

From: Williams Rebecca [Rebecca.Williams@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 9 December 2013 9:41 PM
To: Matthew Brien
CC: Frisby Tony; Joyce Mike; Kelly Wade; Dabinett Karen
Subject: Re: Charters Towers PM Dispersal Dec 9

Thanks Matt, Karen and Wade
Beck

Sent from my iPhone

On 9 Dec 2013, at 9:37 pm, "Matthew Brien" s78B(2) - Personal Information wrote:

Dear all, sit rep will be done up, but in a nut shell:

17:35: Arrived, council had cordoned off park, no public allowed in.
17:45: Dispersal activities commenced: car horns, paint ball guns aimed at trees, smoke/foggers
17:55: 2 choppers arrived, fireworks (no shells), fire hoses aimed at trees
18:00: 1xfemale black with young fell to ground with baby, both taken by carers who would not give to council vet
18:05: Fire hoses were aimed too high near bats, instructed to aim lower, council complied
18:10: Paint balls aimed too close to bats, instructed to aim lower, council complied
18:50: all 3 EHP officers (Matt, Karen, Wade) walked entire park, 5-10 little reds dead but >2 days old on ground/in trees, no fresh dead bats.
19:00: council ceased dispersal as majority of bats gone, public allowed access, EHP left.

Council will commence dispersal activities tomorrow morning at 5:30. Sally Morris and myself will be onsite.

cheers matt

From: Brien Matt [Matt.Brien@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2013 11:28 AM
To: Joyce Mike
Subject: RE: Charter Towers Dispersal complaints

Hey mate, have rung several times and no answer and no ability to leave a message
Handle as per discussion previously, if unsure I can call them back tomorrow
Cheers matt

From: Couprie Dayna **On Behalf Of** Joyce Mike
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2013 10:27 AM
To: Brien Matt
Subject: FW: Charter Towers Dispersal complaints
Importance: High

Hi Matt,

Are you able to have a chat to [redacted] in Mike's absence please?

Thanks Batman ☺

From: Wregg Cameron
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2013 10:19 AM
To: Joyce Mike
Cc: Egan Sally; Cameron Amber
Subject: FW: Charter Towers Dispersal complaints
Importance: High

Hi Mike,

I have just received a phone message from [redacted] who wishes to make a complaint re the Charters Towers Flying-fox dispersal yesterday and today and breaches of the Code of Practice. Can you please contact Jan on (07) 5568 7654

Thanks

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From: Egan Sally
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2013 10:14 AM
To: Wregg Cameron
Subject: RE: Charter Towers Dispersal complaints

Mike Joyce...northern region.

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From: Wregg Cameron
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2013 10:12 AM
To: Egan Sally
Cc: Cameron Amber
Subject: Charter Towers Dispersal complaints

Hi Sally,

I have just received a message on my phone complaining about the charter towers dispersal, who should I be directing this to?

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RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

From: Williams Rebecca [Rebecca.Williams@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2013 4:49 PM
To: Kelly Wade; Joyce Mike; Frisby Tony
CC: Brien Matt; Morris Sally; Dabinett Karen; Couprie Dayna; Spragg James; Evans Lucy; Clare Geoff
Subject: RE: SIT-REP: Charters Towers RC F-F Dispersal 9/12/13

Thanks I am trying to get mapped to the drive so I can view the images

Regards

Beck

From: Kelly Wade
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2013 11:47 AM
To: Williams Rebecca; Joyce Mike; Frisby Tony
Cc: Brien Matt; Morris Sally; Dabinett Karen; Couprie Dayna; Spragg James
Subject: RE: SIT-REP: Charters Towers RC F-F Dispersal 9/12/13

PLEASE NOTE: Some of the videos of dispersal activities that we are trying to upload do not seem to be working as the server does not want to process the transfer.

Videos are currently being loaded and stored onto a USB drive and kept in a secure location.
If anyone would like to view the videos please let me know and we will work something out ☺

Regards,

Wade Kelly
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Wildlife Management Operations, Northern Region
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From: Kelly Wade
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2013 11:36 AM
To: Williams Rebecca; Joyce Mike; Frisby Tony
Cc: Brien Matt; Morris Sally; Dabinett Karen; Couprie Dayna; Spragg James (James.Spragg@ehp.qld.gov.au)
Subject: SIT-REP: Charters Towers RC F-F Dispersal 9/12/13

Hi all,

Please find attached situation report for 9/12/13 PM Charters Towers Regional Council Flying-Fox dispersal.

