF foraging species
 - a large site (preferred 5ha or more)
 - build on other conservation or restoration works

Current Focus

- To identify suitable foraging habitat restoration sites in council/other public ownership or with appropriate land holder agreements to enable long term restoration
- Ideally, sites should build on other conservation or restoration works

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