

Darling landholder newsletter

3 simple steps

There are three simple steps to online lodgement:

- 1 Look at the top-right hand corner of the enclosed Land and Stock Return for your Holding reference number and online password.
- 2 Visit www.lhpa.org.au/landandstock and log in using your Holding reference number and unique online password.
- 3 Fill in your land and stock details.

Why have I been sent a land and stock return?

The information you provide in your Land and Stock Return helps us build a statewide picture about agricultural usage and livestock numbers. Along with the stock ID and traceability systems we manage, this information is invaluable in the event of an emergency disease outbreak.

Even if you have no stock, it is important for you to complete a Land and Stock Return. Unless you complete a return, we automatically apply an animal health charge to next year's rates. It is also a legal requirement that you lodge a return under the Rural Lands Protection Act 1998.

Remember, your completed 2011 Land and Stock Return is due by 31 August. Lodge online or post your return back to us.

Online land and stock returns now even easier

Now the LHPA has made it even easier to lodge your Land and Stock Return online.

Last year thousands of landholders in NSW chose to take advantage of the online lodgment facility when they received their annual Land and Stock returns in the mail.

This year, you can also update your holding and occupier details online.

Your 2011 Land and Stock Return can be lodged online at www.lhpa.org.au/landandstock

Land and Stock Returns provide Livestock Health and Pest Authorities with important information about properties in NSW.

'The online form takes around five minutes to complete and asks the same questions as the paper-based form,' said Darling LHPA general manager Cec Dorrington.



'All you need is access to a computer with internet.'

For more information about lodging online, including Frequently Asked Questions and privacy information, visit www.lhpa.org.au/landandstock.

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Group control program puts pests in sight for 2011

Darling LHPA rangers will continue to work with landholders throughout the year to maximise the impact of group control programs on pests in the district. Rangers have been working with the Ledknapper group on group baiting programs and in the last 12 months have injected over 23,000 baits.

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 cycle.

Wild dogs are a problem within

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Darling LHPA joint program targets feral pigs

The Darling LHPA conducted an aerial pig shoot along the Darling and Barwon rivers and parts of the Bogan river in May, with over 1200 pigs culled. The program, a joint initiative between the Darling LHPA and the Western Catchment Management Authority, covered almost 300,000 hectares and took in 28 properties.

Col Betts, Darling LHPA senior ranger, says the aerial shoot was part of a 12 month program aimed at reducing the impact of feral pigs.

"We undertook an aerial shoot in May 2010, destroying over 1000 feral pigs," he said.

Changes to veterinary services

Over the last six months there have been some changes to your veterinary service. Darling LHPA currently has one part-time vet available, Charlotte Cavanagh.

Charlotte is available Mondays and Tuesdays. Please note the new office number: (02) 6830 0003 and mobile 0429 773 021. The NSW Department of Primary Industries is currently advertising for a vet to fill the remaining three days of the week to give landholders a full-time service.

Visit LHPA staff at the Darling Agricultural Field Day

The Darling LHPA is assisting with the organisation of the upcoming Darling Agricultural Field Day, to be held on Saturday 9 July at 10am at the Brewarrina Showground. LHPA staff will be on hand to answer your questions and provide advice on pest animal and livestock health matters.

"This joint initiative forms the second round of the program and we saw a large reduction in the feral pig population in the Darling area, which will have flow on effects for producers and the environment."

"During the period we also trapped 423 pigs as well as culling a number of foxes and cats."

The success of the program is also credited to local landholders who were involved in the navigation of the helicopters during the shoot as well as assistance with trapping and on farm shooting.

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the authority, causing substantial losses of livestock for sheep graziers: up to 30 per cent in some areas. They prey on native mammals and birds and may also compete with native predators, such as quolls, for food and other resources.

Rangers are also eager for landholders to start forming fox baiting programs as there have been numerous sightings of foxes being reported. Foxes not only destroy valuable stock they also destroy our native fauna.

LHPA rangers are available to coordinate group baiting programs, offer advice on control methods and inject meat baits. Contact your local LHPA office today for more information.

Easier baiting with new 1080 course

Rangers from the Darling LHPA are conducting new shorter training courses during 2011 to allow landholders to legally use 1080 and Pindone baits on their properties.

Courses have already been run in Bourke and upcoming courses will take place in Wanaaring and Cobar, scheduled based on demand. The course gives landholders a clear understanding of 1080 and Pindone use and their legal obligations and runs for approximately three hours. All landholders must have a current chemical users certificate or card from the 1080/Pindone training to order 1080 products.

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.

The Darling LHPA can supply pre-made baits for wild dogs, foxes, pigs, rabbits and mice. Rangers are available by appointment to inject baits (1080) free of



charge if landholders supply meat for injection.

Landholders interested in attending 1080/Pindone courses should contact their local Darling LHPA office.