

# Round the traps

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## Message from the general manager

In 2010, the South East LHPA continued its livestock health focus with ongoing representation at sales and increased property visits (297 to the end of October, up from 206 for the previous year).

Emergency disease preparation was enhanced, with district vets completing further training in EAD, foot and mouth disease, Hendravirus and Lyssavirus.

More than 350 landholders attended the new 1080/Pindone baiting training courses presented by LHPA staff. See page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

Rangers helped landholders with wild pig control programs, providing traps and running field days. Ongoing wild dog control work was undertaken and rangers coordinated successful fox and rabbit group control programs.

With seasonal conditions improving at the end of 2010, we look forward to a successful 2011. The staff of the South East LHPA are ready to assist you with pest animal and livestock health issues.

**Thomas Ross**  
General manager

## Locals help future vets gain on-farm experience



Alice Dunn, veterinary student from the University of Sydney, working with Colin and Linda Sutherland of Yowrie. Alice was collecting blood and mucous samples for a survey on the causes of infectious infertility in cattle in southern NSW. South East LHPA regularly hosts veterinary interns, helping them gain valuable on-farm experience.

## Group control programs put pests in sight for 2011

South East LHPA rangers will again be working with landholders this year to maximise the impact of control programs on pests in the district.

Senior ranger Grant Coe says there are a number of benefits of group control programs, which are largely driven by landholders but use the knowledge and experience of LHPA rangers.

'Rangers are able to advise landholders on the best timing for baiting and other control methods and the most appropriate method of control depending on the season, pest prevalence and breeding patterns,' Grant said.

'Rabbit control groups along the coast are now planning baiting programs and we will continue to assist with the coordination of these groups throughout 2011.

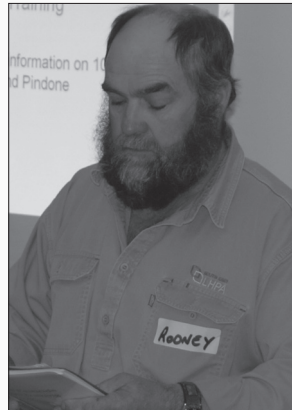
'In the southern part of the district the LHPA coordinates a number of fox control programs and we will be asking participants to be vigilant in observing activity by foxes and other predators in preparation for pre-lambing baiting.'

Ongoing wild dog control work will also be undertaken in conjunction with wild dog management plans that are in place to manage activity in and around national parks.

# Popular baiting courses on again

More than 350 landholders from the South East attended a new, shorter 1080 and Pindone course run by the LHPA last year, aimed at making it simpler to conduct baiting programs.

The three-hour courses give landholders a clear understanding of 1080 and Pindone, legal obligations in relation to their use, and allow the use of these products on their properties in NSW. The courses were specifically tailored to meet the needs of landholders who wanted to conduct baiting on their properties.



**Bombala based ranger, Rodney Rankin, conducts a course for local landholders.**

The courses will be run again in 2011 and will be scheduled according to demand.

The course, developed by the LHPAs, is approved by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water and rangers anticipate it will result in an increase in baiting control programs, which had declined by as much as 85% in some districts.

Landholders should be aware that this new course doesn't replace the AQF training that is required for the purchase and use of other pesticides.

Landholders interested in attending should contact their local LHPA office.

## Contacting us

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# UNDERSTANDING YOUR RATES NOTICE

The **general rate** consists of a base charge and an amount payable on the notional carrying capacity of your property\*. This funds pest animal programs, TSR management and local administration and service delivery.

The **animal health rate** consists of a base charge and an amount payable on your notional carrying capacity\*. This funds locally delivered livestock health programs and is payable if you told us on your annual land and stock return that you had at least 50 stock units on your property OR if you did not return your land and stock form by the due date.