All images and footage can be found in this location: G:\NQWildlife\Permit Applications\Flying-Fox Roost Management Permit\2013\Charters Towers Regional Council\Oct Permit\Situation Report

As the days and weeks progress, Sit-Rep folders will continue to be created within the above file location. Each AM/PM day will have an individual folder

Any questions please contact me.

Regards,

Wade Kelly

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RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

From: Kelly Wade
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 3:10 PM
To: Joyce Mike
CC: Morris Sally
Subject: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Hi Mike,

In regards to Becks questions about the FF Intel report:

We did consider that the paintballs missed the trees or were shot too high and lost velocity resulting in a 'non-burst'
There is a possibility of this occurring and is more than likely what happened.

Last year I was part of the first team that attended the dispersal commencing on the 09/02/14. I witnessed paintballs of the same colour in the same areas that Sally and I found them on the 15/02/14. These areas coincide with the area of the roosts in Dec last year.

Regards,

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RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

From: Williams Rebecca [Rebecca.Williams@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2014 4:03 PM
To: Morris Sally; Joyce Mike
CC: Frisby Tony; Kelly Wade; Evans Lucy
Subject: RE: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Thankyou for the additional information.

Consequently, I am now happy to approve the recommendation of no further action at this stage.

Regards

Beck

RD Williams
Director Wildlife
Environment and Heritage Protection
Telephone 07 33305512



From: Morris Sally
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2014 2:03 PM
To: Williams Rebecca; Joyce Mike
Cc: Frisby Tony; Kelly Wade
Subject: RE: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Hi Beck,

The black flying foxes were picked up and bagged with no cause of death identified.

Thank-you

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From: Williams Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2014 1:44 PM

To: Morris Sally; Joyce Mike
Cc: Frisby Tony; Kelly Wade
Subject: RE: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Thanks Sally

Did she say anything about the possible cause of deaths?

Regards

Beck

From: Morris Sally
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2014 1:43 PM
To: Williams Rebecca; Joyce Mike
Cc: Frisby Tony; Kelly Wade
Subject: RE: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Hi All,

I just spoke to [redacted] who undertakes active checking of Lissner Park and surrounding areas for injured or deceased flying foxes. [redacted] picked up two deceased black flying foxes at Lissner Park on Sunday 16th February 2014 from near the duck enclosure - one was under a park table and the other hanging from a tree branch. The duck enclosure is approximately 150 metres away from where Wade Kelly and myself found the injured black flying fox on Saturday 15th of February during our routine flying fox population survey.

Thank-you

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From: Williams Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2014 8:45 AM
To: Morris Sally; Joyce Mike
Cc: Frisby Tony; Kelly Wade; Morris Sally
Subject: RE: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Thanks Sally

Mike As you would have noted I am interested to see if there is a nexus between the “unburst” paint balls and the bat (as you and your team are).

Could you have one of your team without fanfare ask the local carers have taken flying fox in their care from Lisner Park in the last week.

Thanks

Beck

From: Morris Sally
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 3:16 PM
To: Williams Rebecca; Joyce Mike
Cc: Frisby Tony; Kelly Wade
Subject: RE: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Hi Beck,

It is likely that the paintballs were shot and missed the trees or were shot too high and lost velocity resulting in a 'non burst'.

Last year Wade Kelly witnessed paintballs of the same colour and locations during the dispersal on 09/12/2013. This is where the flying foxes were roosting prior to the dispersal activities.

Thank you

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From: Williams Rebecca
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 2:57 PM
To: Joyce Mike; Morris Sally
Cc: Frisby Tony; Kelly Wade
Subject: RE: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Mike

I have a couple of questions regarding the paint balls.

- Given the indication that they were in clusters and reasonably intact, did Rangers Morris and Kelly consider if they were paintballs that had missed the trees and their state was a consequence of a low velocity landing (accounting for being intact or minimal leakage)?
- Did we notice any similar pattern in the dispersal of late last year?

