



Regional Flying-Fox Management Planning

Range Environmental Consultants in partnership with **Balance! Environmental** form an experienced team that delivers strategic and practical, site-specific, regional flying-fox management planning.

MANAGEMENT PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- Flying-fox management planning requires collaboration with our clients to provide a viable output that considers:
- Financial commitments & funding
- Staffing, short term/long term resources
- Local context, ecology and wildlife science
- Responsibilities under Local, State and Commonwealth regulations
- GIS analysis of current, and potential, roost locations
- Future considerations eg. climate change, management techniques
- Public safety, perception and environmental education

Flying-fox management plans provide an opportunity for Local Government to provide a considered and locally responsive management framework which balances opportunities for community education, conservation, direct management of high-conflict scenarios and long-term community benefit.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

2022-2023

Goondiwindi Regional Council Flying-Fox Management Plan

2022

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Flying-Fox Management Plan 2022, including a regional community consultation program

2020-22

Southern Downs Regional Council Flying-Fox Management Plan (development and update)

2017-2020

Moreton Bay Regional Flying-Fox roost management

2018-2019

Flying-Fox roost assessment services and roost management options; Proston Town Reserve

2018

Stanthorpe Flying-Fox dispersal

2016-17

Banana Shire Flying-Fox Management Plan

2015-16

Toowoomba City area Flying-Fox dispersals



Our Team

Our team has an extensive knowledge of flying-fox ecology, roost dynamics, heat-stress management (including innovative management strategies) and roost rehabilitation/restoration.



Greg Ford

Balance! Environmental

Greg is a terrestrial ecologist and leading national expert on flying-fox ecology and management, bringing over 30 years experience to our team. Greg has worked in government, community/NGO and private sectors on a diverse range of projects providing a breadth of experience and understanding of key stakeholders in management planning projects. Greg delivers unparalleled knowledge of bat ecology and conservation, with demonstrated experience in bat survey design, threatened species impact assessments, flying-fox and microbat management.

Greg's contributions in this field are highly sought-after by a wide range of clients seeking specialist field expertise, management, planning and expert review. Greg partners with the Range Environmental team to provide project outcomes based on science and years of knowledge only attained from working in the field.



Will Gibson

Range Environmental

Will is a former Local Government environment officer with extensive experience in implementing regional flying-fox management plans, roost monitoring programs, camp management actions and managing complex human-wildlife conflict scenarios. Will has specialist technical skills and experience in enacting Local Government 'as-of-right' management of flying-fox camps, population surveys of flying-fox camps, field ecological assessment and environmental planning for both rural and urban areas. During Will's time in Local Government he helped facilitate ongoing regional education programs and was involved in delivering a regional heat-stress monitoring system, allowing for early identification of high-risk roost locations for management response. Will provides a driving force to achieve best practice outcomes and a key understanding in navigating the complexities that can arise in management planning projects.



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