



Media Release

Producers pounce on wild dog problem

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Producers will get the chance to learn practical skills at a Wild Dog Trapping Workshops in Western Queensland.

The workshops will be held across the first two weeks of March and are aimed at teaching producers practical skills but also how to work together to reduce feral pests within their local community, not just on one property.

AgForce Projects Vertebrate Pest Officer Damien Ferguson said the workshops will provide a rare chance for producers to learn practical wild dog trapping skills but also get to know the latest science behind understanding wild dog behaviour.

“There are many myths about wild dogs and how best to control them. With facts from research we will dispel or confirm these myths to save producers wasting valuable time and money and teach them how to be more effective in controlling wild dogs.”

“The workshops will help producers improve their trap and bait placement techniques and help them identify wild dog signs on their property,” Mr Ferguson said.

“Most importantly the workshop will allow for producers in the area to coordinate their efforts. It’s critical for producers to work together to combat feral pests across the community for better outcomes including larger reductions in the pests in the communities and reducing the risk of pests re-establishing themselves.”

Dates and locations of the workshops are:

- Cunnamulla – Tuesday 1 March, 9.30am to 3.30pm
- Eulo – Wednesday 2 March, 9.30am to 3.30pm
- Tambo – Friday 4 March, 9.30am to 3.30pm
- Jericho – Saturday 5 March, 9.30am to 3.30pm
- Ilfracombe – Monday 7 March, 9.30am to 3.30pm

For further information visit www.agforceprojects.org.au or call (07) 3238 6048.

These workshops are delivered by AgForce Projects Vertebrate Pest Project with the support of Australia Wool Innovation.

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