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# Central North landholder newsletter

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## LHPA vets on hand with livestock health advice

During 2010 LHPA veterinary staff conducted 271 property visits and 2853 consultations. Of these properties, ten were visited to deal with suspected exotic diseases. Over 470 written warnings were sent with regard to breeches of the Stock Diseases Act and corresponding programs.

**For livestock health advice contact your local LHPA district vet.**



Rangers Mark Knight (left) and Mal Leeson (right) discussing recent wild dog attacks on sheep with landholder James Frampton.

## LHPA pest animal initiatives continue to benefit landholders

Rangers in the Central North LHPA continue to coordinate pest control programs with landholders in the district. During 2010 there were 475 property inspections undertaken, 2,929 advisory consultations and 690 fox baiting programs carried out.

Wild dog activity has been ongoing with authority staff and contractors carrying out trapping and poisoning programs to assist landholders. Over 294 wild dog baiting programs were undertaken throughout 2010 in conjunction with trapping and shooting, netting 105 wild dogs.

Rabbit control programs for small landholders using Pindone poison

### Popular 1080/Pindone course on again in 2011

Rangers in the Central North LHPA will be running more 1080 and Pindone training courses in the area following high demand from landholders during 2010.

The new shorter course, which only takes three hours to complete and allows participants to use 1080 and Pindone on their properties, has been

were carried out in areas where we have small subdivisions and 1080 poison is not an option.

Feral pig trapping and poisoning programs have been implemented over the whole authority with landholders utilising up to 40 pig traps on a monthly basis.

Landholders are reminded that aerial control programs for wild dogs will be conducted during May and June 2011 and further programs targeting foxes will commence in April 2011.

**For more information on upcoming pest animal programs contact your local LHPA.**

very popular with landholders and will be run again on an as needs basis.

Those completing the course are issued with a certification card and will remain accredited to use 1080 and Pindone for five years.

**For further information or to register for a course contact your local LHPA office.**

# Central North welcomes new staff

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce several new faces within the authority and wish all landholders a healthy and prosperous 2011.

**Mark Knight** joined our team as a ranger on 4 January and will be responsible for the area formerly serviced by Jackie Barker. Mark has a number of years experience as ranger having previously worked with the Maitland RLPB. Mark can be contacted at the Coonabarabran office on 6842 1300.

**Leonie Mackie** has joined our Mudgee office and replaces Margaret Stanford who has retired. Leonie will be predominately involved with administrative functions within the authority but will also be available to assist landholders with their enquiries.

**Jackie Barker** has transferred from Coonabarabran and will be based in the Tamworth office as a specialist livestock health ranger. Jackie's role will be to assist our veterinary staff in further enhancing our livestock health service to ratepayers. Although based in Tamworth,



Jackie will be visiting other offices on a regular basis and can be contacted on 6762 2900 or 0427 058 976.

**Daryl Paull, General Manager**

## 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

**LHPA**  
Safeguarding Agriculture in NSW

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

JOHN CITIZEN  
PO BOX XXXX  
GUNS GULLY NSW XXXX

Reference No: 12XXXXXX  
Date of Issue: 21 January 2011  
Payment Due Date: 21 February 2

**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.*