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Our MISSION is to foster community participation in sustainable natural resource management.

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It Makes Financial Sense To Control Foxes

Foxes were estimated to cost Australian agriculture and the environment more than \$227 million in 2004. Foxes impact agriculture by spreading weeds such as blackberry, they eat Dung Beetles and spread numerous parasites and diseases. However, the most recognized impact foxes have on agriculture is predation on stock. The cost/benefits of being involved in Coordinated Fox Control are shown in the following scenario.

Fox Free Farm' is a 100 acre property running 100 ewes. This flock produces 100 lambs per year, each lamb retails at \$100/hd. Before baiting Fox Free Farm' experiences predation levels of 5%, they loose 5 lambs a year due to fox attack. This equates to a financial lose of \$500 per year.

A 100 acre property requires two bait stations. Twenty '1080' fox baits allows for rebaiting of these stations over a few weeks. This is a sufficient level of control. Therefore fox baiting for this property will cost \$30.

A \$30 fox control program has returned \$500. Resulting in a profit of \$470 or \$4.70 per ewe, compared to when no fox control occurred.

It makes sense to take part in Coordinated Fox Control!

WIN Prizes!!!

Coordinated Group Baiting

Anyone who orders '1080' poisoned baits as part of a coordinated group will enter a draw to win a 1/2 hour joy flight for 2 people with **Fleet Helicopters**.

Fox Foot Raffle

Anyone who brings the front right paw of a fox into the New England Livestock Health and Pest Authority (NE LHPA), Armidale office will go into a draw to win a Redfield rifle scope donated by **Uralla Sports and Toys.**

Shooting Data Raffle

A fox shooting form to record details of any foxes shot over the winter period can be collected from the NE LHPA, Landmark Armidale or Uralla Sports and Toys. Return the form to the NE LHPA Armidale office by the 31st of August 2010 for your chance to win a \$150 open order from Landmark Armidale.

All draws close 31st August 2010

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2010 Coordinated Fox Baiting Schedule

Date	•		Time	GROUP	COORDINATOR	PHONE	Order by
17	June	Thurs	10:00	Tenterden	Wayne Jenkyn	6779 4554	11 June
22	June	Tues	8:00	Warrane Rd	Charles Belfield	6775 1168	15 June
24	June	Thurs	10:00	Guyra	Rita Williams	6779 1182	17 June
24		Thurs		Llangothlin	Bob Williamson	6779 1251	17 June
25	June	Fri	10:00	Walcha Rd/ Woolbrook	Kevin Noon	6777 5886	18 June
30	June			Brackendale	Paul Hoy	6777 3932	23 June
6			10:00	Enmore	Alan Grace	6778 2151	29 June
8		Thurs		Balala Brushgrove	Celia Strong	6778 7060	2 July
8				Kingstown	Jim Swales	6778 9135	2 July
8	July		12:00	Bundarra	Bill Doak	6723 7330	2 July
8		Thurs		Rumbling Mtn.	Angus McLean	6723 7383	2 July
8		Thurs		Yarrowyck	Jim Swales	6778 9135	2 July
9	July	Fri	10:00	BOZO	Cameron Lisle	6778 7325	2 July
13	July	Tues	9:00	Boorolong	Andrew Coddington	6775 5204	6 July
13	July	Tues	12:00	Wandsworth	Hamish Hunter	6779 4242	6 July
13	July	Tues	2:00	Malpas/ Black Mtn	Pam Youman	6775 0117	6 July
14	July	Wed	9:00	Tilbuster	Phillip Frizell	6775 0083	7 July
15	July	Thurs	11:30	Bendemeer	Ray Quihampton	6769 6509	8 July
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16	July	Fri	10:00	Lower Apsley	Mark Whitehead	6778 0005	9 July
16	July	Fri	11:00	Yarrowitch-Tia	Shelley Marchant	6777 3901	9 July
20	July	Tues	9:00	Harnham	Ted Williams	6778 4324	13 July
					Alec Taylor	6778 7341	13 July
20	July	Tues	11:00	Dangarsleigh	Lach Fulloon	6775 1217	13 July
21	July	Wed	9:00	Winterbourne	Polly Locke	6778 0278	14 July
21	July	Wed	10:00 12:00	Glen - GRO	Polly Locke	6778 0278	14 July
		Thurs		Cooney Creek	Stuart Waters	6775 3989	15 July
	July		10:00	Oaky	Sandra Moen	6778 1255	13 July
		Fri	9:00	Herbert Park	Andrew McLennan	6775 1768	16 July
		Fri	10:00	Rockvale	Glen Tully	6775 1621	16 July
		Fri	12:30	Wongwibinda	Roger Tindal	6775 8512	16 July
		Tues	10:00	Chandlers Peak	Laurie Smith	6779 2037	20 July
	July	. 400	. 0.00	Jun	Wayne Mills	6779 1552	20 July
28	July	Wed	9:30	Baldersleigh	Pat Marshall	6779 4222	21 July
		Thurs		Warrane Road	Charles Belfield	6775 1168	22 July
4			10:00	Brackendale	Paul Hoy	6777 3932	28 July

