



CWBA UPDATE MARCH 2019

The CWBA have been implementing the 2018-2019 CWBA Operational Plan. January and February has seen high Wild Dog activity across the region with 17 Wild Dogs being trapped by CWBA LPMTs. Over Summer and leading up to mating season Wild Dogs are generally at their highest densities and most active. Research from Queensland from collaring and tracking Wild Dogs has shown Wild Dog home range to be: 0-2km Juvenile Wild Dog, 10km-30km Adult Wild Dog but it was not uncommon for a Wild Dog to disperse over a distance of 100km-1300km!

CURRENT WILD DOG DATA

Report Type	1 Jan-4 Apr 2018	5 Apr-28 May 2018	1 Jun - 30 Sept 2018	1 Oct - 31 Dec 2018
Stock Loss Reported	166	135	107	60
Wild Dog Trapped	11	12	9	8
Wild Dog Shot	11	11	1	2
Wild Dog Sightings	22	23	12	6

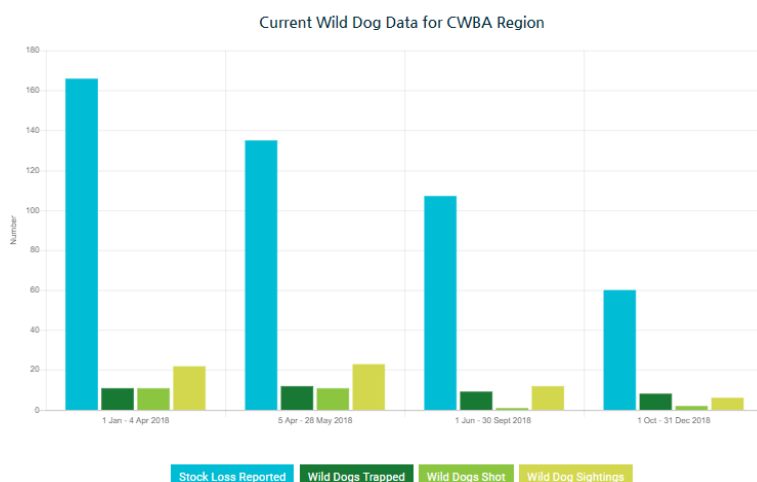
2019-2020 DECLARED PEST RATE

The CWBA Board of Management has recently adopted the 2019-2020 Operational Plan. The CWBA successfully implemented its first Declared Pest Rate in 2018-2019. The funds raised through the DPR are matched dollar for dollar by the WA State Government. DPR funds can only be spent within our area of operation and on species prioritised by the community.

We will again request the Minister for Agriculture and Food to approve a Declared Pest Rate (DPR) in the Shires of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori for 2019-2020 for the following:

The CWBA request the Minister for Agriculture and Food to approve an ad valorem rate Declared Pest Rate for 2019-2020 of \$127,200 on land in the local government districts of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori, that is:

- i. identified as freehold on the rural valuation roll maintained under the Valuation of Land Act 1978; and*
- ii. no less than 100 hectares in area; and*
- iii. a minimum of \$80.00 per VEN.*



The CWBA has a new website - www.cwba.org.au where you will find all the latest information about the CWBA and our activities. Also you can follow us on Facebook.

The 2019-2020 Operational plan identifies how the funds will be spent. This system will provide our communities with guaranteed annual funds and sustainability to address priority pests using current best practice management techniques. The CWBA and the Minister will undertake community consultation in regards to the 2019-2020 Declared Pest Rate from March-June 2019.

DECLARED PEST RATES AND RECOGNISED BIOSECURITY GROUPS

- Declared Pest Rates (DPR) support the work of Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBG).
- RBGs are not for profit groups managed by volunteers and local representatives who want to improve declared pest management in your area.
- RBG activities are aimed at helping landholders to control declared pests on their own properties, so that everyone is involved, and to show them how to coordinate their activities.
- The rates guarantee long-term funding for these groups, so they can carry out activities such as awareness programs, information days, training, workshops, providing equipment, coordinated pest control activities, and also large scale programs (such as wild dog, feral pig or targeted declared weed control).
- The rates are matched dollar-for-dollar by the State Government, which means your community can double the amount of funding available for pest control by their rate contribution.
- The declared pest rate is completely separate from local government rates.
- The declared pest rate does not go to government. It goes to the RBGs in the areas it is collected from, to spend on activities that their communities want to see happen.
- What the rates will be spent on is detailed in each RBG's annual operational plan.
- RBGs provide their local communities with a number of opportunities to have input into these plans including information sessions and workshops, displays at local events, social media and information sessions.
- Groups operate across a number of local government areas, and have a large number of people to engage with.
- RBGs are working to improve communications with ratepayers in their areas, to get as many people as possible involved in declared pest management and the activities planned.

For further DPR enquiries or complaints; about RBGs, activities and RBG expenditure contact the CWBA - 0473 163 050; about DPR Rate Calculations and compliance activities contact DPIRD - 1300 374 731; about Payment Options and Value Entity Numbers contact Office of State Revenue - 1300 368 364

FERAL PIG CONTROL - MORAWA

The CWBA undertook surveillance activities through out November and December to gain a better understanding as to what impact Feral Pigs were having in the Morawa Shire. We captured a range of images to document the damage Feral Pigs are having on cereal crops in the region as well as an initial shoot activity eradicating 249 Feral Pigs. This is now being followed up with a coordinated Aerial Feral Pig Control program being implement over the 10-15th March 2019 with the Northern Biosecurity Group, Mingenew-Irwin Group and the newly forming West Midlands Group. This will be followed up with bait mixing and poisoning activities and the development of a Feral Pig Control Plan for the region. Are Feral Pigs a problem on your property? If you wish to become involved please make contact with the CWBA Executive Officer on 0473 163 050 or email eocwba@outlook.com

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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HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- Join our mailing list to receive direct updates.
- Become a member (if you are not already - you must apply for membership as is not automatic). Membership is free. Visit our website www.cwba.org.au to sign up or email us.
- Tell a neighbour, friend or family member to become a member of the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association.
- Continue to manage pests and weeds on your property. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact the group, we will assist in any way we can.
- Report known problem areas for Declared Pests direct to the CWBA, via the website or via the use of Apps such as FeralScan and MyPestGuide.

Supported by: the Shires of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori as well as;



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