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SIGHTING REPORT SUMMARY

Total reports 9
 - Excellent -
 - Possible 9

Locations:

Sheffield, Cressy, Swansea, Lower Wilmot, Conara, Underwood, Deloraine, Falmouth, New Norfolk

Other reports:

Animal carcass: Evandale, Tunnel Hill, Deloraine
 Animal remains: Sorell



Total Reports (2009):

Sightings 246
 Other reports 199

FOX OUT HOTLINE:

2,056 reports since 2002

BRANCH MANAGER'S UPDATE

This week I have been attending training as part of the Biosecurity Emergency Response Team (BERT). BERT is made up of around 150 staff from across DPIPWVE and TIAR who undertake specialised training so that a ready response team is available to respond to any biosecurity emergencies that may arise in Tasmania.

Next week we farewell two of our most respected colleagues. After 32 years, Nick Mooney has announced that he will be leaving the department. Nick has a long association with wildlife management in Tasmania and his knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm have been invaluable to the fox eradication effort. Nick may be retiring but he will undoubtedly be busier than ever now that work won't be getting in the way. Mark Brown will also be finishing with the department next week after taking a redundancy package. Mark has been invaluable in providing GIS and mapping support for the program, and has been an important member of the fox eradication team. On behalf of all staff of the Fox Eradication Branch, I would like to thank both Nick and Mark for their immeasurable contributions, and wish them all the very best for the future.

BRANCH ACTIVITY SUMMARY

OPERATIONS

1080 Baiting Programs:
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Presentations:

Glenorchy RSL: 29 October
 SRC Meeting: 29 October
 Triabunna DHS: 30 October
 Natone PS: 3 November

INVESTIGATIONS & MONITORING

Investigations:

Falmouth, Fingal, Deloraine, Evandale, Conara, Railton, Swansea, Cressy, Epping, Sheffield, Ravenswood, Prospect, Granton, Lower Wilmot

Scat Detector Dogs:

Interlaken, Richmond, Swansea

Monitoring:

Spreyton, Wesley Vale, Cygnet

The devastating impact of foxes

The impact of foxes on previously fox-free environments is well documented. In 1996, a lone fox entered Garden Island after walking the 3.7km long causeway that connects the island to the WA mainland. This island is normally fox-free and has a large population of tammar wallabies. Over a period of 11 days, the fox killed at least 25 wallabies, likely to be a result of a fox's propensity for surplus killing. This particular fox's killing spree ended when it took poisoned bait specifically laid for it.

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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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