



Issue 78

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SIGHTING REPORT SUMMARY

Total reports -
- Excellent -
- Possible -

Locations:

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Other reports:

Animal scat: Oatlands
Animal carcass: Triabunna
Animal kill: Ravenswood, Prospect

BRANCH MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) met this week and received presentations from Nick Bates (Operations Manager), Peter Cremasco (Investigations & Monitoring Section leader) and Robbie Gaffney (Research & Development Section Leader) on the progress and feasibility of plans for implementation of the Landcare Research NZ review recommendations. The TAP members provided some very valuable and important input, and will continue to be consulted as we plan the way forward.

We have received a report from the Food and Environment Research Agency (UK) who have looked into the feasibility of developing a field diagnostic test to enable immediate identification of fox scats in the field. This study provided a number of possible options for a test kit but identified that each would take 1-2 years of development and would require the input of significant funds. At the end of this process, there would still be no certainty of success. The cost, application and usefulness of this technology will now be reviewed.

BRANCH ACTIVITY SUMMARY

OPERATIONS

1080 Baiting Programs:

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Presentations:

TAP Meeting: 21 Oct
Meander PS: 22 Oct

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

At-risk species monitoring:

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INVESTIGATIONS & MONITORING

Investigations:

Devil's Gullet, Dolphin Sands, Waddamana, Epping Forest, Richmond, Stony Head, Wynyard, Tewkesbury, Moorleah, Barrington, Ridgely, Railton, Don, Oatlands

Scat Detector Dogs:

Wesley Vale, Interlaken, Epping Forest, Barrington

Monitoring:

Wesley Vale, Spreyton, Interlaken

Bringing in the bounty hunters - can it work?

Bounties are one of the most talked about but least understood issues associated with pest animal management. They are simple in concept: pay people for dispatch of a particular animal and thus put an economic incentive on reducing numbers. So why are bounties such a polarizing issue? In his blog 'Feral Thoughts' Tony Peacock (CEO of the Invasive Animals CRC) examines the issue and discusses some of the flaws of bounty schemes. For the full discussion visit: http://feral.typepad.com/feral_thoughts/

Total Reports (2009):

Sightings 237
Other reports 195

FOX OUT HOTLINE:

2,047 reports since 2002

Program partners



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Invasive Animals CRC

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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