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LITTLE LEGENDS

FRANKIE

the flying fox



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Yii Birrbay Barray

This is Birpai Country

Nyura yiigu  
marala barraygu,  
nyaagi, ngarragi

You have come here, to the country to see,  
listen and remember

Gathay Nyiirun Wakulda

Let's all go together as one

We acknowledge the Birpai people, the traditional  
owners of the land in which we work and live, and pay  
our respects to Elders past and present.

We extend our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islander people who choose to call  
Port Macquarie Hastings home.





# Hey there, I'm Frankie the flying-fox!

I'm here to take you on an exciting adventure  
all about me and my amazing flying-fox friends.

Learn a bit about us, how we  
help the environment, and how  
you can help us, so we can keep  
doing our important work!

Are you ready to join me? Let's go!

 **Family Tip: No touch, no harm!**

Like all wild animals, flying-foxes  
can carry diseases but they can only  
pass them on through bites or  
scratches. So, stick to our simple  
rule - *no touch, no harm!*

Spot a sick or injured flying-fox?  
Please report it to FAWNA on  
(02) 6581 4141.



colour me in!



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# marvelous mammals



Like humans, we are mammals.

Mammals are warm-blooded animals with fur or hair, a backbone, and as babies, drink their mumma's milk.

## Mammal Match-Up

Can you match these mammals with their name?  
Draw a line from the picture to the name.



human



dog



monkey



giraffe



flying fox



bear



# about me and my friends



There are different kinds of flying foxes,  
just like there are different types of dogs or cats.

In the Port Macquarie-Hastings there are 3 different types  
(or species) of flying-foxes. We are all a type of megabat.



I am a Grey-headed flying fox

I have dark grey fur on my body and legs,  
light grey fur on my head

and orange fur around my neck.

My body grows up to 29cm  
and my wings can stretch over 1 metre!

This is Bertie, a Black flying-fox

Black flying-foxes are almost completely black  
but have a tiny bit of orange on their collar.

They can grow as big as me.



Then there's Ren, the Little Red

Little Red flying-foxes can grow to 20cm.

They have lots of red rust colour  
and brown on their bodies and wings.



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# sleeping upside down



## Did you know flying-foxes sleep upside down?

We are very social and like to spend time together in our home. We call our home a camp.

We are **nocturnal**, which means we sleep in the day.  
We huddle together in groups (this is called roosting).  
We sleep hanging from tree branches by our toes.

### Upside-down snoozers

Use the space below to draw my friends and I hanging upside down in a tree, having a snooze.



# hard workers at night



We sleep by day and work hard at night.

We have excellent night vision and a great sense of smell, which we use to go foraging (in search of food) at night.



We can fly up to  
50km and back again...

in search of our favourite foods.  
We like to eat pollen and nectar  
from native forest trees.

## Frankie's Maze

Can you help me find  
my way back to camp?

### Fun Fact!

We are also nomads,  
which means we  
move home (camp)  
to where our food  
grows best in  
different seasons.



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# super seed spreaders



Our hard work helps our environment.



Photo by Andrew Mercer

When we fly from tree to tree in search of nectar and fruit, we carry pollen on our fur and spread it to different flowers. This helps plants make seeds and grow more trees, which provides homes and food for other animals.

