



# Feral Fighters 2019

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# Feral Fighters

Invasive species have no place in our landscape. The ability and responsibility to manage feral animals rest with every land manager. Feral Fighters are local landholders who work together in groups to bait and control pest animals. They bait simultaneously to cover a wide area, which results in a better knockdown.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FERAL FIGHTERS?

By participating to become a Feral Fighter you will receive:

- Free vertebrate pesticide induction training
- Free biosecurity farm gate signs for each participants first fox/wild dog bait collection at one of our bait collection days during the year
- Rabbit control - access to free RHDV K5 viability testing for group participants
- Up to date information and support from Murray Local Land Services.

## I DON'T HAVE LIVESTOCK. WHY SHOULD I BAIT?

The economic impact of pest animals is estimated to be \$170 million in NSW. This affects all landholders, including croppers. Pests cause significant damage to crops, pastures, trees, natural landscapes and native animals.

## WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?

All land managers have a General Biosecurity Duty under the *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015*. This duty requires that anyone who knows or ought to reasonably know about a biosecurity risk has a duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise that risk as far as reasonably practicable. Under the Act you may be issued with a Biosecurity Undertaking or a Biosecurity Direction should you fail to comply with your General Biosecurity Duty. It is important to note, as a land manager you also have biosecurity obligations to your neighbours.

*See pages 9 & 10 in this booklet for more information.*

## HOW DO I COLLECT BAITS?

- You must call the Biosecurity Officer listed for your chosen location at least three days beforehand. They will step you through what you need to know about bait collection
- On the day it's vital you have a safe way of transporting your baits home - they can't be in the vicinity of children, animals or foodstuff. Many landholders lock them in a toolbox on the tray of the ute
- You also need to bring your current certification card (see below)

## WHAT TRAINING DO I NEED?

- We run a short training course regularly which allow you to use 1080 and Pindone baits on your property. The three-hour course gives you a clear understanding of 1080 and Pindone use and their legal obligations. The AQF chemical application courses remain a requirement for use of any other pesticide
- The training courses are delivered by Local Land Services Biosecurity Officers and cover topics such as baiting techniques, toxicity, storage, transport, legislation and Work Health and Safety. Those completing the course will be issued a certification card and will remain accredited to use 1080 and Pindone for five years. No fee is charged to ratepayers for the course.



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Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training - dates & locations		
19 February 2019	10:00am	Moulamein Bowling Club, Endeavour Drive, bookings 03 5881 9900
20 February 2019	10:00am	Deniliquin LLS office, 449 Charlotte St, bookings 03 5881 9900
26 February 2019	9:30am	Jerilderie LLS office, 6 Jerilderie St, bookings Stuart Watson 0427 010 894 or 03 5886 1203
	6:30pm	
6 March 2019	9:30am	Albury LLS office, 931 Garland Ave, bookings 1300 795 299
7 March 2019	9:30am	Tumbarumba, Snowy Valley Council Chambers, bookings 1300 795 299
8 March 2019	9:00am	Holbrook Library, bookings 1300 795 299

## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- Find your closest bait collection point in this booklet
- You must call the contact listed for the location you wish to attend - they will help you order your baits and step you through what you need to know
- All baits must be ordered a minimum 3 days before collection date
- Cost of fox baits at all locations is 50c per wing or 75c per red meat / offal bait. Wild dog baits can be collected from our Albury or Holbrook offices for \$1 per bait (minimum \$10 charge for invoicing)

## Find your local bait collection point

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# Albury and surrounds

All baits must be ordered a **minimum of 3 days prior** to the collection date. During the program, baits will be available from the Albury office every Wednesday and Friday, by appointment only. To place an order contact: Stephen Wilson (0427 362 618)

26 March	9:15am	Glenellen Fire Shed
26 March	10:30am	Burrumbuttock Football Ground
26 March	11:20am	Walla Walla Football Ground
27 March	10:00am	Culcairn AGnVET
27 March	12:30pm	Cookardinia Hall
3 April	8:30am	Albury LLS office
3 April	11:15am	Wymah/Bowna Shire Shed
3 April	12:15pm	Woomargama Hotel
4 April	10:00am	Walbundrie Football Ground
4 April	11:00am	Brocklesby Hall
4 April	12:15pm	Howlong Football Ground
4 April	1:30pm	Bungowannah Fire Shed