Regards

Beck

From: Joyce Mike
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2014 8:00 AM
To: Morris Sally; Williams Rebecca
Cc: Frisby Tony; Kelly Wade
Subject: RE: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Beck,

I recommend we take no further action at this stage. Without the bat there is limited opportunity for us to investigate further. We will continue to monitor the site.

Thanks

Mike

Michael Joyce

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From: Morris Sally

Sent: Sunday, 16 February 2014 3:03 PM

To: Joyce Mike; Williams Rebecca

Cc: Frisby Tony; Kelly Wade

Subject: Intelligence Report - Flying Foxes at Lissner Park, Charters Towers.

Hi All,

Mike – as requested, please see attached Intelligence Report for injured flying fox and paintballs sighted at Lissner Park Charters Towers yesterday at approximately 13:15.

Thank-you

Sally Morris

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From: Hotchkis Debra [Debra.Hotchkis@ehp.qld.gov.au] on behalf of Wildlife Management [Wildlife.Management@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 24 February 2014 12:47 PM
To: Joyce Mike
CC: Williams Rebecca; Prior Katrina; Armbruster Christine
Subject: FW: Flying Fox Relocation Plan

FYI

Deb Hotchkis
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From: Michael Langburne [mailto:MLangburne@charters Towers.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 24 February 2014 12:03 PM
To: Wildlife Management
Cc: Frisby Tony
Subject: Flying Fox Relocation Plan

Council intends to remove two large fig trees (dead or dying) from adjacent to the Boer War Memorial in Lissner Park Charters Towers to address Public Safety concerns. Council also intends to remove dead branches from trees adjacent to the Corner of Bridge Street and Plummer Street.

To achieve this Council will attempt to relocate the flying foxes currently roosting in the trees a short distance - still in Lissner Park. Relocation activities will commence this Thursday 27 February 2014 to coincide with the removal of the trees. The situation will need to be assessed Thursday afternoon to ascertain if activities will extend to include Friday morning. Activities may extend if flying foxes settle into children's playground or swimming pool areas or re-settle around the trees being removed.

Regards
Mic Langburne
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From: Swain Randall [Randall.Swain@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 13 March 2014 8:03 AM
To: JOYCE Mike
CC: Williams Rebecca; Stanton Cook Nicole
Subject: Re: Charters Towers Breach of Conditions DMP/CASA Wildlife Complaint

Opportunity to respond. Sorry I shouldn't have assumed.

We use that when we have very limited info to go on and it is not part of the process. It's about obtaining further info.

Cheers

Randall

Sent from my iPad

On 13 Mar 2014, at 7:57, "JOYCE Mike" <Mike.Joyce@ehp.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi all excuse my ignorance, can you tell me what OTR is.

Thanks

Mike

Michael Joyce

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From: Swain Randall
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2014 4:05 PM
To: Williams Rebecca
Cc: JOYCE Mike; Stanton Cook Nicole
Subject: RE: Charters Towers Breach of Conditions DMP/CASA Wildlife Complaint

Well I was completely off base! Damage Mitigation Permit.... Too many acronyms in government!

Ok we will get the OTR started

Randall Swain

Manager, Workforce Relations and Safety
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Dept of **National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing**

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From: Williams Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2014 4:04 PM
To: Swain Randall
Cc: JOYCE Mike; Stanton Cook Nicole
Subject: RE: Charters Towers Breach of Conditions DMP/CASA Wildlife Complaint

Thanks for the advice. Yes I was the signatory on the Damage Mitigation Permit (DMP) and so Geoff would become the delegate.

[redacted]
s78B(2) - Personal Information

Regards
Beck

RD Williams
Director Wildlife
Environment and Heritage Protection
Telephone 07 33305512

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From: Swain Randall
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2014 4:00 PM
To: Williams Rebecca
Cc: JOYCE Mike; Stanton Cook Nicole
Subject: RE: Charters Towers Breach of Conditions DMP/CASA Wildlife Complaint

Beck

I think the answer is that we need to give [redacted] an opportunity to respond to the allegation that "The animals were shown to your EHP Ranger [redacted] and the dispersal continued."

[redacted]
s78B(2) - Personal Information

[redacted]
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If you were the signatory to the DMP (Dispersal Management Plan?) then you can't be the signatory to the [redacted] and hence it might need to be Geoff Clare who is the delegate.

