

Flying-Foxes are crucial pollinators for our local native flora. Without their evening foraging, many of our native tree species numbers would drastically decrease.

Populations of flying-foxes are declining at an alarming rate. A widespread lack of food and habitat trees following bushfires and flooding has led to extreme stress throughout the colonies.

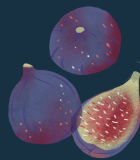


By regenerating and revegetating areas along the Richmond River in Casino, we are restoring significant habitat for our flying-foxes and other native wildlife.



Richmond Valley Council has planted over 12,000 food and habitat source trees for our local flying-fox camps.

Council's aim is to provide a safe habitat for roosts that are away from resident populated areas.



Community Event Registration



Look out for RVC's upcoming citizen science and community events,

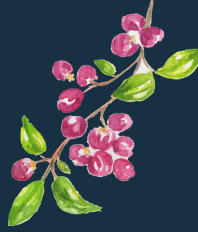
- Science Trivia Night
- International Bat Appreciation Day Festival
- Native Seed Bomb Making Workshop
- Rail Trail Native Species Identification Day



Flying-foxes of the Richmond Valley



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



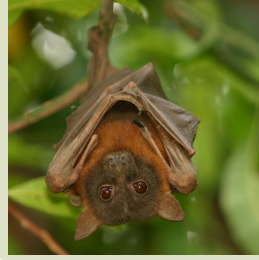
Preferring endemic and native plant species is one of the best ways we can support local biodiversity and ecology.

Native plants have evolved to withstand the occasional harsh conditions such as flooding and drought in the region.

Our native wildlife have also evolved to forage and process native fruit and pollen.

By understanding our flying-fox colonies' needs and preferences when interacting with our local ecosystem, we can further regenerate areas to benefit their populations.

The Richmond Valley is home to three different types of flying-foxes.



Little Red Flying-Fox



Grey-Headed Flying-Fox



Black Flying-Fox

Colonies of the flying-foxes will move in and out of roosting areas as the amount of local food varies between Kyogle and Casino



As climate change continues to lead to extreme weather events such as heat waves, we are seeing an increased number of mass mortality events.

The risk of diseases spreading to humans is extremely low. In fact, unless you are scratched or bitten by a flying-fox, they pose no major health risks.

Residents are reminded to never handle flying-foxes, injured or deceased. If you find an injured flying-fox, call a wildlife organisation who will send a vaccinated bat rescuer.



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