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STAKEHOLDERS COME TOGETHER FOR DEMONSTRATION DAY IN THE WILLANDRA LAKES WORLD HERITAGE AREA

Western Local Land Services and a number of stakeholders involved in the management of rabbits in the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area have held a demonstration day to showcase some of the techniques being used as part of the project.

The demonstration day, which was held last month and attended by 18 people, gave participants an insight into the best practice techniques for the management of rabbits, which includes baiting and the ripping of warrens.

This involved both theory and practical components, with a demonstration of the Rodenator device at Top Hut Station one of the day's highlights.

The Rodenator device is used to demolish warrens with minimal disturbance to the top soil which is best practice when working in areas that may have culturally sensitive materials, as is the case in the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area.

Western Local Land Services Biosecurity Officer, Lee Mannix was pleased with how well the day was received by participants.

"The work that is being carried out in the Willandra Lakes area through this project is helping to protect values and at the same time, reduce the impact that rabbits have on primary production in the Western region," Ms Mannix said.

"The landholders involved are doing a great job and demonstration days like this are a great opportunity to share knowledge and build each other's capacity which can only be a good thing with regards to managing rabbits."

Some of the stakeholders involved in the day were the NSW National Parks and Wildlife World Heritage team, the local Aboriginal community, Jansen Farm Services, Western Landcare NSW and local landholders.

Landholders and community members looking for further information on the management of rabbits or other pest animals should contact Ms Mannix on (03) 5020 1876 or their local Biosecurity Officer on 1300 795 299.

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