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Removal of problematic fying fox feed trees grant

INFORMATION BROCHURE





Muswellbrook Shire Council is offering a **\$1000 rebate** (per household - one only) to subsidise the cost of the removal of problematic flying fox feed trees.

Flying foxes often feed on the fruit of Cocos Palms and broad-leaf privet. However, due to the size of the Cocos Palm seeds they can lodge in the jaws of flying foxes causing considerable distress and even death.

Broad-leaf privet is an environmental weed and the Grey Headed Flying Fox inadvertently causes the spread through the consumption of their fruit and therefore seeds. In addition to the noise flying fox make when feeding in these trees their faeces/poo is also very messy and can stain driveways and clothes.

The Council advocates for the removal of problematic trees to prevent weed proliferation and minimize the community's impact from flying foxes. If your property has Cocos Palms or broad-leaf privet trees, it is recommended that you consider removing these trees.

Please contact Council for an application form and to discuss tree removal. Council will assess all applications and award them based on a set criterion. As there are a limited number of rebates available the sooner you contact Council, the better.

Car and washing line covers are also available, as is the free loan of a pressure washer if you are effected by flying fox mess.

Flying foxes play a very important ecological role by spreading genetic diversity throughout native forests by transporting pollen over the large distances they often cover while feeding.

Flying foxes are a threatened species in New South Wales, and it is unlawful to disturb them in any way.

For further information and to obtain a rebate form, please contact the Sustainability Unit

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