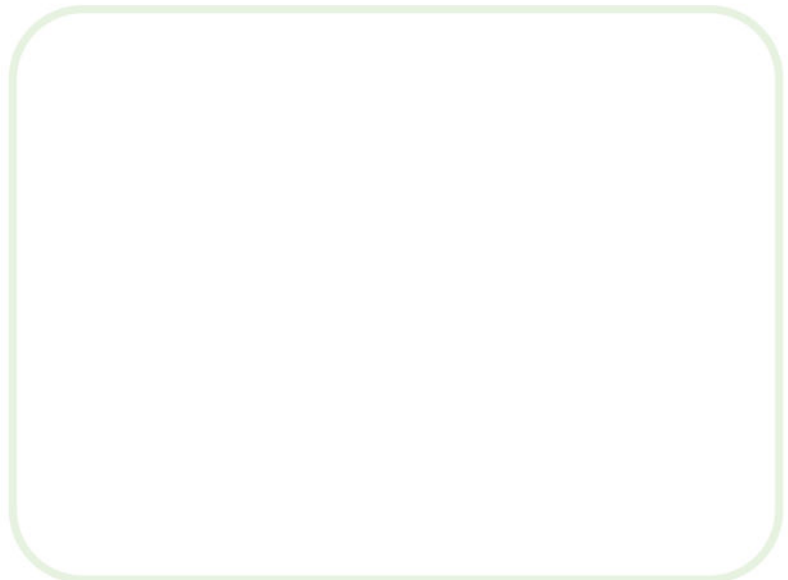
We can spread up to 60,000 seeds in one night!

We are keystone pollinators for the Eucalypt tree.

By helping Eucalypt trees produce seeds, we play a crucial role in the survival of our furry friends, the koalas, as these trees are their main home and source of food.

## Happy Koala

Use the space in the box to draw a koala in a tree, happily munching on yummy eucalyptus leaves.





# flying-fox find-a-word



 Circle each of the words you find

U	K	B	A	T	T	F	L	Y	F
P	R	A	T	C	E	N	E	R	L
S	T	I	U	R	F	C	W	Y	Y
I	U	L	K	C	G	D	I	G	I
D	R	A	A	U	R	H	N	E	N
E	L	R	J	O	V	T	G	A	G
D	N	T	O	P	I	O	S	W	F
O	B	S	E	I	C	E	P	S	O
W	T	U	M	A	M	M	A	L	X
N	I	A	T	S	U	S	N	R	F

## Word Bank

AUSTRALIA

BAT

SPECIES

WINGSPAN

MAMMAL

NECTAR

ROOST

FLYINGFOX

SUSTAIN

FRUIT

UPSIDEDOWN

FLY



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# how you can help us!



We've lost a lot of our homes and food  
and our family has gotten smaller.

Grey-headed flying-foxes are listed as 'vulnerable to extinction'. This means there are less of us than there used to be and we need help protecting our family.

Here are three simple ways you can help!

## **Bust those myths!**

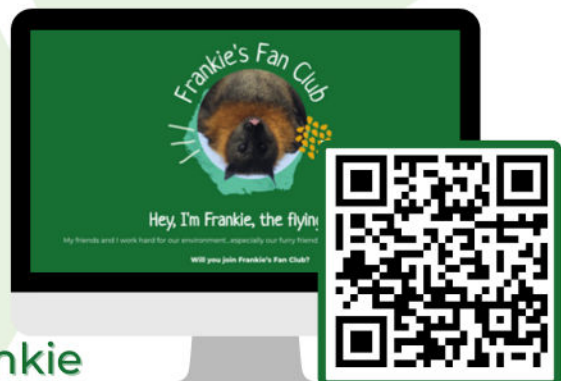
Some people worry that we're dangerous. Help them learn our saying, "no touch, no harm!". You can also share other fun facts you've learnt about us!

## **Call for help.**

If you find one of us alone in the day, it may mean we're sick or injured and we need some help. Please don't touch, but call FAWNA on (02) 6581 4141

## **Join the club!**

Jump online and check out my page, Frankie's Fan Club. I'll keep you up to date with how we're going and how you can keep helping!



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# continue the fun!



## ConnectEd KIDS

packed with fun activities  
and games to help you  
learn more about being a  
local Little Legend!

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## Parents – there's fun for you, too!

On Port Macquarie–Hastings Council's Education Hub:



### Learn online with our digital resource library

Discover more about Council's services, take virtual facilities tours, and learn how we can work together towards our community vision.



### Out and about with the education team

Find out when and where our education team will be popping up around our community, as well as other event dates for the diary.



### Join us on a tour or talk

Join a free upcoming community tour or get a group together (10+) and enquire about creating your own tour.

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