

Meeting Minutes

Date	2 November 2018	Start Time	9.30am	Finish Time	11.00am	Location	Cairns Botanic Gardens Meeting Room
Meeting Purpose	Flying Fox Advisory Committee						
Attendees	Maree Treadwell-Kerr, Brett Spencer, Marcelle Kentwell, Cr John Schilling, Cr Ritchie Bates, Sera Steves, Dion Eades, Stephen Bailey, Steven Coulson, Mel Tortike						
Apologies	Dr David Westcott, Dr Martin Cohen, Rebecca Koller, Travis Mitchell						
Observers	One						

Actions and Agreements

No	What	Who	When	Complete
1	Meeting opened by Maree Treadwell-Kerr with welcome and acknowledgement of traditional owners, councillors and committee members.	Maree Treadwell-Kerr	02/10/2018	Complete
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting Recommendation: Minutes of the meeting held 30 August 2018 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Moved: Sera Steves Seconded: Brett Spencer	Maree Treadwell-Kerr	02/10/2018	Complete
3	Business Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brett Spencer advised the committee; 	Brett Spencer	02/10/2018	Complete

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City Library is scheduled to be painting in May 2019 and deterrent program will start at the same time. ● Steven Bailey advised the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flying-fox are currently at the City Library, Anderson Street Conservation Park, Bellini Close (Bentley Park), Coslow Drive (Kewarra Breach) and Ryan Weir Park (Redlynch). ○ A small number of flying-foxes tried to settle at the Woolshed tree and were successfully deterred. ○ Steve Coulson (DES) mentioned he had also received information of flying-foxes settling at Blue Water Cove. ○ Sera Steves mentioned that food supply is scarce at the moment and therefore temporary roosts are forming in other areas. ● Dion Eades advised the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DL brochure will be ready on Monday and be available at the National Flying-fox forum on Thursday. ○ Web page review in progress Sera Steves to email Dion Eades with design and information amendments 	Steven Bailey	02/10/2018	Complete
4	<p>New and General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Release Enclosure; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arthur Strike Park (east) is the approved site for the Cairns Flying-fox release enclosure. ○ Consultation letters have been sent to the Cairns Speedway and Edmonton Fishing Club to advise of up-coming works. ○ Media release will be forwarded early next week. ○ Travis Mitchell is the Project Manager/Engineer. ○ Mel Tortike is working on permit with State Government (detailed process). ○ Steve Coulson advised that Bat Carer's permit will need to be updated with the Cairns Flying-fox release enclosure address. 	Brett Spencer	Next meeting	In progress

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sera Steves advised the wild flying-foxes in Cape Tribulation appear to be roosting closer to the enclosure at Bat House. • National Flying-fox forum will be held in Cairns on Thursday 8 November 2018 and Cairns Regional Council is the event sponsor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be a special Bat Chat at the City Library on Wednesday evening before the conference. ○ Sera Steves has organised an educational tour to Bat House at Cape Tribulation • QLD government response to ABS letter to be conveyed next FFAC meeting • Update on current figures of flying-foxes statistics – email report from Rebecca Koller as Attachment 1. • Cairns Bat Festival is scheduled for Saturday 20 April 2019. BatSoc to apply for a Local Community event grant, due date 31 December 2018. Cr Schilling has agreed to provide a letter of support. • School Holiday Bat Chats at the Cairns City Library will occur over the Xmas holidays. • Update on BatSoc Resource and Performance Agreement to assist carers for this financial year, email report form Rebecca Koller as Attachment 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bat Tourism Trail – BatSoc to email link to FFAC and discuss with Dion about linking to Council website 	<p>Marcelle Kentwell</p> <p>Maree Treadwell-Kerr</p> <p>Rebecca Koller</p> <p>BatSoc</p> <p>BatSoc</p> <p>BatSoc</p> <p>BatSoc</p>	<p>02/11/2018</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>
9	<p>Next meeting date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Chambers – Thursday 31st January 2019 	All	02/11/2018	Complete

10	Meeting Closed: 11.30am			
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Note: These minutes are considered to be a true and accurate record of the meeting. Should you not agree with this record of the meeting please advise by return email within 48 hours of the time of receipt of these minutes.

