



Gunning District's Group Fox Baiting



Information and Reminders

- **'Got a ticket? - Get baits'** Those people with a current 1080 training ticket (or similar AQF3 qualification) are able to obtain and use baits; if you haven't got the 'ticket', you can authorise another qualified person to do the baiting for you – please discuss this arrangement with LLS staff prior to collecting baits. Please talk to LLS staff regarding 1080 training dates if required.
- **Not you picking up the baits?** Please let LLS staff know who is picking up on your behalf; note that LLS staff may not be able to issue baits to a person, other than the owner or manager, without prior notification of other arrangements.
- **Let your neighbours know!** Prior to commencing a baiting program, you must give three days' notice to each neighbour within 1km of the baiting location.
- **Put some signs up!** Place baiting notices at property and paddock entrances, and along public thoroughfares. These must remain in place for four weeks after the completion of the program. Notices can be obtained from LLS staff.
- **How many baits can I get?** You are entitled to receive up to 1 bait per 5 hectares (that is, 20 baits per 100ha). However, more isn't necessarily better! At the completion of the program you must make a reasonable effort to ensure that all untaken baits are collected and disposed of (in accordance with the Pesticide Control Order (PCO)).
- **Where can I lay them?** There are a range of distance restrictions which can be found in the PCO, but generally, you cannot lay baits within 5 metres of a property boundary, not within 150m of a habitation, and not within 10m of domestic water supply or natural waterways. Generally place baits no closer than 500m apart and bury the baits (cover with 5cm of soil) to reduce the chance of birds moving the baits.
- **My property is under 100ha?** You must check the baits within 5 days of laying them, and collect any untaken baits within 7 days. This is generally best practice for properties of all sizes.
- **My neighbour is away - can I lay baits on their property?** No!! Do not lay baits on any other person's property unless you have explicit written authority from that person, and this authority has been provided to LLS staff.
- **How do I transport the baits?** You must transport and store the fox baits in a way that other persons cannot access them. You must store them in a secure location in your vehicle and property that is not accessible to children or pets, or near foodstuffs. Bring a sturdy container with a secure lid to

the bait collection point – an old toolbox or old esky is ideal. We suggest that you don't turn up to collect baits with your farm dog on the ute.

- **I own or lease other parcels of land. Do I need to notify LLS staff?** Yes. Each separate parcel of land will be allocated its own baits and require its own indemnity form. It will also require the same actions regarding neighbour notifications and signs etc. as any other parcel of land.
- **Can I store the baits?** Fresh baits should be used on the day of issue. This will reduce the risk of an accidental poisoning incident, and also ensure that the poison in the baits has not started to deteriorate. Regardless, all 1080 fox bait material must be used within 7 days. All unused 'Fox-off' manufactured bait must be destroyed within one month of completion of the baiting program (refer to Pesticide Control Order).
- **What is an 'Indemnity'?** When you are issued with 1080 poisoned baits you are required to sign an important form called an 'indemnity' form. This makes the authorised person receiving the baits aware of their obligations, and that this person accepts full responsibility for the transport, handling, storage and use of the bait material, and then indemnifies the Local Land Services against 'all actions' etc. (refer to the 'indemnity form for full information)

Please don't hesitate to contact LLS staff on 4824 1900 or refer to the Pesticide Control Order for more information.

You can also get in touch with Gunning District Landcare:
coordinator@gunningdistrictlandcare.org.au; 0488 027 653.