

CWBA

Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association Inc

CWBA UPDATE JUNE 2018

The CWBA have adopted their 2018-2019 Operational Plan which will guide the organisations activities over the next 12 months. Bait mix days for rabbit bait were held across the region in February. Bait rack days for wild dog baits were held in March at the five bait racks located in the region. The CWBA board continue to be concerned about the number of stock attacks being reported for the first half of this year.

Report Type	1 January - 31 May 2018
Stock Loss Reported	301
Wild Dog Trapped	13
Wild Dog Shot	12
Wild Dog Sightings	45



NEW LPMTS

The CWBA called for Expression of Interest for the services of Licenced Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) in May 2018. Patrick Darling, Jeff Taylor and Graeme Newton have been contracted for an initial 12 months to undertake control activities for Wild Dogs, Feral Pigs, Foxes and Rabbits.

Patrick Darling will be working in the Morawa area, Jeff Taylor in Perenjor area and Graeme Newton will continue in Koorda and Dalwallinu areas. Please welcome these LPMTs to your area.

The CWBA would like to thank outgoing LPMTs Daniel Reed from Aussie Feral Pests and Ray Hughes for their LPMT services to the group.

DPR RATE

The CWBA is a Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) and has recommended to the Minister of Agriculture and Food that a Declared Pest Rate (DPR) be implemented on land in the Associations area of operation. Community consultation about this has been undertaken by the CWBA since 2015, but more recently in the last 6 months the CWBA has placed notices in local papers, completed mail drops and written directly to all landholders affected by the intention to raise a rate to implement control activities for Wild Dogs, Feral Pigs, Foxes and Rabbits.

Ministerial consultation has also been undertaken State-wide in June 2018 for all of the 12 RBGs who have asked the Minister to raise a DPR in 2018-2019.

BIOSECURITY IS AS MUCH ABOUT PREVENTION AS IT IS ABOUT CONTROL!

The CWBA is a Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) and has a key role in assisting landholders to control declared pests in the Shires of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori an area of 21,901 square kilometres!

Coordinating control activities for Wild Dogs, Feral Pigs, Foxes and Rabbits that are impacting on production enterprises on agricultural land.



Photos courtesy of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia.



Our aim is to develop, report and implement proactive strategies on the progress of reducing the effects of declared pests.

WHAT WE DO

Landholders have a responsibility to control declared pests on their land. The CWBA encourages all landholder's involvement in a broad scale, cooperative and coordinated approach for effective pest control, targeting Wild Dogs, Red Foxes, European Rabbits and Feral Pigs as well as other declared pests seen as a priority for the group.

We seek access to on-going matched state government funding through a Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and look to source external funding to provide training and support, resources and assistance.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT

Declared Pests can have a devastating effect on agriculture, the natural environment and on human health and safety. Pests don't stop at fences or town boundaries. Success relies on well timed cooperative control activities over the whole landscape. Everyone needs to be involved, resourced and supported.

A RATE

The Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association has recommended to the Minister of Agriculture and Food that an ad valorem rate on freehold land be implemented across the Association's area of operation on land with a minimum of 100 hectares and a minimum rate payable amount of \$80.00 from 2018/2019. This will be matched dollar for dollar by the WA Government. DPR Funds can only be spent within our area of operation and on species highlighted by the community. This system will provide our communities with guaranteed annual funds and sustainability to address priority pests using proven and up to date management techniques.

Not all ratepayers will be directly impacted by focus pests each year. Biosecurity is as much about prevention as it is about control! Communities need to be resourced and ready to face biosecurity threats as they arise.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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REPORT STOCK ATTACKS!

To ensure coordinated control across our area of operation in Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori it is important that any stock attacks, tracks or wild dog sightings are reported to the CWBA Dogger Coordinator.
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