ATTACHMENT 1. FLYING-FOX STATISTICS @ 2 NOVEMBER 2018

Hi All

Apologises but I won't be able to make today's meeting

5 additional pups on top of the 27 I already had has resulted in no sleep at all

Please find included in this email any information needed from me

Regards

Rebecca

Statistics 1-11-18

Total dead or orphaned-436

Live-213

(CBD-143/Manoora-19/other-43)

Dead-223

(CBD-146/Manoora-107/other-11)

In Care-141

(CBD-107/Manoora-11/other-23)

*An increase on last season based on calendar, Maree with comparison based on date first orphan found

Survival rate in Care-66.5%

Deaths in Care attributed to:

-ticks (16)

-cleft palate (10)

-premature pups, low survival rate

-starvation resulting in organ failure

-small number due to inappropriate placement in care (unsuitable environment based on pups needs, since be addressed)

Death toll

-higher overall than last season which was attributed to construction activities

-still thought to be a factor due to last season's spike on previous although if construction activities were the only factor we should have seen a reduction this season

-65%+ loss of roost trees in CBD, in addition the recent roost trees at the Novotel condensed colony, increased stress

-lack of food source, evident in high percentage of underweight pups found (recent pup 41% below weight in relation to forearm measurements, most pups 6wks and older found to be very underweight in comparison to newborn pups which were of average weights overall)

Reduction in premature pups found

-approx. 80-90 foetus found in 2016/2017 seasons

-Same average number of foetus found in previous seasons regardless of overall death toll

-less than 40 found 2018 season

-theory put forth, condensed colony forced younger mums with lower birthing success rates out, possibly to Manoora camp hence high premature pups found in that camp

-premature pups numbers found in Manoora beginning to slow as season progresses, pattern seen previously in CBD camp

Camp monitoring

-Group reporting done with twice daily checks on both CBD and Manoora camps in addition to responding to FNQWR call outs

-Additional rescuers added both independently licensed as well as through FNQ Wildlife rescue

-Sheet produced to document pups found, information relating to their rescue which is passed on to carer of individual pup (all available information documented on spreadsheet)

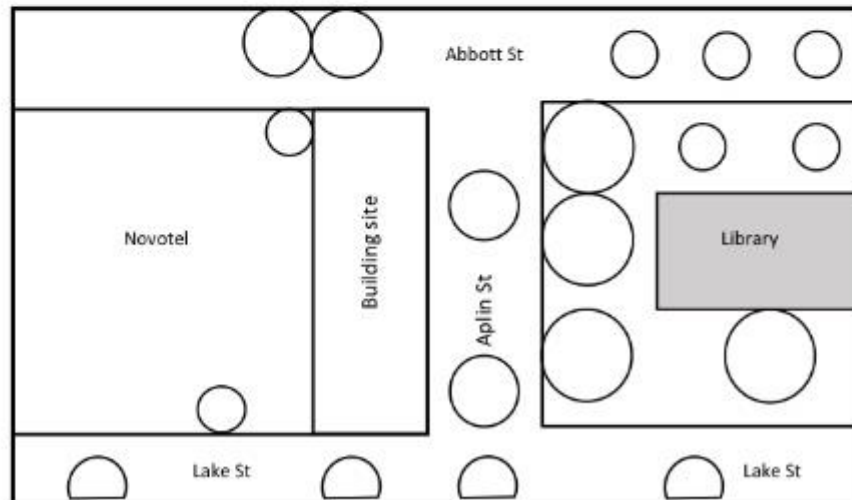
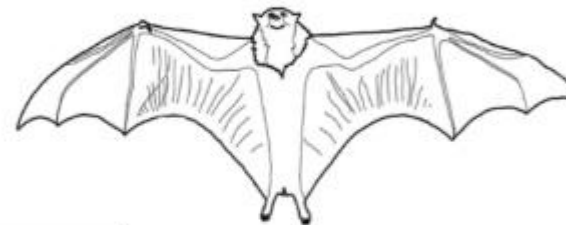
*checklist sheet created by rescuer Kim Sandford