The **pest insect special purpose rate** is collected for I&I NSW to cover the cost of plague locust control campaigns. LHPAs do not retain these funds. The pest insect rate includes a flat contribution per rate notice, plus a cents per dry sheep equivalent (DSE) amount. This year, the NSW Government provided \$18.5 million towards the spring/summer plague locust campaign.

The **meat industry levy** is collected for the NSW Food Authority. LHPAs do not retain these funds.

The **base charge** is a uniform charge within an authority, similar to a 'flag fall' in a taxi.

\*The **notional carrying capacity** is an estimate, worked out by the local authority, of the number of stock a property would normally carry in an average year and is based on stock units per hectare.

RURAL LANDS PROTECTION ACT 1998 Section 63



JOHN CITIZEN  
PO BOX XXXX  
GUNS GULLY NSW XXXX

**2011 RATE NOTICE**  
TAX INVOICE ABN 12XXXXX  
Livestock Health and Pest Authority  
Guns Gully Rd, GUNS GULLY, NSW

Reference No: 12XXXXX  
Date of Issue: 21 January 201  
Payment Due Date: 21 February 2

EXAMPLE

**Holding Name:** J Citizen  
**Holding Address:** Guns Gully  
**Associated Holdings:** N/A

**Area of Land (hectares):** 61.75      **Notional Carrying Capacity:** 545.55      **Notional Intensive Carrying C**

Particulars of Rates and Charges		Units	Cents per Unit
RATES—GENERAL	BASE CHARGE \$62.90	545.56	13.5000
RATES—ANIMAL HEALTH	BASE CHARGE \$27.00	545.56	9.7000
SPECIAL PURPOSE RATE			
- PEST INSECTS	BASE CHARGE \$16.00+	545.56	3.6660
MEAT INDUSTRY LEVY	\$ 5.00+	545.56	0.6000
STOCK MOVEMENT PERMIT RENEWAL	\$ 11.00		

All rates and charges are exempt from GST under Division 81 of the Goods and Services Tax Act 1999 unless otherwise indicated.

The Meat Industry Levy is a statutory levy collected on behalf of the NSW Food Authority. The Pest Insect Special Purpose Rate is collected for I&I NSW to cover the cost of plague locust control campaigns. If a Routine Stock Movement Permit renewal is not required please notify your local LHPA.

*NOTE: The rates and charges amounts shown left are indicative only. Actual amounts will vary according to where you live.*

# Remember NLIS when shifting stock between properties

Under the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS), movements of animals between properties with different Property Identification Codes (PICs) must be reported on the NLIS database.

These movements include moving livestock between your own properties, if those properties have different PICs; buying stock privately; moving stock to and from leased property and moving stock to and from agistment properties. This must be carried out for each head of cattle. For sheep and goats, a flock movement must be recorded.

The information that you will need to perform a transfer is the NLIS or RFID tag number of each cattle being transferred (for goats and sheep

this does not apply), PIC of the property that the animals are moving from, the PIC that the animals are moving to, the NVD (National Vendor Declaration) serial number and the transfer date.

All transfers in NSW need to be reported within seven days of the movement. The receiver of the animals is legally responsible for the transfer being recorded.

If you need any assistance with management of PICs, contact your local South East LHPA office. If you need assistance regarding the NLIS database, call the NLIS helpdesk – 1800 654 743. Your Stock and Station Agent may also be able to assist in recording your property to property transfers.

## LHPA helps stay ahead of Deua River pigs

A long-term feral pig control program coordinated by the South East LHPA along the Deua River in the Aralean Valley is producing results.

The South East LHPA recently secured funding from the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority to conduct the program.

Six thousand dollars has been allocated to the program for the construction of six pig traps that have been installed on private properties within the Deua River catchment.

Although pig numbers are not high density, South East LHPA rangers saw an opportunity to control the



*A pig caught in one of the traps that LHPA rangers distributed to landholders.*



*LHPA ranger Andrew Miners demonstrates how to set up traps for the best results.*

pig population before numbers increased and damage to the ecosystem and private properties intensified.