Integrated Pest Management -Rabbit Control

Do you live in the Kingstown/ Uralla or Guyra area?

Southern New England Landcare has received funding through the Border Rivers – Gwydir CMA under the Caring for Our Country (CfOC) program to carry out strategic planning, awareness raising events and to develop a coordinated approach to rabbit control. The target areas for this project are the Mother of Ducks and Little Lagoon areas at Guyra and the area between Uralla and Kingstown.

The aim of this project is to reduce rabbit populations in these areas to levels that allow the regeneration and recovery of the following threatened species and threatened ecological communities;

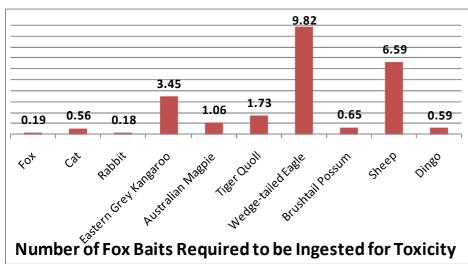
- Dichanthium setosum Blue Grass
- Eucalyptus mckieana Mckie's Stringybark
- Lepidium peregrinum Wandering Pepper Cress
- Micromyrtus grandis -Severn River Heath
- Rutidosos heterogama Heath Wrinklewort Myrtle
- Swainsona murrayana -Slender Darling Pea
- Thesium australe -Austral Toadflax
- Upland wetlands of the New England Tablelands and the Monaro Plateau

This project will offer assistance to landholders within or adjacent to the specified areas to conduct rabbit control on farm.

If you are in these targeted areas and would like to be involved in the project or for more information contact the SNELCC office on 0267729123.

1080 Toxicity* To Non-Target Species



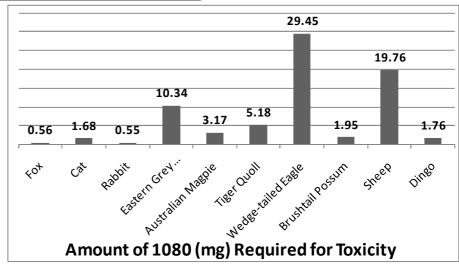


*The figures used refer to LD50 requirements.

LD50 is a scientifically valid measure that refers to an index of toxicity. LD50 (Lethal Dose 50%) is the amount of a substance that kills 50% of the test population of experimental animals when administered as a single dose.



Above: Fox caught in a cage trap (photo courtesy of D. Albertson)

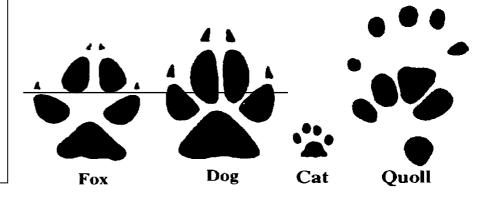


Do You Require Chemical Training To Receive Fox Baits?

A half day training course on the safe use of '1080' poisoned fox baits is now available.

If you are interested in taking part in a training course contact Bec on 02 6772 9123 or bec@snelcc.org.au

Identification of Species Paw Prints**



Paw prints are **not actual size.









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Join the coordinated community fight against foxes. Help to stop foxes killing livestock and wildlife, spreading weeds and disease.

Join the 2010 Coordinated Fox Control Program.

For information regarding the Fox Control Program or the name and contact details of the local coordinator in your area visit our website www.snelandcare.org.au or please contact Southern New England Landcare (SNELCC) on

02 6772 9123 or 04 58 729 123