If you are ok with that suggestion, we can work on the OTR.

Regards

Randall Swain
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From: Williams Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2014 5:16 PM
To: Swain Randall
Cc: JOYCE Mike
Subject: FW: Charters Towers Breach of Conditions DMP/CASA Wildlife Complaint

Randall: as discussed could you have a look at this is relation to [redacted] - Personal Information

Mike J: just FYI so you know that aspect of the complaint is being looked at. I will examine the operational aspects. You may recall that I was the delegate for the permit and as such will need to consider the best way to examine the allegations.

Regards
Beck

RD Williams
Director Wildlife
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From: PALM
Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2014 2:46 PM
To: JOYCE Mike; Williams Rebecca
Cc: SCHMID Tony; BIRT Cathy
Subject: FW: Charters Towers Breach of Conditions DMP/CASA Wildlife Complaint

For your information.

Please see attached a copy of an email and wildlife complaint that was sent to the Minister's office yesterday (10th March). It is in relation to a DMP Culling and Dispersal for Flying Foxes issued to Charters Towers Regional Council.

Please advise if there is any further action required by PaLM in regards to this matter.

Thanks

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From: [redacted] sch3(10)(1)(b) Confidential source of information

Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2014 12:48 PM

To: PALM

Subject: Fwd: Charters Towers Breach of Conditions DMP/CASA Wildlife Complaint

Please see attached complaint and letter to Minister. The letter is the basis of the complaint and the video evidence shows that the DMP was breached by Charters Towers.

regards,

[redacted]
sch3(10)(1)(b) Confidential source of information

RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

From: Kelly Wade

Sent: Thursday, 13 March 2014 12:24 PM

To: JOYCE Mike

Subject: Sit Reps for CTRC dispersal activities DEC 13

Attachments: Charters_Towers_Dispersal_9th_December_2013.docx; Sit-Rep 9 12 13 PM.docx; Sit-Rep 10.12.13 PM.docx; Sit Rep 18-12-13 PM.docx

Categories: Read this if time

Hi Michael,

Please find attached situation reports for CTRC acting under their FFRMP DEC 13. This is all of the sit reps for this dispersal. The sit rep dated the 18/12/13 relates to a Ravenswood dispersal.

As day 1 of the dispersal saw a majority of the animals relocate, dispersal activities only continued on the 10/12/13 (once in AM and once in PM) to relocate the remaining populations of animals

Individual recall of events reports will be in your hands by the end of the day

Regards,

Wade Kelly

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Charters Towers Dispersal 9/12/2014

EHP staff present: Matthew Brien (005), Karen Dabinett (005), Wade Kelly (003)

17:35: Arrived, council had cordoned off park, no public allowed in.

17:45: Dispersal activities commenced: car horns, paint ball guns aimed at trees, smoke/foggers.

17:55: 2 choppers arrived, fireworks (no shells) let off in open spaces beside trees; fire hoses aimed at trees. Directed Wade to observe and monitor fireworks and paintballs and Karen to observe and monitor fire hoses. I remained in the middle of the park to monitor entire situation and to liaise with Council (Mark Crawley, Ramon Jayo, and council appointed vet vaccinated against ABLV).

18:00: Received phone call that 1xfemale black FFox with baby had landed on the ground outside Lissner Park and was in the hands of wildlife carers (unknown). I asked for the location, and directed the council vet to take the FFoxes into care in order to assess and treat any potential injuries.

18:05: I observed council vet talking with people at the edge of the park. He then returned and informed me that they had a FFox wrapped up in blanket/towel but refused to hand it over.

18:05: Notified by Karen that Fire hoses were aimed at trees too high near bats, Karen and myself instructed council staff to aim lower, council complied.

18:10: Notified by Wade that paint balls were aimed at trees too close to bats, Wade instructed them to aim lower, council complied.

18:50: All 3 EHP officers (Matt, Karen, Wade) walked entire park, 5-10 little reds dead but >2 days old on ground/in trees, no fresh dead or injured bats found.

19:00: Council ceased dispersal as majority of bats gone, public allowed access, EHP left. I briefed the Director and Senior ranger by phone of the events that occurred before departing Charters Towers.