A pig control field day was held in the program area in June and LHPA ranger Andrew Miners reports that traps were distributed to interested landholders on the day. Rangers showed how to set up the traps, where to place them for best results and how to monitor their effectiveness.

Since the field day a total of 23 pigs have been removed from the catchment.

It is intended that this will be a long term group control program, with traps being left in the valley for 12 months. The traps have been designed to be easily pulled apart and moved to the next property experiencing pig problems.

Landholders in the Deua River catchment who notice pig activity on their property should contact Andrew Miners on 0405 135 193 to discuss activity levels and whether the area is suitable for a pig trap to be delivered and installed on their property.

# Avoid bringing home more than a ribbon from the show

If you are considering showing livestock, please keep in mind that certain show standards should be adhered to and declarations must be made for exhibition animals. These requirements are in place to assist biosecurity and to protect you from coming home with more than a blue ribbon!

Venues for show, sale and exhibition must also comply with standards and audits to assist in the protection and safety of exhibitor's stock.

If you are considering showing your livestock this year, please call your local LHPA office to discuss requirements and obtain appropriate forms.

## Local rangers head west to share skills in locust control

LHPA rangers are trained in a wide range of both pest animal and insect and livestock health issues, allowing them to participate in control of outbreaks, such as the plague locust, or livestock health issues throughout the State.

Rangers from the South East LHPA have been working with landholders to control locusts in the Deniliquin and Balranald areas. Our rangers have assisted with monitoring, assessing reports and providing chemical for control to landholders who meet the criteria.

This cooperation allows LHPAs to share resources throughout NSW.

### Do you need to hire a conference room?

The Bega boardroom may be available for hire – please contact the Bega office of the South East LHPA for more information on 02 6492 1283.

## Message from the chairman

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the landholders who give up their time to contribute to wild dog management plans across the South East LHPA.

Wild dogs are a constant problem throughout the region and the South East LHPA has 11 wild dog management plans over those areas with full stakeholder participation.

Without the input and knowledge of landholders, these plans would not be the success they are. Landholder participation is the key to the results gained by these and other LHPA-coordinated control activities, such as rabbit and fox control programs.

The South East LHPA is committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure that landholder issues and concerns are addressed.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy year.

**Ellen Green, Chairman**

## Allow time to plan ahead before moving stock

If you are planning to move stock, allow enough time to follow the 8-step process below.

- 1 Obtain your PIC (Property Identification Code) from your local LHPA office.
- 2 Become accredited with the Livestock Production Assurance program by ringing the MLA (Meat & Livestock Australia) 1800 683 111.
- 3 Order National Vendor Declarations (NVDs) by ringing MLA on 1800 683 111.
- 4 Create a NLIS (National Livestock Identification System) database account. All mob based movements need to be recorded on the NLIS database at [www.nlis.mla.com.au](http://www.nlis.mla.com.au).
- 5 Purchase NLIS tags, either from your LHPA office or your local rural merchant. Place your order at least 14 days prior to requiring them.
- 6 Check sheep and goat tags before selling any stock – you should check that each animal has a NLIS ear tag in its ear. Stock without an ear tag should be tagged.
- 7 Complete the NVD or movement documentation prior to the movement of your stock. The NVD is a legal document and needs to be filled in correctly. You must keep a copy of the completed NVD for 7 years.
- 8 It is the responsibility of the receiver of stock to record the property to property movement on the database within 7 days of the movement taking place.

Contact your local South East LHPA office to obtain a detailed guide, produced by I&I NSW and LHPAs on moving and selling sheep and goats.

## Traps available for hire

The South East LHPA has a number of cage traps for hire, suitable for trapping feral cats, foxes, wild dogs and pigs. A deposit is required and there is a nominal weekly rental charge. Bait trailers for rabbit baiting are also available.

If you require assistance or advice, our rangers are happy to help. Contact your local South East LHPA office for more information.