## Deniliquin and surrounds

All baits must be ordered a **minimum of 3 days prior** to the collection date. During the program baits will be available from the Deniliquin office every Wednesday and Friday, by appointment only. To place an order contact: Sally Osborne (0407 496 714), Dan Walsh (0417 255 621), John Nolan (0428 629 278) or Deniliquin LLS office (03 5881 9900).

26 February	8:00am	Bullatale Fire Shed (cooked breakfast, local coordinator Richard Metcalfe 5882 1187)
26 February	10:30am	Noorumboon Woolshed, Tocumwal Rd (local coordinator Greg Sandford 5882 5977, Greg Thorley 5882 5927)
28 February	8:30am	Fairview, Conargo (local coordinator Michael Pisasale 0428 629 458 or 5884 6666)
28 February	12:00pm	Pine Leigh, Mayrung (local coordinator Robert Wettenhall 0427 141 079)
5 March	7:45am	Bunnaloo Hall (cooked breakfast, local coordinator Robert Caldwell 5489 7242)
5 March	10.30am	Woodfield Woolshed Moama (local coordinator Kerry Barlow 5483 2222, Luke Barlow 0428 838 258)
5 March	1:00pm	Mathoura Station machinery shed (BBQ lunch, local coordinator Nic Bliss 0438 647 405)
7 March	8:30am	Junabong shearing shed (cooked breakfast, John Nolan 0428 629 278)
7 March	11:00am	Caldwell Hall (local coordinator Rory Chalmers 0488 010 233)



# Holbrook and surrounds

All baits must be ordered a **minimum of 3 days prior** to the collection date. During the program baits will be available from the Holbrook office every Tuesday and Thursday, by appointment only. To place an order contact: Claire Hockley (0419 839 049).

28 March	8:30am	Holbrook LLS office
28 March	10:30am	Rosewood Store
28 March	11:45am	Tumbarumba Showground
28 March	1:30pm	The Glen/Mannus Fire Shed
2 April	9:30am	Lankey's Creek Hall
2 April	10:30am	Jingellic Shop
2 April	11:30am	Tooma Hotel
2 April	12:30pm	Khancoban NPWS office

# Jerilderie and surrounds

All baits must be ordered a **minimum of 3 days prior** to the collection date. During the program baits will be available from the Jerilderie office every Wednesday and Friday, by appointment only. To place an order contact: Stuart Watson (0427 010 894), Roger Harris (0427 010 892) or Jerilderie LLS office (03 5886 1203).

5 March	9:30am-10:30am	"Innesvale" Oaklands (local coordinator, Craig Smith 0428 356 288)
5 March	12:00pm-1:00pm	Rand – outside Rural Fire shed (Roger Harris 0427 010 892, Stuart Watson 0427 010 894)
6 March	8:00am-9:00am	Jerilderie LLS depot (cooked breakfast, Roger Harris 0427 010 892, Stuart Watson 0427 010 894)
7 March	9:00am - 10:00am	Boree Creek Rural Fire Service shed (cooked breakfast, local coordinators Jason Marsh 0427 298 655, Matt McLean 0428 698 651)
7 March	12:30pm-1:30pm	Urana Sale Yards (local coordinator Andy Dore 0427 208 074)
8 March	9:30am-10:30am	"Waratah", Berrigan (Stuart Watson 0427 010 894)
8 March	10:00am-11:00am	Emery Rice Shed, Coleambally (Roger Harris 0427 010 892)
8 March	11:30am - 12:30pm	"Womboyne", Back Barooga Rd (local coordinator, Glen Martin 0428 577 124)
12 March	9:00am - 10:00am	"Berea", Woolshed Rd Tocumwal (local coordinator, Alan Lowndes 0438 057 057)
12 March	11:00am-12:00pm	"North Tuppal Woolshed" (local coordinator, Bernard Packer 0429 635 619)
14 March	10:00am-11:00am	Savernake Hall, Savernake (Stuart Watson 0427 010 894)
14 March	12:00pm-1:00pm	Buraja TSR, Lowesdale (Stuart Watson 0427 010 894)

# Moulamein and surrounds

All baits must be ordered a **minimum of 3 days prior** to the collection date. During the program baits will be available from the Moulamein office every Wednesday and Friday, by appointment only. To place an order contact: Chris Lucas (0429 951 221).

