



Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group

NEWSLETTER

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UPDATES

- Reminder – Restricted Chemical Product Permits (RCPs) are only valid for up to 5 years. Reminder and renewal notices will not be issued by DPIRD, it is the landholder's responsibility to ensure they have a valid permit for their property. If you need assistance with your RCP please get in contact with EWBG.
- The Committee of Management recommended no change for the 2021/22 Operational Plan and Budget.
- The next full meeting will be October 2021 for the EWBG AGM, if you would like to attend please send us an email.
- Please visit the EWBG website to complete the priority survey for the EWBG. This will help the Committee plan for 2022/23.
- The EWBG would like to thank the Committee for their continuing support and for volunteering to attend and present at a number of Industry events throughout 2020/2021 on behalf of the EWBG.
- Check out the EWBG website to see updates in the industry www.ewbg.com.au and follow us on Facebook.

If you have a Wild Dog sighting or attack please report as soon as possible to ewbg@outlook.com or 0455 724 848.

Dogging Data - January, February and March				
Dogs Destroyed	Baits Laid	Foxes	Cats	Stock Losses
6	800	4	2	16



Committee of Management:

Chair - Steve Palm *Deputy Chair* – Scott Stirrat
Committee: Jim Sullivan, Cyril Smith, Mark Crees, Dean Sinclair, Stuart Putt and Ron Burro.

Shire Representatives for EWBG

Merredin	Mal Willis	Mukinbudin	Steve Palm
Narembeen	Scott Stirrat	Westonia	Ross Della Bosca
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Mt Marshall	Stuart Putt	Lake Grace	Len Armstrong
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Declared Pest Rate

Each year the DPR is reviewed by the Minister for Agriculture and Food upon recommendation from the EWBG, this DPR is then matched dollar for dollar by the State Government. Payment of the DPR by landholders in the EWBG prescribed area has been very high. This is much appreciated and under the BAM Act allows the EWBG to support landholders to meet their obligation to control declared pest on their property.

State Barrier Fence (SBF) Update

To date 300km SBF replaced, with a further 54km contracted for replacement by 2021. This equates to over one quarter of the entire length of the SBF. There has been 250km of grading and heavy earthworks completed to combat erosion issues along the fence, 65km of lapwire replaced, 55km of repositing completed and 400km of herbicide treatment completed.

R4Rs

On 14 December 2020, State Government announced \$13.4 million in continued funding to support the WA Wild Dog Action Plan for four years from 1 July 2021- 30 June 2025. This includes \$800,000 per annum to support the employment of eight doggers who target control of wild dogs on government managed lands (refer to media release at bottom of email). The EWBG will continue to receive \$93,750 towards their LPMT.

Grants

EWBG were successful in two Industry Funding Scheme Grant. This will be the second year (in collaboration with the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association) that the EWBG undertake an aerial baiting program targeting areas that are difficult to access by ground. The second grant will allow the EWBG to increase our existing part-time Junior Licensed Pest Management Technician (LPMT) position for 2020-21 and then have the ability to continue this position in 21/22 and 22/23.

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Supported by: Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace, Merredin, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Narembeen, Trayning, Westonia, Yilgarn and Nungarin (hereafter known as the Shires).



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REPORT WILD DOG SIGHTINGS AND ATTACKS



Please report any wild dog sightings, signs or tracks and any stock attacks to the EWBG Executive Officer. Your input will ensure a coordinated control across the Eastern Wheatbelt.

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