





Build it and they will come



a pathway for a better tomorrow



Is it possible for flying foxes and humans to co-exist

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- ▶ What would this look like?
 - ▶ What needs to change to achieve this outcome?
 - ▶ Dispersals at Bundall, Warwick , Highfields, Kearneys Spring , Oakey, Boonah and recently Canungra as well as monitoring flying fox roosts at Somerset.
 - ▶ There is no quick fix but.....
 - ▶ With minor adjustments in the way we look at these sites we can achieve maximum results
 - ▶ We need to be open to possibilities already present to us.
 - ▶ Emotive
 - ▶ I believe most people would do the right thing if they knew what it was

Consequences

- ▶ Intended and unintended these can become a chain reaction for generations to come
- ▶ There is the way things are and there is the way things should be
- ▶ Bundall
- ▶ Boonah
- ▶ Beaudesert
- ▶ Batemans Bay
- ▶ Canungra

Boonah 1989 pre vegetation.....intended



Boonah 2014..... Unintended Consequences



15years of mature growth provided an ideal micro climate and Flying foxes took up residence



2014 after major heat event caused conflict the site was decommissioned back to 1989 conditions

Canungra..... Intended and unintended consequences

2015-2016 season..... 5000 little reds arrived





- So what should we be doing ?
- We have at our disposal the experts and the knowledge to do this and do this well
- Our environmentalists, our bush regenerators
- 2010 flying fox forum produced great Roost management guidelines
- BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME we have already done this the knowledge to build and maintain and move flying fox roosts away from conflict sites
- There is no quick fix but the sooner we start the sooner we can achieve results.
- What a momentous project this would be if we worked together for a common cause, residents, council, state government, federal government no one group can achieve this on its own.
- An outcome that is good for humans good for animals good for the health of Australia