At no time did myself or my team witness or observe a FFox get injured or die as a result of dispersal activities. At no time was I provided with evidence that a FFox had been injured by dispersal activities. Charters Towers City Council was compliant with their FFRMP throughout the dispersal.

Situation Report

Charters Towers Regional Council
Flying Fox Dispersal 2013 (Ravenswood)
Under New Management Policy

Date: 18/12/ 13		Time: 4:30pm	Depart TSV- Ravenswood
Time	Activity	Persons	Result
6:20pm	Dispersal activities commenced: Fogging, 2 foggers employed	James Spragg	Flying foxes lift with some returning to original roost site across the road. Strong winds move fog away from trees containing flying foxes, fog relatively unsuccessful.
6:37pm	Bird fright employed: 4 cartridges fired	James Spragg	Large group of flying foxes lift and move to original roost site across the road.
6:40pm	Fogging continues, 3 bird fright cartridges fired	James Spragg	Some flying foxes lift from original roost and return to undesired roost location. Large group of flying foxes lift when bird fright discharged and move to original roost site across road.
7:00pm	Activities finalised	James Spragg	Colony partially moved to original roost site.

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Situation Report

OTHER NOTES

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Situation Report

Charters Towers Regional Council
Flying Fox Dispersal 2013 (Lissner Park)
Under New Management Policy

Date:	10/12/13	Time:	Depart TSV- 4:00AM
Time	Activity	Persons	Result
5:30	Dispersal activities commenced including: 2 x helicopters, fogger, smoke, fire hose, fireworks	Council	
6:00	Arrived, council had cordoned off Lissner park, no public allowed in.	Matt Sally	Addressed safety issues and minimised risks to both people and animals
6:10	Sweep of park conducted.	Matt Sally	No evidence of injured, orphaned or deceased flying foxes
6:05	Lissner Park using 2 x helicopters, 2 x fire hoses and rounds of fireworks (no shells)	Matt Sally	Most flying foxes in the air, some still in trees. Blacks with young, moving to North of park and adjacent residential streets.
6:40	Plant Street (North of Charters Towers) – 2 x smoke machine vehicles and 2 x helicopters	Matt Sally	No flying foxes appear to be present in trees at this location.
6:45	33 Hackett Terrace – paintball gun (noise only), fogger, 1 x smoke machine vehicle	Matt Sally	Approximately 200 bats in trees above residential homes
6:55	Sweep of park conducted.	Matt Sally	No evidence of injured, orphaned or deceased flying foxes. Young black flying foxes observed in trees.
7:00	Council ceased dispersal	Matt Sally	Majority of bats dispersed, public allowed access, EHP officers departed. Approximately 200 flying foxes moving back towards trees in Lissner Park.

Situation Report

OTHER NOTES

- Flying foxes were moving in a northerly direction for approximately one kilometre into adjacent residential streets. Council deployed staff to these locations and continued operations.
- During dispersal activities there were several hundred Black flying-foxes observed in flight carrying young.
- There were approximately 500 black flying foxes with young under wing/dependent young in a group of trees at Lissner Park. Council avoided targeting dispersal activities at this particular site.
- Some independent young left in trees at Lissner Park after the dispersal ceased. No evidence of any orphaned flying foxes. Black flying foxes observed returning to trees that had young.

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Situation Report

Charters Towers Regional Council
Flying Fox Dispersal 2013 (Lissner Park)
Under New Management Policy

Date:	10/12/13	Time:	Depart TSV- 1645
Time	Activity	Persons	Result
1757	Arrived, low impact noise dispersal commenced a small number of times to move remaining few animals.	Tony Wade	Very few bats within park boundaries due to previous dispersal activities on same day in AM with population of Black Flying-Foxes being left in location outlined in sit rep notes '9/12/13 PM' due to dependant young.
1828	EHP officers relocated to Holliman road for dispersal activities set to commence in vacant private land. Portion of animal population relocated to large trees within area. High and low impact activities set to commence 1845 Other dispersal activities commencing in residences in various locations across town	Tony Wade	Mines, smoke, paintball, noise set to commence in various locations across town.
1845	Dispersal activities aborted	Tony Wade	Dispersal activities did not commence due to concern of bats relocating back to Lissner Park from this location. Dispersal activities to be coordinated for following morning at both park and vacant lot to eliminate animals relocating back to park.
1902	Complaint/ compliance report made by member of 'Bob Irwin Conservation Foundation'	Tony Wade	Person stated they had photographic evidence of Flying-Foxes flying with holes in wings. Person assumed this related to council members shooting animals with paint ball guns. EHP officers took details
1911	EHP officer departed Charters Towers	Tony Wade	N/A

