

# Authority to Control Wildlife Application Form

If you wish to participate in the Kangaroo Pet Food Trial, please complete the trial-specific application form: *Authority to Control Wildlife Application Form - Kangaroo Pet Food Trial*. For more information about the trial, including whether you are eligible to participate, see the DELWP factsheet *Kangaroo Pet Food Trial: information for landholders*.

To apply for a Drought Relief Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW), please check this box  and refer to the information provided under the heading 'Drought Relief ATCW' on page six, for guidance on how to complete this form.

## 1. Applicant's personal details

Mr/Mrs/Ms Mr	First Name [Redacted]	Other Given Names 	Family Name [Redacted]
Date of Birth [Redacted]	Sex (M/F) M	DELWP Customer Number (if known) [Redacted]	

## 2. Applicant's residential address

Property Name (Name of house, farm or building if applicable). Colac Otway Shire Council	Flat/Unit No. 	House/Lot No. 
Street Name 	City/Suburb/Town 	Postcode 

## 3. Applicant's postal address (if same as above, please write "as above")

Property Name (Name of house, farm or building if applicable). 	Flat/Unit No. 	House/Lot No. 
Street Name 2-6 Rae Street	City/Suburb/Town Colac	Postcode 3250

## 4. Applicant's contact details (Please circle your preferred contact)

Telephone – Mobile [Redacted]	Telephone – Private 	Telephone – Business [Redacted]	Email address [Redacted]
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## 5. Applicant's relationship to the land with the wildlife problem: (Tick ONE box which best describes this)

Land owner   
  Land manager   
  Lessee   
  Business Owner/Director   
  Employee (Specify position)

## 6. Business name (ONLY complete if the land is owned under the name of a business)

[Redacted]

## 7. Description and location of land where you plan to control wildlife

(Crown Allotment Number(s) must be supplied – see your Rates Notice or Shire Office). Include CFA Map Book Map No., Square No. & House No. if applicable.

Crown Allotment 25C/PP5186

Road Location (e.g. No. 2010 Plenty Rd, 2km west of intersection with Centre Rd)

Corner of Fyans & Gellibrand Streets, Colac

Postcode 3250	Municipality (e.g. Southern Grampians Shire) Colac Otway Shire	Land where wildlife is to be controlled is either: (Tick applicable box) <input type="checkbox"/> Private land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crown land	
Approximate area in hectares 16	Land Use Zone PPRZ – Public Parks & Recreation Zone	Current land use (e.g. Cropping wheat, cattle grazing, apple orchard, etc) Botanic Gardens	

### 8. Species and number of wildlife causing property damage or health and safety risks

Please provide a count or your best estimate of the number of animals that are the source of the problem. Attach a separate sheet if applying to control more than four species.

	Species	Number
1	Grey-headed Flying-fox	varies
2		
3		
4		

### 9. Description of damage or health and safety risks resulting from wildlife

The description should outline the type and extent of damage to property including buildings, fences, pasture, crops or livestock. Any issues related to human health and safety should also be included (for example, hazards to aircraft safety, fouling of produce or property or aggressive behaviour). Attach a separate sheet if required.

- Defoliation of trees listed on Heritage Register, refer to CGHFFMP 2.4.2 & Appendix G
- Impact on local community noting reported issues of noise, faecal drop, smell; refer to CGHFFMP 3.1

Reference:

Colac Grey-headed Flying-fox Management Plan 2019-2024 (CGHFFMP)

In relation to the numbers of grey-headed flying-foxes noted in item 8 above, Council will provide DELWP with end of month numbers at the Colac Botanical Gardens from October 2019 through to the anticipated dispersal implementation in July-August 2020 which is outside the GHFF breeding season.

### 10. What actions are you currently taking to manage the issues identified in section 9?

Include any measures you have taken with regards to fencing or restricting wildlife access to property or crops. Attach a separate sheet if required.

Council applied for an Authority to Control Wildlife license in August 2019 to manage the colony of flying-foxes in the Colac Botanic Gardens. A Grey-headed Flying-fox Management Plan was prepared by Council to ensure it met the Commonwealth's 'Referral guideline for management actions in grey-headed and spectacled flying-fox camps'. This Management Plan ensures that Council undertakes the best practice mitigation standards required of the referral guideline.

At the request of DELWP email correspondence was undertaken with the Department of Environment & Energy (DoEE) to confirm Council's approach conformed to the guideline requirements. The email correspondence, dated 25 July 2019 and 14 August 2019, has been provided previously. The email responses confirm Council's adherence to the guidelines in the provision of the Management Plan which is based on the NSW OEH camp management plan template as recommended in the referral guidelines. Council is of the view that these previous emails confirm Council's conformance to legislative and guideline requirements.

Following receipt of the ATCW license on 14 August 2019, Council proceeded with the planning and implementation of the dispersal strategy detailed in the CGHFFMP 6.2. The dispersal strategy was due to commence on 4 September 2019, however did not proceed due to the flying-foxes departing the site prior to the dispersal date. Council engaged Ecosure to provide the flying-fox expertise required in the dispersal strategy and Council continues to ensure that an appropriate assessment of the flying-foxes is undertaken prior to actions commencing and to inform DELWP prior to and throughout any implementation.

Council is cognisant of its obligations should the flying-foxes return to the Colac Botanic Gardens. This application is lodged on the basis that late pregnant or dependent young will not be in the Gardens at the time of implementing the action outlined in this ATCW and seeks a license to undertake the proposed dispersal strategy as outlined in the Management Plan.

**11. What activities are you proposing to undertake to manage the wildlife problem?**

*For example: scaring, shooting, trapping and shooting, trapping and release, destroying eggs and nests.*

The CGHFFMP provides a detailed dispersal strategy that Council seeks to implement in the Colac Botanic Gardens. As part of the CGHFFMP, Council is undertaking a planting program to provide alternative camp habitats in the Colac region. The locations include Deanes Creek, Patsch Nature Reserve, Wetlands Track & Delaney’s Rd, Baltinore, this is intended to be an ongoing planting program.

The dispersal strategy, over seen by a flying-fox expert, seeks the dispersal of the flying-foxes from the Gardens utilising measures of audio and visual actions each morning as a deterrent to the flying-foxes returning and smoke subject to the success of the pre mentioned actions. Council has also submitted a grant application for installation of tree canopy mounted sprinklers separate to this ATCW.

Whilst the future roosting locations are identified in the CGHFFMP it is acknowledged that the flying foxes may roost at other locations. Council considers the following to be unsuitable locations and further dispersal will be undertaken should GHFFs roost at:

Barongarook Creek Precinct (except Joseph Paatsch Reserve); Colac Memorial Square; Colac Racecourse; Educational facilities; Queens Ave Colac Lake Foreshore; Child Care Centres

Council is committed in ensuring that the best practice mitigation standard contained within the Management Plan are adhered to, in conjunction with any additional license conditions. Further community engagement and communication is being prepared to be disseminated through Council’s communication channels to the Colac community.

**12. Acknowledgment by applicant**

I, (name of applicant) ..... [Redacted] ..... being the applicant for this Authority to Control Wildlife, acknowledge that it is an offence under Section 58B of the *Wildlife Act 1975* to provide false or misleading information in, or in connection with, the application for an Authority to Control Wildlife and I state that the information that I have provided is true, correct and complete.

SIGNATURE of Applicant ..... [Redacted] ..... DATE 13 July 2020

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