



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Flying Fox Monitoring

Since the fires along the Cloncurry River, Council has been unable to locate the main flying fox roost. This has led Biodiversity Australia to express concern that the number of flying foxes currently in town is likely only a scout group and that there could be thousands more to follow them.

Council is urging local residents to monitor their backyards and surrounding areas for any flying foxes roosting during daytime hours. It's normal for flying foxes to be in trees at night as they feed during this time and return to their roost at daybreak.

**Any daytime flying fox activity within and surrounding the Cloncurry township needs to be reported to Council on 07 4742 4100 or [council@cloncurry.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@cloncurry.qld.gov.au).** Similarly, if you have information about a large flying fox roost, please let Council know.

Council is currently undertaking a flying fox dispersal program. The program will involve a combination of loud noise, smoke, and lighting to encourage relocation away from residential areas and the CBD. This will occur between **4am and 8am each day for a two-week period**, which started on 16 January 2024.

Flying foxes play an important role in our local ecosystems and Council is working closely with Biodiversity Australia to effectively manage their presence in our town, minimising the impact on the flying foxes and residents.

Council appreciates the community's patience and understanding while flying fox management activities are undertaken. If you have any concerns or issues in relation to this matter, please contact Council on 07 4742 4100 or [council@cloncurry.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@cloncurry.qld.gov.au).

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