



Issue 87

16 - 22 January 2010

HOTLINE CALL SUMMARY

Sighting reports	7
- Excellent	1
- Possible	6

Locations:

Pipers River, Lower Longley, Don Heads, Strahan, Bothwell, Cape Grim, Wesley Vale

Other reports:

Animal scat: West Tarkine, Spreyton
Animal kill: Nowhere else, Spreyton, Tinderbox

Total Reports (2010):

Sightings	16
Other reports	10

FOX OUT HOTLINE:

2,099 reports since 2002

ACTING BRANCH MANAGER'S UPDATE (MATT MARRISON)

Alan Johnston has indicated that he will be extending his leave for a few more days and will now return to work on Monday 01 February. I will continue in the role of Acting Branch Manager until Alan returns.

PROGRAM NEWS: The Stakeholder Reference Committee (SRC) met on Thursday and received an update on progress of Stage 2 planning and implementation. Also discussed were the recommendations from the PAC Inquiry. Guest speaker for the meeting was Craig Bester, Coordinator (Dog Handlers), and members of the committee were introduced to the four fox tracking dogs in training and received a demonstration of the type of training being undertaken.

Phase 1 of the baiting program in the Wesley Vale area is continuing, as are sign ups for Phase 2 of that program. A recent fox sighting report received from a member of the public in this region supports continued indicators of fox activity within target baiting area. Members of the public are reminded that all information is important for the success of the fox eradication effort. Fox sightings and possible fox activity should be reported to the 24 hour hotline: 1300 369 688.

STAFF NEWS: Recruitment is continuing for a number of vacant positions within the Branch. The Field Officer positions (New Town) have now been advertised externally (close next Friday). The Technical Officer position (Data/GIS) has been advertised internally in DPIPWE (closes today), along with two Community Liaison Officer (CLO) positions (close next Friday). The CLO positions have been created to provide direct support for the delivery of baiting programs and will be based in the north and south of the state. The Dog Handler position will be advertised through the internal DPIPWE process next week.

BRANCH ACTIVITY SUMMARY

INVESTIGATIONS & MONITORING

Investigations:

Marawah, Devonport, Acacia Hills, Strahan, Nowhere Else, Wesley Vale, Don Heads, Campbell Town, Cape Grim, Pyengana, Bothwell, Pipers River, Swansea, Sassafras, Buckland, Mole Creek, Neck Beach, South Hobart, Little Swanport, Woodstock, Spalford, Brighton, Sandford, Geeveston, Snug, Rosegarland, Lake Sorell, The Nile

Scat Detector Dogs:

Wesley Vale, Wynyard, Stowport, Burnie, Aberdeen

Monitoring:

Cygnets, Wesley Vale, Spreyton

OPERATIONS

1080 Baiting Programs:

Wesley Vale

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Presentations:

SRC Meeting, 21 January

Program Partners



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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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