

### Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association Inc

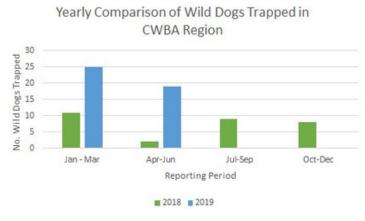
### **CWBA UPDATE AUGUST 2019**

The CWBA are implementing their 2018-2019 Operational Plan which will guide the organisations activities over the next 12 months. Community Bait rack days for Wild Dog baits will be held in September at the five bait racks located in the region followed by an Aerial Baiting Program. The CWBA will hold its AGM on the 7th October in Dalwallinu, where it will present its 2018-2019 Annual Report and adopt the 2020-2021 Forecast Operational Plan budget and Declared Pest Rate.

### **CURRENT WILD DOG DATA**

Report Type	Jul - Sep 2018	Oct - Dec 2018	Jan - Mar 2019	Apr - Jun 2019
Stock Loss Reported	80	60	129	68
Wild Dog Trapped	9	8	25	19
Wild Dog Shot	1	2	3	1
Wild Dog Sightings	6	6	5	3





### **DECLARED PEST RATE**

Agriculture and Food Minister Alannah MacTiernan has approved Declared Pest Rates for 2019-20. Rates were published in the WA Government Gazette on the 9 July 2019. The State Government has allocated \$2.68 million to match the total rates to be raised across Western Australia.

The CWBA requested the Minister for Agriculture and Food to approve an ad valorem rate Declared Pest Rate for 2019-2020 of \$127,200 (0.0315 cents in the dollar on the unimproved value) on land in the local government districts of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori, that is:

- identified as freehold on the rural valuation roll maintained under the Valuation of Land Act 1978; and
- no less than 100 hectares in area; and
- a minimum of \$80.00 per VEN.

The CWBA is please with this outcome and continued support by the WA State Government. The Declared Pest Rate will be matched dollar for dollar by the Government and funds can only be spent within our area of operation. Landholders in the CWBA region will received the 2019-2020 DPR Invoices from the Office of State Revenue around October 2019.

Consultation will begin again with our communities later in the year on the 2020-2021 Declared Pest Rate.

### **LANDHOLDERS BAIT NOW!**

Our LPMTs have been reporting that there is plenty of FOX sign across the region as well as Wild Dog sign in known hot spot areas across the region. Now is the time to undertake a baiting program on your property. The CWBA has a Community Baiting Program which currently is providing *free* baits to landholders and can assist in obtaining all required permits. We will again hold our September Community Bait rack program which will be followed up with a joint aerial baiting activity in targeted areas with the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group in late September/October. If you have not been involved before contact us on 0473 163 050 to find our more.

# REMINDER

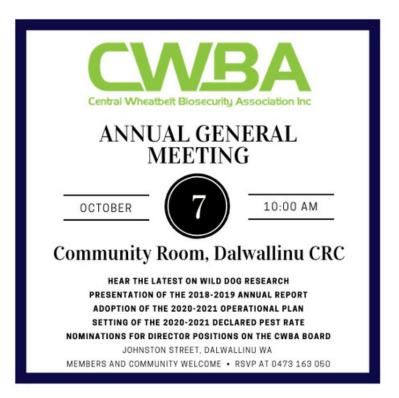
## BAIT NOW FOR FOXES & WILD DOGS

The CWBA supports broad scale coordinated Community Baiting for Foxes, Wild Dogs, Feral Pigs and Rabbits.

The purpose is to reduce populations to lower levels which can then be more easily managed using other predator control tools, such as trapping or shooting.

### **AGM & DIRECTOR VACANCIES**

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 7th October, 10am in Dalwallinu. Tracey Kreplins, DPIRD Invasive Species Research Officer will be presenting to members on the latest Wild Dog research. The 2020-2021 Declared Pest Rate will also be adopted and endorsed. There will also be vacancies available on the the Board of Management Committee and members are invited to nominate. If you would like further information about what this would involve please get in contact with us. All landholders are welcome to attend.



### **REPORT STOCK ATTACKS!**

To ensure coordinated control across our area of operation in Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori it is important that any stock attacks, tracks or wild dog sightings are reported to the CWBA Dogger Coordinator.

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### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED?**

- Join our mailing list to receive direct updates.
- Become a member (if you are not already you must apply for membership as is not automatic). Membership is free.
  Visit our website www.cwba.org.au to sign up or email us.
- Tell a neighbour, friend or family member to become a member of the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association.
- Continue to manage pests and weeds on your property. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact the group, we will assist in any way we can.
- Report known problem areas for Declared Pests direct to the CWBA, via the website or via the use of Apps such as FeralScan and MyPestGuide.

Supported by: the Shires of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori as well as;









