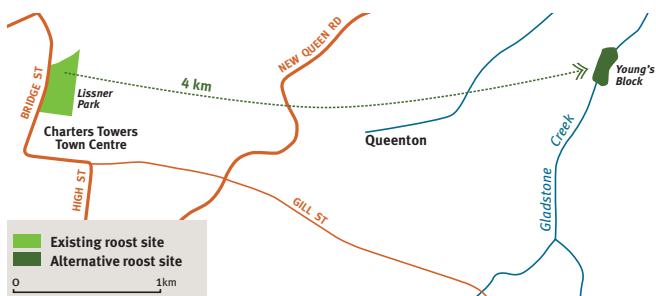


A new home for Charters Towers' flying foxes

In a joint project, the Charters Towers Regional Council, the Queensland Government Department of Environment and Science and the CSIRO are working on a trial to relocate the town's flying foxes from the existing roost site in Lissner Park to an alternative roost site at Young's Block. This site has been designed specifically to recreate the environment that currently encourages flying foxes to Lissner Park.

Carefully planned dispersals will be carried out to encourage the flying foxes to move to the new roost.

A successful relocation will ensure the continued sustainability of these important species while allowing the community to enjoy the beautiful open spaces of Lissner Park.



What is different about these relocation activities to previous attempts?

Evidence-based science: Best practice flying-fox management strategies using extensive scientific research into flying-fox ecology and behaviour have been used to create the best opportunity for the success of the alternate roost site.

A new roost site: Young's Block has been purpose-built to accommodate the relocated flying foxes.

Ecosure: Ecosure, an experienced environmental contractor, has been engaged to conduct the initial dispersal and relocation.

The methods used by Ecosure will include some of those that have been used in the past, however, this time the intention is to relocate the flying foxes to the new designated roost and to undertake sustained efforts to retain them in their new location.

The process is complex and may take weeks or months.

Following the initial dispersal period, Charters Towers Regional Council will manage the ongoing relocation activities as part of its flying-fox management plan.

Flying-fox roost dispersal notice

Information for residents

ECOSURE FLYING-FOX HOTLINE
PHONE 0400 714 379

Dispersal activities are scheduled to take place in your area
(subject to weather and environmental conditions)

What to expect

Between 4am–7am on days when dispersal activities are taking place, you are likely to experience temporary disturbances including, but not limited to:

- noise (e.g. whips, starter pistols, air horns)
- light towers
- smoke.

These activities may cause frustration for local residents and businesses.

Remember that flying foxes are wild animals and it is difficult to know how they might respond or predict where they might go.

You can play your part to help with the success of the dispersal by:

- Keeping noise-sensitive pets indoors or locked up during dispersal activities.
- Not disturbing flying foxes that may be temporarily roosting in trees on your property during the day so they don't return to Lissner Park and can continue to be relocated to Young's Block.
- Reporting the following incidents to the Ecosure flying-fox hotline.
 - ▶ Flying foxes that are present on your property.
 - ▶ Flying foxes in unsuitable locations including backyards, schools, health or aged care facilities, the airport and paddocks.
 - ▶ A flying fox that may be injured.
 - ▶ Any significant disturbances or issues caused by the dispersal activities.

It's important to never touch or handle flying foxes yourself.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this process.

For more information

Project information | www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au/flyingfox
Flying foxes | www.qld.gov.au/flying-foxes
Ecosure flying-fox hotline | phone 0400 714 379
Charters Towers Regional Council | Phone 07 4761 5300