

## Flying-Fox Forum Speaker Bios

### Andrew Evans

Andrew is an Environment Officer with Moreton Bay Regional Council. He completed a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Ecology, at the University of Queensland in 2008. Andrew began full time work with Moreton Bay Regional Council in 2009. Prior to this, Andrew volunteered at Osprey House, one of MBRC's environment centres. Andrew's role in Council is heavily focussed on flying-fox colony management. Andrew's duties include monitoring colonies, developing management plans, liaising with residents and providing advice, and liaising with researchers and higher levels of government.



### John Martin

Dr John Martin is a wildlife ecologist at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. John has conducted research on birds and mammals over the past 15-years, with a focus on urban adaptation, human-wildlife conflict and spatial ecology. Flying-fox research and management has been a focus since 2010, including the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney Grey-headed Flying-fox dispersal implemented in June 2012 in accordance with the NSW and Commonwealth conditional approvals.



### Dave Westcott

David Westcott is a vertebrate ecologist and a Senior Principal Research Scientist with CSIRO Land and Water. David's research has focused largely on animal movement and its consequences. This has included work on the role of individual movement in structuring mating systems, in determining the outcomes of ecosystem processes such as seed dispersal and biological invasions, and, the conservation and management of threatened species. David has worked on flying-foxes for nearly two decades initially on the EPBC-listed spectacled flying-fox. More recently he has led the design and implementation of the National Flying-Fox Monitoring Program, a collaboration between five state governments and the Commonwealth.



### Peggy Eby

Dr Peggy Eby is a behavioural ecologist with a long-term interest in the flying-foxes of south-eastern Australia. For 25 years she has been involved with conservation and management-based research and with communicating the outcomes of that research to the scientific community, wildlife managers, land managers, stakeholder groups and all tiers of government. She holds an adjunct position in the Centre for Ecosystem Science at the University of New South Wales and runs a private consultancy business.



### Mike Roache

Mike Roache is the Threatened Species Principal Project Officer with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) NSW. Mike has a state-wide role coordinating policy and developing conservation programs for flying-foxes and koalas.

Mike's background is in wetland ecology and threatened species recovery and management. He has worked for The Wilderness Society, WWF-Australia, Brazil's Amazon Research Institute, and Monash University.



**Raeleen Draper**

Raeleen has worked as a Flying-fox Management Officer for Sunshine Coast Council since August 2015. She has been responsible for the delivery of the Flying-fox Management Program which includes vegetation management, canopy mounted sprinkler installation and non-lethal dispersal activities to assist impacted residents of the Sunshine Coast. Previous to this position, Raeleen was a Wildlife Officer at the Department of Environment & Heritage Protection in Bundaberg. She has had extensive experience in the management of wildlife conflict issues which includes, but is not limited to, flying-foxes. She has a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Marine Biology and Zoology which was gained from the University of Queensland in 2000.

**Trish Wimberley**

Trish has worked with all native animals for more than 30 years, specializing in Micro and Mega bat rehabilitation and behavior for the past 16 years. Currently Director of Australian Bat Clinic & Wildlife Trauma Centre for 15 years and has a background in Horticulture & Bush Regeneration. Trish has worked on camp dispersals and modifications at Bundall on the Gold Coast, Warrick, Highfields, Kearney's Springs Oakey at Toowoomba, Boonah, Canungra Witheren, at Scenic Rim and all camps within the Somerset Regional Council. 2015-2016 year completed a Land care grant working with six councils to produce a repeatable model for camp management.

**Matt Hansen**

Matt is the Principal Natural Environment Officer with Northern Beaches Council. He has been with Pittwater/Northern Beaches Council for nine years, having initially worked in DA natural resource assessment, has spent the past five years supervising the bushland management program including contracts and plans of management, as well as developing environmental policy and strategy. Has been involved since 2014 in managing a flying-fox camp at Cannes Reserve in Avalon, including guiding the preparation of the camp management plan, licence applications, and actively involved in implementing management actions including dispersal in 2015.

**Beth Noel**

Beth is an ecologist that has over 15 years' experience in the environmental industry including 10 years in local government. Beth has a passion for the natural environment and has worked on managing the Kareela flying fox camp for the last 4 years with the aim of improving public perception and understanding of these amazing animals.

**Rodney Armistead**

Rodney is an ecologist with 16 years' experience in environmental research and consulting. Rodney has a particular interest in Phytophthora Dieback and native fauna management. He has had the privilege of working across Australia in a variety of desert, alpine, aquatic, woodland, tall forest and urban environments. During this time, Rodney has had the pleasure of coming face to face with some of our most interesting, threatened and iconic fauna species. Recently, Rodney has enjoyed the ongoing challenges that are associated with managing urban flying-fox camps.



**Angie Radford**

Angie is a Strategic Planning Officer (Environment) at Eurobodalla Shire Council on the South Coast of NSW. She started working for the Council in November 2015, and within 4 months, flying-fox numbers at the Batemans Bay camp reached over 100,000. Prior to working for local government, Angie was a biodiversity specialist and environmental officer at NSW Roads and Maritime Services. RMS provided her with valuable experience in solving complex wildlife management issues (such as 'how does a Squirrel Glider cross the road?'), but the flying-foxes in Batemans Bay has been a fast-paced roller coaster ride in comparison. Angie played a key role in developing the Biodiversity Guidelines and the draft Connectivity Guidelines for RMS and will pursue developing strategies and policy to maintain and improve biodiversity outcomes in the Eurobodalla. Angie also has experience in environmental assessment and management on construction projects and delivering education and training programs.

**Alison Sammel**

Dr. Alison Sammel works at Griffith University where she specialises in the teaching and learning of Science and sustainability. Coming from a Science background (genetic engineering and biochemistry) she completed a postgraduate degree in Education (Science and Mathematics), a Masters (Environmental Education) and a Doctorate exploring environmental and social justice communication and education within Science education. Currently, her research around bats include: the integration of understandings of Flying Foxes and Microbats into all disciplines and year levels of the Australian Curriculum (this work is now available on the Bats Qld website); and investigating the social construction of Flying Foxes within mainstream media for the past decade. Ali is the Education coordinator for Bats Qld and can be reached at [a.sammel@griffith.edu.au](mailto:a.sammel@griffith.edu.au)

**Joe Adair**

Joe Adair is a principal ecologist and owner of Adair Ecological Solutions based in Rockhampton Central Queensland. Joe has long experience in working with people AND wildlife and the various interactions which occur between them. Joe has a deep understanding of the relationships between people and the natural world through his work with the QPWS as Regional Wildlife Manager and as a consultant to the resources sector.

