



# Fox Eradication Program Weekly Update

# Fox Pop

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## HOTLINE CALL SUMMARY

<b>Sighting reports</b>	<b>6</b>
- Excellent	-
- Possible	6

### Locations:

Epping Forest, Conara, Police Point, Cornwall, Sassafras, Latrobe

### Other reports:

Animal prints: Ulverstone  
Animal kill: Cornwall

## ACTING BRANCH MANAGER'S UPDATE (NICK BATES)

**PROGRAM NEWS:** Planning and sign-ups are progressing well for the Wesley Vale baiting program. Bait laying will commence in January and this program should be completed by March. We have now received our third scat detector dog in training (named 'Buddy') meaning that we now have three puppies in training in addition to our three active scat detector dogs. We have now also received three of the four dogs to be trained as scent tracking dogs, with the fourth dog to be collected in the coming weeks. In a recent competition run within the Department to name this last dog, our own Justin Dittmann was announced the winner with the name 'Lockie' (derived from Sherlock Holmes). Congratulations Justin, the chocolates are on the way!

**STAFF NEWS:** I am sorry to announce that two staff have advised that they will be leaving us at Christmas. Yvette Causon, Community Education Project Officer, has resigned to accept a teaching position in the NW next year. Yvette has been doing fantastic work with the schools program this year and delivered presentations to over 3000 students across the state, helping raise awareness of the fox issue within the wider community. Thank you Yvette for your important contribution to the program and we wish you all the best for the future.

New Town Field Officer, Jon DeLaine has also advised that he will be leaving us to take up a position helping manage a wildlife park south of Hobart. Jon has only been with us a few months but has already made a significant contribution to the program. Thanks Jon and all the best with your future endeavours.

**XMAS NEWS:** On behalf of the Project Team, I wish all staff and readers of Fox Pop a very merry Christmas and a happy, safe and fox-free New Year.



## BRANCH ACTIVITY SUMMARY

### INVESTIGATIONS & MONITORING

#### Investigations:

Ulverstone, Coles Bay, East Tamar, Hagley, Lake Echo, Police Point, Buckland, Cranbrook, Lucaston, Pelverata, Epping Forest, Conara, Deloraine, Lake Sorell, Weldborough

#### Scat Detector Dogs:

Pelverata, Police Point, Lake Sorell

#### Monitoring:

Interlaken, Cygnet, Wesley Vale, Spreyton

### OPERATIONS

#### 1080 Baiting Programs:

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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Presentations:

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#### Fox Pop takes a Christmas break!

Due to the compulsory State Service holidays over the Christmas-New Year period, this will be the last Fox Pop for 2009. The next Fox Pop will be a bumper 4-week issue distributed on Friday 15 January 2010.



### Total Reports (2009):

Sightings	274
Other reports	210

### FOX OUT HOTLINE:

2,082 reports since 2002

## Program Partners



Australian Government



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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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