12 March	9:00am	Koraleigh Fire Shed (cooked breakfast, local coordinator Brian Hoare 0429 302 595)
12 March	12:00pm	Kyalite Reserve (Chris Lucas 0429 951 221)
14 March	9:30am	Woods Lane corner, Cunninyeuk (local coordinator Sue Pearse 5034 3500)
14 March	12:00pm	Tumble Down, Waddy Bridge (local coordinator Rodney Dunn 5034 5232)
19 March	9:00am	Moulamein LLS office (Chris Lucas 0429 951 221)
19 March	1:00pm	Yanga Workshop, Sturt Highway (Chris Lucas 0429 951 221)





# Priority pest species

**The Murray Regional Strategic Pest Animal Management Plan was published in July 2018.**

The plan details priority pest species for the Murray region and lists both primary and secondary control measures for each species. Our priority species are:

- European fox
- Feral cat
- Feral goat
- Feral pig
- Wild deer
- Wild dog
- Wild horse
- Wild rabbit
- Common carp.

To see a copy of the plan, visit [www.lfs.nsw.gov.au/pestplan](http://www.lfs.nsw.gov.au/pestplan) or visit your closest Murray Local Land Services office to pick up a hard copy.

We can help you to manage pest animals. Please contact your local office so we can put you in touch with your local Biosecurity Officer:

**Phone: 1300 795 299**

## **Albury**

931 Garland Avenue  
Albury, NSW, 2640

## **Deniliquin**

449 Charlotte St  
Deniliquin, NSW 2710

## **Holbrook**

2 Hay St  
Holbrook, NSW 2644

## **Jerilderie**

6 Jerilderie St  
Jerilderie, NSW 2716

## **Moulamein**

34 Sainsberry St  
Moulamein, NSW 2733

# Your responsibilities

The *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015* is a new piece of legislation that allows improved management of biosecurity risks in NSW to enable landholders, community, industry and Government to effectively manage and respond to biosecurity incursions and risks.

A fundamental principle of the *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015* is that biosecurity is everyone's responsibility. All land managers, regardless of whether on private or public land, have the same responsibilities. Likewise, the general community have a role to play in reducing risks through their activities and as 'eyes and ears' on the lookout for any potential new risks. A general biosecurity duty under the Act requires that anyone who knows or ought to reasonably know about a biosecurity risk has a duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise that risk as far as reasonably practicable.

The *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015* includes a number of advisory and regulatory tools that can be used to manage biosecurity risks such as pest animals in NSW. Landholders, industry and community should be familiar with these tools and what they require of them in their daily practices.

Further information in the NSW Biosecurity legislation can be found at the NSW DPI website - <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/biosecurity-legislation>

