



Issue 77

3 - 16 October 2009

SIGHTING REPORT SUMMARY

Total reports	8
- Excellent	2
- Possible	6

Locations:

Devonport, Sorell, Ridgley, Epping Forest, Mole Creek, Dolphin Sands, Huonville, Randalls Bay

Other reports:

Animal eyeshine:
Tewkesbury

Animal scat: Epping Forest,
Nook, Barrington

Animal hair: Epping Forest

Animal smell: Cygnet

Animal carcass: Richmond,
Sorell

Animal kills: Wynyard,
Orielton, Moorleah

Total Reports (2009):

Sightings	237
Other reports	191

FOX OUT HOTLINE:

2,047 reports since 2002

BRANCH MANAGER'S UPDATE

STAFF NEWS: Dan Novak has tendered his resignation as from 28 November. Dan will be returning to the state of taipans, cane toads, fire ants and cyclones (ie Queensland).

RECRUITMENT NEWS: Interviews have been completed for the Dog Handler (2) and Administration Officer (1) positions. Recruitment for these positions is now progressing through the selection process. The recruitment process for several Field Officer positions is likely to start in about two weeks. This will initially be through the Internal Referral Process.

OTHER NEWS: Congratulations to Jodie Elmer who gave birth to Matilda Rose on 9 October.

Planning for implementing a Precautionary Baiting Strategy and Post-baiting Monitoring Strategy, as recommended in the Landcare Research Review, is progressing with input being provided by a number of staff. This is a big task so thank you to all those involved. The next step is to present the draft plans to the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) for their comment and feedback. This will occur at the TAP meeting on 21 October.

BRANCH ACTIVITY SUMMARY

OPERATIONS

1080 Baiting Programs:

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Predator Calling:

Wesley Vale

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Presentations:

Burnie Show: 3 Oct

Launceston Show: 8-10 Oct

Waimea Heights PS: 15 Oct

Mt Nelson PS: 16 Oct

Margate PS: 16 Oct

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

At-risk species monitoring:

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INVESTIGATIONS & MONITORING

Investigations:

Moorleah, Sorell, Orielton, Interlaken, Mole Creek, Preolenna, Wynyard, Richmond, Cygnet, Randalls Bay, Huonville, Epping Forest, Dolphin Sands

Scat Detector Dogs:

Richmond, Wesley Vale

Monitoring:

Wesley Vale, Spreyton, Cygnet, Interlaken

Scat Collection Survey Update:

Results have now been received for analysis of 129 of the 2188 scats collected during Phase 2 of the Scat Collection Survey (undertaken in southern Tasmania in autumn 2009). One fox positive scat has been confirmed to date (Interlaken).

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REPORT ALL FOX SIGHTINGS OR SIGNS OF FOX ACTIVITY: 1300 FOX OUT

- 24HR HOTLINE, ALL CALLS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND ALL INFORMATION IS VITAL -

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