Tips to manage your property and what to do if flying foxes camp in your yard

Flying foxes naturally migrate through the Isaac region and generally establish temporary camps in residential areas from August through to November.

Flying foxes are a natural part of the Isaac landscape and regularly pass through our towns on an annual basis.

There are a number of steps you can take to prepare for flying fox season including how to make your yard less attractive; how to manage your property if flying foxes do camp in town; and what to do if flying foxes establish a camp in your trees.

TO MAKE YOUR YARD AND TREES NEAR YOUR HOUSE LESS ATTRACTIVE TO FLYING FOXES

- Clear the under-storey and remove some branches of the trees
- Plant low, dense trees and shrubs around fence lines, forming a barrier around your yard to deter flying fox roosts.

TO DISCOURAGE FLYING FOXES CAMPING IN YOUR TREES AND/OR TO MINIMISE THEIR IMPACTS, IT IS SUGGESTED YOU

- Consider positioning lights under your trees, shining upwards, being considerate of your neighbours. Beware of exposed electrical connections and seek professional advice if you’re unsure
- Consider sprinklers in trees at night however following water conservation measures that are available on Council’s website.
- Try predator decoys or shiny objects in trees eg. Rubber snakes, aluminium foil or CDs
- Provide shelter for your pets and horses at night
- Do not leave your washing out at night
- Park your car underneath shelter to avoid flying fox droppings

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- If you have flying foxes roosting in your trees, contact Council immediately and our environmental team will investigate the roost.
- Do not disturb flying foxes resting during the day. Disturbing, harming or causing nuisance towards flying fox colonies without a permit is illegal. Day time harassment stresses the colony, it lowers their health which means they are too weak to migrate away from town areas, actually prolonging their stay.
- If you notice anyone else disturbing the flying foxes during the day, contact Council immediately
- Keep pets away from flying foxes. If they eat or bite a dead or live flying fox, take them directly to the vet.
- In the unlikely event you are scratched or bitten by a flying fox seek medical attention immediately