# Regulatory tools: *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015*

## Biosecurity Management Tools

<b>PROHIBITED MATTER</b>	Listed in Schedule 2 of the Act. It is an offence to deal with prohibited matter. If a person becomes aware of, or suspects the presence of prohibited matter they have a duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise the risk or potential risk it may cause E.g. Hendra virus, foot and mouth disease, avian Influenza
<b>CONTROL ORDER</b>	Can be made by the Minister or delegate to establish a control zone, establish measures in connection with a control zone to prevent, eliminate minimise and manage a biosecurity impact. e.g. Disposal of contaminated stock to prevent entering the food chain
<b>PROHIBITED DEALING</b>	A dealing with biosecurity matter described in Schedule 3 of the Act. e.g. Non-indigenous animals such as African pygmy hedgehog
<b>BIOSECURITY ZONES</b>	A zone established to a premises, specified area or part of the state to prevent, eliminate, minimise or manage a biosecurity risk or impact. Generally used where longer term management is required. e.g. Phylloxera Exclusion Zone in Riverina
<b>BIOSECURITY DIRECTIONS: GENERAL</b>	Issued by an authorised officer to the general public or class of persons e.g. at a sale yard
<b>BIOSECURITY DIRECTIONS: INDIVIDUAL</b>	Issued to a single person by an authorised officer, either orally (followed up in writing within 7 days) or by notice in writing. e.g. A direction to a landholder to implement a footrot program
<b>BIOSECURITY UNDERTAKINGS</b>	A negotiated set of actions agreed to by an individual and accepted by an authorised officer. Both parties are signatories

## A snapshot of 2018 across Murray

**70,406 FOX BAITS  
DISTRIBUTED TO  
LANDHOLDERS**

**12,609 WILD DOG BAITS  
DELIVERED BY AERIAL  
BAITING**



**47 LOCAL FOX CONTROL  
GROUPS ESTABLISHED**

**3 LOCAL WILD  
DOG GROUPS IN  
MURRAY**

# A snapshot of 2018 across Murray cont.

The Murray Local Land Services region spans more than 42 000 square kilometres across a range of environments, from the steep alpine slopes in the east to the vast native grasslands, rangelands and riverine floodplains to the west.

The region's population of around 107,000 people is concentrated along the Murray, Edward–Kolety and Billabong - Yanco river systems in towns such as Barham, Corowa, Moama, Deniliquin, Tocumwal and our only major city, Albury.

Land and water resources within the Murray region support diverse agricultural enterprises, including cropping, grazing and dairying.

The Murray region has a wide range of pest species due to its range of landscapes and habitats. These species have adapted to diverse topography and climatic conditions. For example, habitat of feral pigs ranges from 300 mm average rainfall to 1300 mm average rainfall. Wild dogs, feral deer and wild horses generally inhabit the highlands of the eastern section of the region, but isolated deer populations have recently established in areas further west. European carp, feral cats, rabbits, foxes and feral pigs are widespread across the entire Murray region, while feral goats are patchily distributed throughout.

The range of environments provides different challenges for employing conditional control techniques. Control programs need to be tailored to suit the landscape. Feral Fighters encourages participation in wild dog and fox baiting groups. Annual aerial baiting occurs in the highlands in co-operation with land management agencies, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Crown Lands, and NSW Forestry Corporation as an integrated approach to assist land managers with wild dog control across our three wild dog management groups. Large-scale aerial and ground monitoring programs for feral pigs, wild deer and other pest species will occur in the eastern and western parts of the Murray region in autumn 2019.

The Murray region borders Riverina, Western and South Eastern Local Land Services regions, along with Victoria. Inter-regional co-operative programs are already in place for wild dogs (annual aerial baiting program with Riverina) and feral pigs (Western Riverina Pig Project) with both the Riverina and Western regions.

## Fox Dog Lotto You could win a prize!

Fox Dog Lotto is an annual competition which promotes the extensive pest control landholders carry out and to show the wider community the importance of collaborative pest management.

In 2018, a record 4000 entries were received across the Murray and Riverina Local Land Services regions. The winner is announced each year at the Henty Machinery Field Days in September.

Across both the Murray and Riverina regions last year, over 250,000 baits were distributed. This was a 30 per cent increase on the year prior.

Landholders can enter by either buying baits or by sending in a photo of their wild dog or fox control:

- When you pick up your baits, we'll enter you automatically!
- To submit a photo, complete the entry form (found at [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/murray](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/murray)) and email it to us: [foxdog.lotto@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:foxdog.lotto@lls.nsw.gov.au)
- Competition opens 18 February 2019 and closes 13 September 2019
- Terms and conditions can be found on the entry form
- Grand prize is a \$2000 store credit from your preferred local rural supplier
- There are also weekly prizes of bags of dog food which are drawn during the group baiting period.



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