

Coordinated fox baiting in the Yorke District

Landholders in the Yorke District are being encouraged to plan their fox baiting with their neighbours and register for the coordinated baiting program between March and July this year.

To maximise the positive agricultural and environmental outcomes of reduced fox numbers, 1080 fox bait will be supplied to landholders at a discounted rate as part of a coordinated approach across Yorke Peninsula.

Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Landscape Ranger Max Barr said that baiting over this three month period aims to reduce fox numbers and increase lambing rates.

"Autumn is a critical time to target young foxes as they leave their dens and move through the landscape to establish new territories," Mr Barr said.

"Last year we had about 65 landholders involved in the 2016 Yorke District Coordinated Group Fox Baiting, however fox populations can recover rapidly, so pressure must be maintained if the benefits of fox baiting are to be lasting."

A coordinated fox baiting approach across neighbouring properties is far more effective than baiting individually as foxes don't stay inside property boundaries.

Foxes have a huge impact on Australia's biodiversity and agricultural production and are responsible for the decline of native fauna such as ground nesting birds, small mammals and reptiles. Foxes also cause economic losses to poultry and livestock producers by preying on chickens and newborn lambs.

Landholders need to register and pre-order 1080 baits to participate in the program. Pre-ordered fox bait can be collected from one of 12 distribution points:

Tuesday, 14 March	Innes National Park: Workshop Depot	9.00 am
	Warooka: Council Depot	11.00 am
	Yorke town: Council Depot	1.00 pm
	Stansbury: Rear of Stansbury Institute	3.00 pm
Wednesday, 15 March	Brentwood: Brentwood Hall	9.00 am
	Minlaton: Council Depot	10.30 am
	Curramulka: Curramulka Community Oval	12.00 pm
	Sandilands: Church Building	1.30 pm
	Urania: Urania Hall	3.00 pm
Thursday, 16 March	South Kilkerran: South Kilkerran Hall	10.00 am

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Arthurton: Arthurton Town Hall	12.00 pm
Kadina: Council Depot	2.00 pm

At other times of the year, 1080 fox baits can be purchased at the regular price via pre-arrangement. Please plan ahead to allow 1-2 weeks for collection.

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To register for the program or for more information please contact Natural Resources Northern & Yorke on 8841 3400, email DEWNR.NRNY@sa.gov.au or visit <http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/northernandyorke>.

