

Project summary

Flying-foxes play an important role in our local ecosystem, contributing to biodiversity and pollination ensuring the survival of our native forests. They also pose challenges, such as undue noise, damage to property, odour and mess, when living in areas alongside the community.

To respond to both conservation and community needs Council is revegetating an area of land east of Beryl Humble Oval in Tenambit to create a healthy, suitable habitat for flying-foxes to roost and feed away from residential homes and private land.

To do this, we're using grant funding to establish and cultivate alternative habitat, as well as engage with the local community to help shape attitudes towards flying foxes and measure those changes over time.

Scan the QR code to visit our website and find out more.



Fast facts



Approximately 3,000 native seedlings will be planted to rehabilitate flying-fox habitat near Beryl Humble Oval.



Work kicked off in mid 2022 and this project will run until 2030.



Funding across the project's eight year lifespan totals over \$144,000.



Maitland is currently home to four flying-fox camps, however three of these camps are periodically unoccupied



Flying-foxes are protected in New South Wales.



The Grey-headed Flying fox is listed as vulnerable to extinction under both state and federal environment legislation.



This project is part of the Flying-fox Habitat Restoration Program assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust in association with Local Government NSW.

Habitat restoration works

We've developed a targeted restoration plan that prioritises the provision of high quality flying-fox habitat. 2,800 native seedlings have been planted since mid 2023, providing a complex vegetative structure with a closed canopy and long term food resources for flying-foxes.

Comprehensive weed management was also completed across all restoration zones and will continue for the lifespan of the project.



Community involvement

Opportunities for community involvement will be available for the lifespan of the project and will include educational events, tours of the restoration site, community planting days and more.

Be kept up to date with information on this ongoing project by:

- Signing up to our Green Communities newsletter at mait.city/GreenCommunities
- Signing up to our Maitland Your Say community engagement platform at mait.city/HaveYourSay

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