



# 2017 Community Feral Control Grants

## Information Package

**Do you have bushland that needs looking after? It may be on your property or a local community reserve or creekline. Wheatbelt NRM wants to help communities and land managers to protect their local natural areas.**

**These guidelines and application form will enable you to apply for the Wheatbelt NRM Community Feral Control Grant**

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### Background:

Wheatbelt NRM recognises the importance of supporting our community organisations and individuals to manage and undertake on-ground activities to protect remnant bushland and conserve biodiversity values. Foxes, cats and rabbits have been directly responsible for the decline or extinction of many native animals across Australia. By controlling cats, foxes and rabbits landholders can help to improve the populations of native animals and in turn improve the health of the bushland on and/or around their property.

In order to assist the community control feral animals, Wheatbelt NRM is offering the loan of cage traps (1 cage trap per application) for 6 months and up to \$1,500 for a 3 year baiting program.

### Closing date:

There is no closing date of the grant due to the ongoing nature of feral animal control.



## Where funding comes from:

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management has secured funding from the Australian Government, for projects that aim to achieve an environment in the Avon River Basin that is healthier, better protected, well managed, resilient and looks after what makes the wheatbelt special.

## Guidelines:

### General criteria

- Cage traps will be loaned under the assumption that land managers will use the trap to protect remnant vegetation from feral cats and foxes for a minimum average of 7 nights a fortnight and provide Wheatbelt NRM with monthly capture data.
- It is expected that you will ensure pest management is carried out in accordance with all relevant Australian Government and Western Australian Government legislation. It is not legal to euthanase via drowning, starvation, dehydration, poisoning inside the trap or gassing with vehicle fumes. It is the responsibility of the landholder to ensure that they have the appropriate licences to do so.
- There are two main baiting times in the year: Spring and autumn. The Fox baiting regime consists of two 6 week treatments per year
  - Each 6 six week treatment will involve Burying baits at each bait location weekly
  - The rabbit baiting regime consists of one 8 week program per year during late summer/autumn
- To minimise the risk to non-target animals we supply Rabbit bait stations.
- We will discuss bait station locations with you, how they fit with your farm management and how to avoid potential impact on domestic animals. We also ask for records of where you put out your rabbit and fox baits.
- Your activity may be used by Wheatbelt NRM for demonstration or promotional purposes;
- You must ensure that your activity has all necessary approvals, licences, permits, consents, etc. and that your activity complies with all relevant legislation (State Government, Local Government etc).

### Eligibility

- To be eligible to apply for funding you must be a landholder in the Avon River Basin with remnant vegetation and/or native fauna on or near your property that you wish to protect from the impacts of feral cats, foxes and rabbits. Funding will not be provided purely for the purposes of protecting livestock.



- If you are undertaking baiting, it is assumed that you are either permitted for the use of 1080 poison, or you are able to acquire a permit.
- If you or your group are not the owner/lessee of the land, or there are any third party encumbrances on your land you will need to get written permission from the owner/lessee for your activity. This letter should be attached to your application.

### What assistance is available?

Activities that are eligible for funding include:

<b>Feral Animal Control in Remnant bushland</b>
Project must demonstrate conservation benefit

### What criteria will be used to determine successful applications?

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Baiting of feral animals will need to be continued for a minimum of 3 years.

### Lodging an application

Please fill out the application form and lodge with Wheatbelt NRM.

### Assessment process

Your application will be assessed by a panel for the conservation value of the project

### Activity approvals

After initial assessment preliminary approval will be given to successful projects within 4 weeks of submission. Final approval will be granted once a suitable agreement is reached

Successful applicants will be invited to enter into an agreement for on-ground management activities and associated funding.

### Further Information

For further information on this program, please contact:

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