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COMMUNITY GROUPS HELP CARRY OUT MAJOR WILD DOG BAITING PROGRAM

Western Local Land Services has completed its autumn wild dog baiting program which it organised in conjunction with 16 Landcare and pest animal control groups.

The program, which involved both ground and aerial baiting, was carried out from mid-March to late April and involved landholders from throughout the region who worked together in a large-scale coordinated approach.

Past experience shows optimal results are achieved when landholders operate collaboratively and in a coordinated manner.

The fast facts of the autumn program are:

- 16 Landcare and pest animal control groups involved
- 445 individual landholder properties involved
- an area of 12,905,726 hectares covered
- 35,451 baits used for aerial baiting
- 78,900 baits used for ground baiting.

While the numbers demonstrate the incredible amount of work, planning and coordination that is required from both Western Local Land Services and the landholders, there is still work to be done to achieve the best outcome in the management of wild dogs and more widely, pest animals.

Some of the activities landholders and community members should now be undertaking include:

- using motion sensor surveillance cameras
- ensuring information gets entered into the feral scan community website
- trapping on your property and throughout local community
- joining a Landcare or pest animal control group if not currently a member or inviting your neighbours and/or friends to join your group.

Landholders looking to get more information regarding pest animal control groups in their local areas should contact Biosecurity Team Leader, Tim Wall on 0428 915 070 or their Western Landcare Local Landcare Coordinator via www.westernlandcare.nsw.gov.au.

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