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Around the Camp: wild dog funding, resources and mapping

Welcome to the October edition of 'Around the Camp'. This edition is focusing on one of the biggest issues currently facing the livestock industries in Queensland - wild dogs. As always if you have any suggestions for articles or feedback then please let us know.

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1. Community Wild Dog Control Initiative - funding available

Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) has helped 48 groups across Australia to conduct on ground activities to kill wild dogs by releasing cash payments from a project commonly referred to as the 'Kill More Dogs' initiative.



The AWI Board has endorsed a second round of funding for dog control activities and applications are open to new groups as well as those assisted by the original funding.

If you would like to apply, please complete the [Wild Dog Control application form](#) (PDF 104Kb) and submit it along with a map and project budget to wilddogs@wool.com. If you need clarification or assistance please contact Ian Evans at AWI on 0427 773 005.

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2. Leading Sheep predator resources

A wide variety of resources relating to predator control can be found on the Leading Sheep website at www.leadingssheep.com.au. These include:

- producer case studies on exclusion fencing, electric fencing and coordination
- a list of trappers available in Queensland
- recorded webinars on electric fencing, maremmas, donkeys and alpacas
- a fact sheet on using donkeys as guardian animals.



Other resources relating to wild dogs can also be found on the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries website. To view these resources [click here](#).

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3. Financial and social costs of wild dog attacks

An ABARE report for Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) has underlined the serious financial and social impacts of wild dog attacks in the sheep and cattle industries—with many farmers dedicating close to a month out of every year tackling the issue.

The report analysed the results of a survey of over 1000 landholders in wild dog-affected areas, and highlighted the importance of strong leadership and coordinated on-the-ground efforts to combat the problem of wild dogs. On average, each landholder surveyed spent about 26 days and around \$7200 a year on wild dog management, and that they were forced to remain constantly vigilant for attacks, especially during lambing season.



Those figures only take into account the direct costs of management efforts, like baiting and trapping, materials and so on. When you look at the financial costs across the whole sector—in livestock losses, disease transmission and control costs—wild dogs were estimated back in 2004 to cost our agricultural industries up to \$66 million per year. The current costs could be significantly higher.

[To view the full report click here.](#)

Another report was also commissioned by AWI titled 'Participatory wild dog management: views and practices of Australian wild dog management group', to view this report [click here](#).

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4. Help map feral animal sightings in your area - get involved

[WildDogScan](#) is a community website that allows you to map sightings of wild dogs, impacts, and control activities in your local area. Use [WildDogScan](#) to document wild dog activity, communicate the problem to other people, and identify priority areas for wild dog control.

iPhone, Android and iPad users can now access [WildDogScan](#) and record wild dog data much more quickly while in the field. The new Mobile Mapping Facility enables you to record sightings using your mobile phone, and examine wild dog data throughout your local area. [Click here](#) to download the app for Apple devices and [click here](#) for the Android app.



Other feral animals including rabbits, cats, foxes and pigs can be mapped at [FeralScan](#).

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5. Video - Wild dogs in Australia

Peter Fleming is one of Australia's leading experts on wild dogs. In Australia wild dogs are becoming an ever-increasing problem for livestock producers and also impact on native wildlife populations. This series of short video interviews with Peter talks about:



- the wild dog problem in Australia
- trophic cascade and mesopredator release hypothesis - a theory that if you remove wild dogs from the system that will lead to an increase in feral cat and fox numbers which will have a detrimental affect on our threatened and native fauna
- the importance of community engagement in wild dog management.

[Click here to view the videos.](#)

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6. Upcoming events

- South West NRM Caravan of Collaboration - for more information or to register please contact Darren Jennings on rlf@swnrm.org.au or call 07 4656 8500.
 - Friday 9th October - Charleville
 - Tuesday 13th October - Quilpe
 - Thursday 15th October - Tambo
- Nutrition EDGE workshop, Augathella 13-15 October. [Click here](#) to view the flyer or contact Desiree Jackson on 0409 062 692 or desireejackson@bigpond.com. Bonus offers: \$200 rebate to each registered participant if 15 people attend the workshop and a free diet quality (F.NIRS) analysis (not including P analysis) for the first 8 properties that register and they can choose to go through their results in more detail at the workshop.
- Focusing on the Future workshops - to register or for more information contact Heather Smith - 0428 712 985 or pastoralprofitqld@gmail.com
 - Thursday 15th October - Bollon
 - Friday 16th October - Eulo

- Sheep Health and Disease Investigation workshops - [click here to register](#) or for more information contact Alex Stirton on 0428 109 620 or alex.stirton@daf.qld.gov.au
 - Monday 26 October - "Artunga" Omanama
 - Tuesday 27 October - "Cooinda" Dalveen
- Grazing BMP: Path to Recovery - [click here](#) for more information or to register.
 - Monday 9 November - Augathella
 - Wednesday 11 November - Longreach
 - Thursday 12 November - Winton

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7.eBulletins

[AWI Woolgrowers' eNewsletter - September 2015](#)

[AWI Weekly wool market review - week ending 2 October 2015](#)

[Wool Newsletter - 2 October 2015](#)

[Sheep CRC News - September 2015](#)

[Sheep Central - 2 October 2015](#)

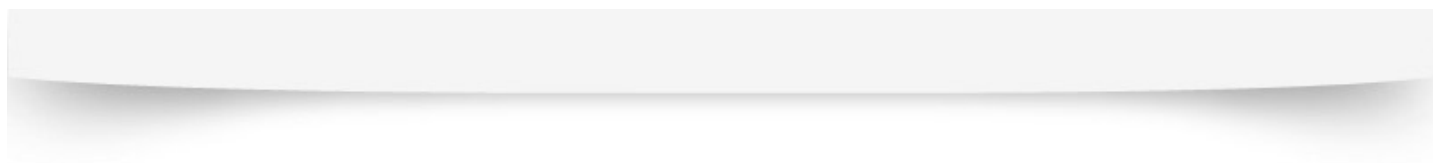
[ParaBoss News - September 2015](#)

[Invasive Animals CRC 'Feral Flyer' - 3 September 2015 & 17 September](#)

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