



# FACT SHEET

## Flying Foxes in Moura

*Little red flying-foxes have roosted in park land on the corner of Knaggs and Shirley Streets in Moura. Little red flying-foxes are nomadic and their movements depend on food resources, therefore these flying-foxes are expected to move on once their food sources reduce.*

*Grey-headed flying-foxes, which are considered a vulnerable species, have also been identified in the roost.*

### What should residents do?

Please keep clear of the flying fox roost area as movement or parking in this area can easily disturb the flying foxes.

Disturbance or harassment of flying foxes may cause flying-foxes to move to a less desirable location such as residential yards or to scatter throughout the town.

This can also lead to a greater chance of encounters with humans, as well as flying-fox deaths, injury and sickness.

### What are the health concerns?

The only health concern affecting people is the possible transmission of Lyssavirus from untreated bites or scratches.

***Children should be warned to be careful and never touch flying-foxes (dead or alive).***

***If scratched, report immediately to Qld Health.***

### What if I find a dead or injured flying-fox?

If a sick or injured flying-fox is found residents should call RSPCA on 1300 ANIMAL but do not attempt to handle the flying-fox.

If a dead flying-fox is found, do not touch the animal. Use a shovel to scoop the animal into a plastic bag and put it in a wheelie bin.

### Can residents self-disperse flying-foxes?

No. Residents should not attempt to self-disperse (chase away) flying-foxes, unless you have obtained a permit from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP).

Harassment or attempts at dispersal without a permit are an offence under the *Native Conservation Act 1992*, and can lead to heavy penalties (max. penalty \$121,900 or 1 years imprisonment.)

Please note that dispersal options where grey-headed flying foxes are present are limited.

### What is Council doing?

Council will be monitoring the new roost area and liaising with EHP Wildlife Officers.

Council has a Statement of Management Intent and Management Plan to provide guidance as to Council's position on flying fox management. A copy is available on Council's website <http://www.banana.qld.gov.au/health#FlyingFoxes>.

### How do I get further information?

For further information, contact Banana Shire Council on 4992 9500, EHP on 1300 130 372 or visit the websites below: EHP:

<http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/flyingfoxes/>

Queensland Health: [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au)