Flying fox rescue checklist Date.pdf

Flying Fox Rescue Checklist Date: / / Time: am/pm

Male		Female		Weight gm	Forearm mm	Temperature *C	Warmed Cooled	Hypo <37* (low) Normal 38* Hyper >39.5* (stagnating)
P	B	J	A	Glucose on gums Yes No		S/C fluids <i>nil by mouth</i> 5% 10% 15% <i>10% BW</i>		Eye drops Yes No

Medications given		Other treatments
Name	dose	



Location on map X

Circle where found:
 ground
 bush/off ground
 fence/barbwire/net
 tree/pole rescue

Other information:

Tania's training effectiveness

- higher survival rate in pups not affected by tick, cleft palate, premature birth or starvation
 - training provided rescuers with skills to apply at moment of rescue to increase survival rates when placed in care (My survival rate this season 95.75%)
- An increase in last season with no pup lost that was not affected by tick or organ failure on arrival)

Education bat

Pipet-

Euthanised due to following factors

- not hand raised
- fruit netting injuries, shortened wing, bone exposure, confronting injuries not suitable for education
- Failed attempts to fly which would result in future injuries as she got older, seen in other ff previously with other carers resulting in major jaw injuries from hitting the ground

Charlie-

- Trained, responds to commands
- some exposure to people/groups
- exposure to noise and different environments
- needs to have vet sign off on his paperwork and be castrated
- needs to now work with other carers

CBD Security Company

- list of carers/rescuers provided
 - to obtain high Vis vests with wildlife rescue visible on back (\$4 per vest plus printing) for easy identification by security company
- Cost to be covered by fund raising independent of R&P agreement

Capacity to care for orphans

- Majority of carers already at or beyond capacity
 - Sort assistance from Townsville Wildlife group who took some orphans to raise to crèche age
 - additional out of area carers brought in (one currently on 3wk stay, another due to arrive on Sunday for an undetermined length of time)
- Discussion with other experienced carers from Brisbane as to their availability, Trish from the Australian Bat Clinic attempting to make herself available to stay in Cairns and assist shortly
- carers attending conference offering assistance during their stay, a few staying for an average of a week

- jenny from Tolga Bat Hospital likely to reach capacity of orphans from her area due to ticks (she already has in excess of 100 orphans herself) so unlikely to be able to take any cairns pups on
- independently licensed carers added to work together locally with fnqwr group
- transfer of pups within group based on carers lifestyle and knowledge to maximise number each carer can hold

R&P agreement

- Spending's and progress report provided to Marcelle and Brett

Wildlife illustration and rehabilitation

www.ouranimalsourearth.com

www.wildlifeartist.me

ATTACHMENT 2. UPDATE 2 NOVEMBER 2018 – RNP BAT CARERS

Done

- formula (biolac) 40kg -\$978.40
- incubator -\$1146.50
- training:
 - Euthanasia course (Annabelle-Boongarry vet)
Three attendees -\$990
 - Tolga Bat Hospital (Jenny Maclean)
Ten attendees -\$400
- Boongarry vet account -\$500

Subtotal- \$4014.90
(\$375.10 under budget)

Remaining

- Ulysses vet account -\$500
(To be approved by accounts depart)
- training -\$610
- fruit/crèche -\$8000

Tolga Bat Hospital training (completed)

Sunday 14th October 2018
10am-2.30pm
Trainer-Jenny Maclean

Attendees

- Kathryn Hamilton
- Annie Schoenberger
- Vicki Sheppard
- Laura Barrow
- Heather Owen
- Fiona Coulston

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- Gaby Schierenbeck
- Maree Treadwell-Kerr
- Keila Waksvik
- Rebecca Koller

Topics

- Hydration
- Bulk feeding techniques
- Sterilisation, toileting
- Conditions and treatments
 - Slimy wing
 - Maggots
 - Ticks
 - Cleft palate
- Holes in teats-demonstration
- Subcutaneous injections-demo
- Tour if facilities
- Assessment of orphans in Care
- Q&A