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Situation Report

OTHER NOTES

- Council officers informed EHP officers that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority has denied the use of Helicopters for dispersal activities due to non-compliance in relation to pilots flying the two helicopters at an elevation lower than 500 feet. CASA has only allowed the landing of the helicopters on Lissner Park grounds with the direction that dispersal activities are to be undertaken above elevation - 500 feet due to safety concerns for the Flying – Foxes.

- Council officer informed EHP officers that majority of animals have relocated to rivers and creeks outside of Urban Management areas with small populations residing in residences and a population of approximately 1000 animals (both Little-Red and Black Flying Foxes) residing in a cluster of trees along 'Holliman Road'. Dispersal activities did not commence along 'Holliman Road' due to concern of bats relocating back to Lissner Park from this location.

- Member of 'Bob Irwin Conservation Foundation' by the name of [redacted] stated to EHP officers [redacted] would like to report non-compliance activities being undertaken by council members [redacted] stated that [redacted] has obtained images and footage of animals flying with holes in their wing membrane approximately the size of a 50c coin [redacted] provided opinion that the holes were directly related the to council members undertaking dispersal activities with paintball guns although [redacted] has stated [redacted] has no direct evidence linking the members to the animals damaged wings. Council's CEO stated he has constantly reinforced the fact that paint balls are only to be fired at the trees themselves to create noise. [redacted] has stated that [redacted] will compile a report, along with photo and video evidence to myself (EHP officer Wade Kelly) on the 11/12/13. Still awaiting contact with [redacted] at 1023 on the 11/12/13

From: Dabinett Karen [Karen.Dabinett@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2014 9:50 AM
To: JOYCE Mike
Subject: RE: Charters Towers Bat dispersal report

Just as a file note?

From: JOYCE Mike
Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2014 9:40 AM
To: Dabinett Karen; Sullivan Scott
Subject: RE: Charters Towers Bat dispersal report

Hi Karen,

Whatever you can remember about the day please. What you did, who your saw etc.

Thanks
Mike

Michael Joyce

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Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

From: Dabinett Karen
Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2014 9:15 AM
To: JOYCE Mike; Sullivan Scott
Subject: RE: Charters Towers Bat dispersal report

Hi Mike,

What information do you need? I didn't take comprehensive notes that day, as Matt was doing most of that, so I'm not sure how much information I will be able to provide.

I have a few things on today, so I will try and get it done in between that.

From: JOYCE Mike
Sent: Tuesday, 18 March 2014 3:39 PM
To: Sullivan Scott
Cc: Dabinett Karen
Subject: Charters Towers Bat dispersal report

Hi Scott,

Could you please make time for Karen D to assist with an investigation that is occurring about an activity she was involved in while in her substantive role. Specifically I need her to write a report about her involvement and interactions at the Charters Towers bat dispersal that occurred in December last year. I believe Karen was present on the first day of the dispersal. As I am sure you would understand this is relatively urgent, but hopefully should not take too much time.

Thanks
Mike

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From: Matthew Brien s78B(2) - Personal Information

Sent: Saturday, 22 March 2014 9:35 AM

To: JOYCE Mike

Subject: Matt - File notes Charters Towers FFox dispersal

Attachments: FILE NOTE CTRC Flying fox dispersal 9 Dec 2013.doc; FILE NOTE CTRC Flying fox dispersal 10 Dec 2013.doc

G'day Mike, please see file notes from Charters Towers FFox dispersal
cheers Matt

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File Note

File Reference: TBA

Date: 09/12/2013

File Name: Charters Towers Regional Council (CTRC) Flying– Fox dispersal

Subject (Detail): EHP compliance of CTRC flying fox dispersal under permit WIFF13807313, Lissner Park, Charters Towers – Matthew Brien (EHP)

