



Community engagement

- OEH and ESC contacts
- Letter box drops
- Community forums and meetings
- Fact sheets and website
- Face-to-face meetings
- Surveys, flying-fox engage

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Prepared with...

- Community informed and engaged
- Buffers in place
- Cooperation between OEH and ESC
- Camp Management Plan endorsed
- Subsidised services provided to affected community

Council's proactive approach was setting a benchmark in the country



Flying fox fight continues
April 12, 2016, 3:37 p.m.

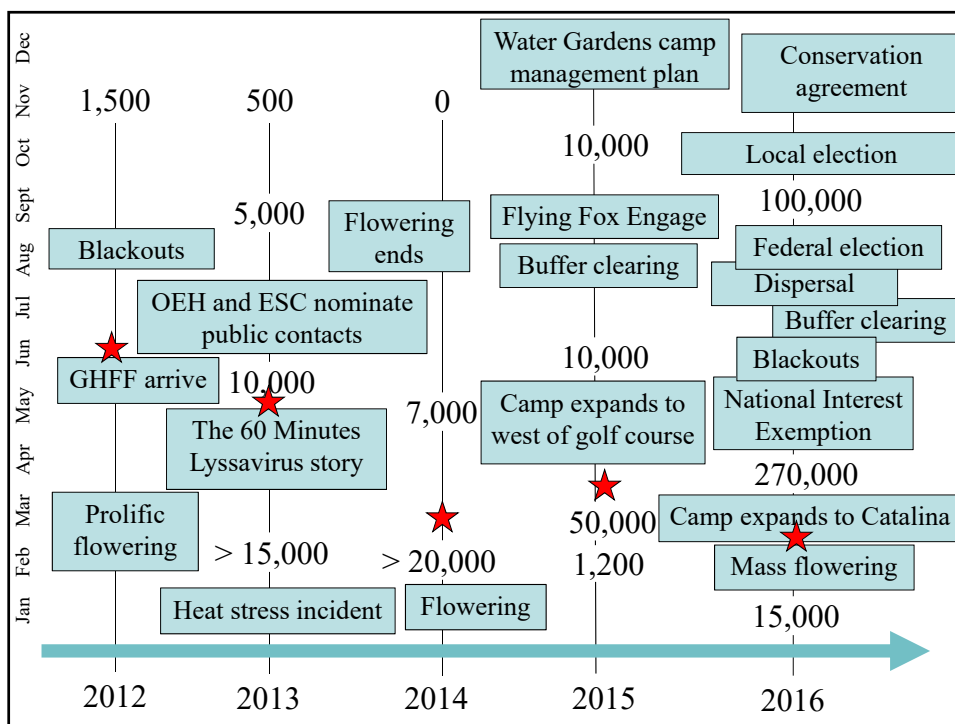
Flying fox problem at crisis point in Eurobodalla council vowing to take fight higher
ABC South East NSW

Batemans Bay hat crisis
ABC

Letters to the Editor - April 8
April 8, 2016, 9 a.m.

Giving us batty!
the early hours of Easter Saturday

Bats health warning
April 21, 2016, 5:32 p.m.



Lessons learned....

- We didn't extend our communication and awareness efforts far enough
- Large numbers of flying-foxes expose infrastructure issues (power blackouts, mobile phone power)
- People want to see something happening, immediately.



Lessons learned....

- An established relationship between council and OEH meant we worked together well.
- Cooperation between all three levels of government meant things moved forward and fast.
- Locals on the dispersal team worked well with the ecologists leading the dispersal program.
- Dispersal was effective as a short-term tool to nudge GHFF away for buffer clearing and relief to residents.

What we want to learn more about...

- Can we better prepare the community cope, especially (short term) influxes?
- Triggers for when management needs to change or step up?
- Can we predict influxes?
- Can the State government help with:
 - State needs to educate more broadly
 - Research
 - Early warning
 - Mental health impacts
 - Sustainable and strategic management
 - Communication tool

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