I (005 Wildlife Ranger Matthew Brien) arrived at Lissner Park, Charters Towers, along with wildlife rangers Karen Dabinett (005), and Wade Kelly (003), at approx. 17:35 to undertake compliance during the dispersal of Flying foxes (reds and blacks) from Lissner Park by CTRC who were operating under permit WIFF13807313. Upon arrival, CTRC had cordoned off the park and prevented public access. Police were on hand, along with dozens of people operating under the guidance of CTRC within the park. Hundreds of people lined the streets. We (EHP) entered the park and were greeted by Mark Crawley (CEO), Ramon Jayo, Bill Hussey, and a vet with ABLV vaccination appointed by CTRC (name forgotten). At around 17:45 CTRC commenced dispersal activities, which included car horns, paint ball guns aimed at trees, and smoke/foggers. At 17:55, two choppers arrived, fireworks (no shells) were let off in open spaces beside trees and fire hoses were aimed at trees. I (Matthew Brien) directed Wade Kelly to observe and monitor fireworks and paintball activities in one section of the park, and Karen to observe and monitor fire hoses in another section. I remained in the middle of the park to monitor entire situation and to liaise with Council (Mark Crawley, Ramon Jayo, and council appointed vet vaccinated against ABLV). At around 18:00 I received a phone call from a lady that told me 1xfemale black flying fox with a baby had landed on the ground outside Lissner Park and was in the hands of wildlife carers (unknown). I asked for the location, and directed the council vet to take any flying foxes into care in order to assess and treat any potential injuries. At 18:05, I observed the council vet talking with people at the edge of the park. He then returned and informed me that they had a flying fox wrapped up in a blanket/towel but refused to hand it over. At 18:05, Karen informed me that fire hoses that were aimed at trees were getting too close to the bats. Karen and myself then instructed council staff to aim lower and not at animals, which they did. At around 18:10, Wade informed me that paint balls that were aimed at trees were getting too close to bats. Wade and myself instructed them to aim lower and not near bats and council staff complied. At around 18:50, all EHP officers (Matt, Karen, Wade) walked through the entire park to check for any injured or dead flying foxes. We counted 5-10 little reds dead but >2 days old on ground/in trees, and no freshly dead or injured bats were found. At 19:00, CTRC ceased dispersal activities as the majority of bats had left, and the public were allowed access to the park. EHP staff (Matt, Karen, Wade) left Lissner Park at around 19:05. I (Matthew Brien) briefed the Director and Senior ranger by phone of the events that occurred before departing Charters Towers.

At no time did myself or my team witness or observe a flying fox get injured or die as a result of dispersal activities. At no time was I provided with evidence that a flying fox had been injured or killed by dispersal activities. Charters Towers City Council was compliant with the conditions of their permit (WIFF13807313) throughout the dispersal.

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File Note

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I (005 Wildlife Ranger Matthew Brien) arrived at Lissner Park, Charters Towers, along with wildlife ranger Sally Morris (004), at approx. 6:00 to undertake compliance during the dispersal of Flying foxes (reds and blacks) from Lissner Park by CTRC who were operating under permit WIFF13807313. Upon arrival, CTRC had cordoned off the park and prevented public access. Police were on hand, along with dozens of people operating under the guidance of CTRC within the park. We had a brief conversation regarding compliance with CTRC Mark Crawley, Ramon Jayo, and council appointed vet. Dispersal activities at Lissner Park included 2 helicopters, 2 fire hoses and rounds of fireworks (no shells). A sweep of the park on foot did not reveal any injured or freshly dead flying foxes. As most flying foxes had left the park and some had apparently moved into the neighbourhood, we decided to monitor events in the streets at around. At 6:25, we headed over to Plant Street (North of Lissner Park) where 2 smoke machines were used along with helicopters. At 33 Hackett Terrace, CTRC staff were using paint ball guns (noise only no paintballs) and a fogger machine to try and move approx. 200 bats from backyards. No flying foxes were observed injured or dead. We returned to Lissner Park at 6:55 to sweep the park again for injured, orphaned or freshly dead bats, none could be found. At 7:00, CTRC ceased dispersal activities.

At no time did I observe a flying fox get injured or die as a result of dispersal activities. At no time was I provided with evidence that a flying fox had been injured or killed by dispersal activities. Charters Towers City Council was compliant with the conditions of their permit (WIFF13807313) throughout the dispersal.

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