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Removed for Disclosure Log

Sent via email to: Removed for Disclosure Log

Dear Removed for Disclosure Log

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the Act) received by the Limestone Coast (LC) Landscape Board on 29 November 2023, seeking access to:

*"All incident report data of numbers of stock classified as confirmed killed or maimed by "wild dog"/Dingo/Dog predation by*

- *Landscape regions – Limestone Coast and Murraylands and Riverland, excluding north of the Murray River*
- *By month and year (January 1st 2016 to present)*
- *By livestock species (sheep, cattle, other)"*

As per correspondence of 15 December 2023, the determination is due to be completed and forwarded to you by 18 January 2024.

## **DETERMINATION**

Searches of LC Landscape Board records have found 9 documents held by this agency within scope of your request.

As the agency's Accredited FOI Officer, I have determined to grant you full access to 4 documents and refuse access to 1 documents. The remaining 4 documents were released to you by another agency.

Section 20 of the Act provides that an agency may refuse access to a document if it is an exempt document under the Act. The document I am refusing access to and the reasons for the refusal are explained in detail below.

### **Document 9**

Schedule 1, Clause 13(1) states:

#### ***13 – Documents containing confidential material:***

- (1) *A document is an exempt document—*
- (a) *if it contains matter the disclosure of which would found an action for breach of confidence*

Document 9 contains records marked as private by WildDogScan users. WildDogScan is a free monitoring and mapping resource for landholders, community groups and pest controllers, and users can map data publicly or privately. The owners of WildDogScan warrant that private data will not be disclosed to any third party. I have determined that disclosure of this document would be contrary to this warranty breach the confidence of WildDogScan's users. Document 9 does not specify which reports are public or private and the document cannot be partially released.

Reports of wild dog attacks marked as public may be viewed online at [www.feralscan.org.au/wilddogscan](http://www.feralscan.org.au/wilddogscan) at no cost.

### **Document numbers 1, 2, 4 and 5**

Your application was partially transferred to LC Landscape Board and Murraylands and Riverland (MR) Landscape Board. The Box Flat Wild Dog Control Coordinating Committee, formerly Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee, is a joint committee of the LC and MR Landscape Boards and committee documents are held by each agency. I was advised by MR Landscape Board's Principal FOI Officer on 21 December 2023 of its determination, and I have determined not to release duplicate documents to you.

### **FEES AND CHARGES**

Section 53 of the Act provides that fees and charges may apply for the cost of finding, sorting and compiling documents, and undertaking consultations required by the Act. I have determined to waive the fee of \$231.00 is because documents held by LC Landscape Board are not in the particular format you requested.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you are unhappy with this determination you are entitled to apply for an internal review in accordance with section 29 of the Act. To make an internal review application, please send the attached form entitled *Internal Review Application Form* to the Principal Officer Mr Steve Bourne, within 30 calendar days after you receive this letter. Should you submit an application for an Internal Review, an application fee of \$40.75 will apply.

Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045 requires details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, to be published in the agency's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/resources-and-publications/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

Should you require any further information please contact me on telephone (08) 8429 7550 or email [lc.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au](mailto:lc.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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Le-Anne Thomson

Accredited FOI Officer

Limestone Coast Landscape Board

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1. Document schedule
2. Released documents
3. Internal review application form

# Freedom of information

## Document schedule



FOI application	<b>F000003</b>
Applicant name	Removed for Disclosure Log

Doc no	Brief description	Date	Full access	Part or refused access	Other
1	Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee meeting minutes	13 April 2017			Other*
2	Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee meeting minutes	11 October 2018			Other
3	Report to the Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee meeting by B Hender, Natural Resources South East	4 September 2018	Full access		
4	Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee meeting minutes	11 April 2019			Other
5	Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee meeting minutes	2 March 2020			Other
6	WildDogScan report showing nil reports of stock killed or maimed	15 June 2020	Full access		
7	Data collation spreadsheet for prior FOI request showing nil data for South East	22 February 2021	Full access		
8	Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee meeting minutes	11 October 2021	Full access		
9	WildDogScan report generated 8 January 2024	8 January 2024		Refused access	

*\*Released by Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board on 21 December 2023*

**SA SHEEP INDUSTRY FUND  
2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT TEMPLATE  
for funded programs and projects**

**Program/project title**

Box Flat Dingo Control Project

**Program/project summary**

Short summary (max. 25 words)	<i>The Box Flat Dingo Control Project is to assist landowners around Ngarkat Conservation Park with control of Wild Dogs/Dingoes.</i>
Total SIF funds allocated	\$5100
Co-funder contributions	\$10200

**Report Executive Summary**

*This summary should describe the main points of the report and focus on the benefits to industry. PIRSA will use this summary to publically communicate the progress of projects to producers and other stakeholders and for reporting purposes. Please ensure this summary is written in plain English. 200 words maximum.*

Due to the difficulty in recruiting a contractor, DEW staff have taken on the responsibility of assisting landholders with the best practice control of wild dogs/dingoes in area covered by the Committee. These staff also undertake a baiting program in Ngarkat Conservation Park and provide baits and other advice and assistance to landholders. This arrangement has worked well in 2017-18 with good engagement with landholders and an efficient baiting program. Staff have responded to reports of wild dog activity in a timely manner and have supported landholders by providing baits and advice when wild dog activity is reported. There were no reported stock losses due to wild dogs, however a number of reports of stock disturbance and wild dog sightings were reported.

**Report on deliverables and objectives**

*Describe what the program/project delivered during 2017-18. Also describe progress towards achieving the program/project's aim and objectives as were provided in the original SIF project proposal (funding application).*

- 2 Committee meetings
- 1172 Wild dog baits laid in Ngarkat.
- 140 PIRSA issued baits provided to 11 landowners reporting sightings and wild dog activity
- 1 wild dog shot on property south of Ngarkat
- 1 wild dog roadkill confirmed on Ngarkat Highway
- No confirmed stock losses due to wild dogs
- Trained and upskilled 12 DEW staff in wild dog management and trapping

**Benefits of the program/project**

*Describe how the program/project directly benefited South Australia's sheep producers.*

South Australian sheep producers in the area will benefit by:

- Fewer sheep deaths caused by wild dogs/dingoes
- Landowner involvement and increase in knowledge and skills
- Increased community awareness

**Media coverage**

*Did the program/project receive any media coverage or did you promote or publicise the program/project or its findings? If so, please provide a summary list here and attach copies.*

- Press Release regarding availability of PIRSA baits
- Letters to landholders to raise awareness

### Report author's declaration

I certify that the information supplied in this report is a true and fair statement.

I give permission for the Executive Summary to be used in public communications.

Name:	Bill Hender		
Position	District Manager, Upper South East		
Organisation	Removed for Disclosure Log		
Signature		Date	04/09/2018

# Box Flat Wild Dog Committee: WildDog Report

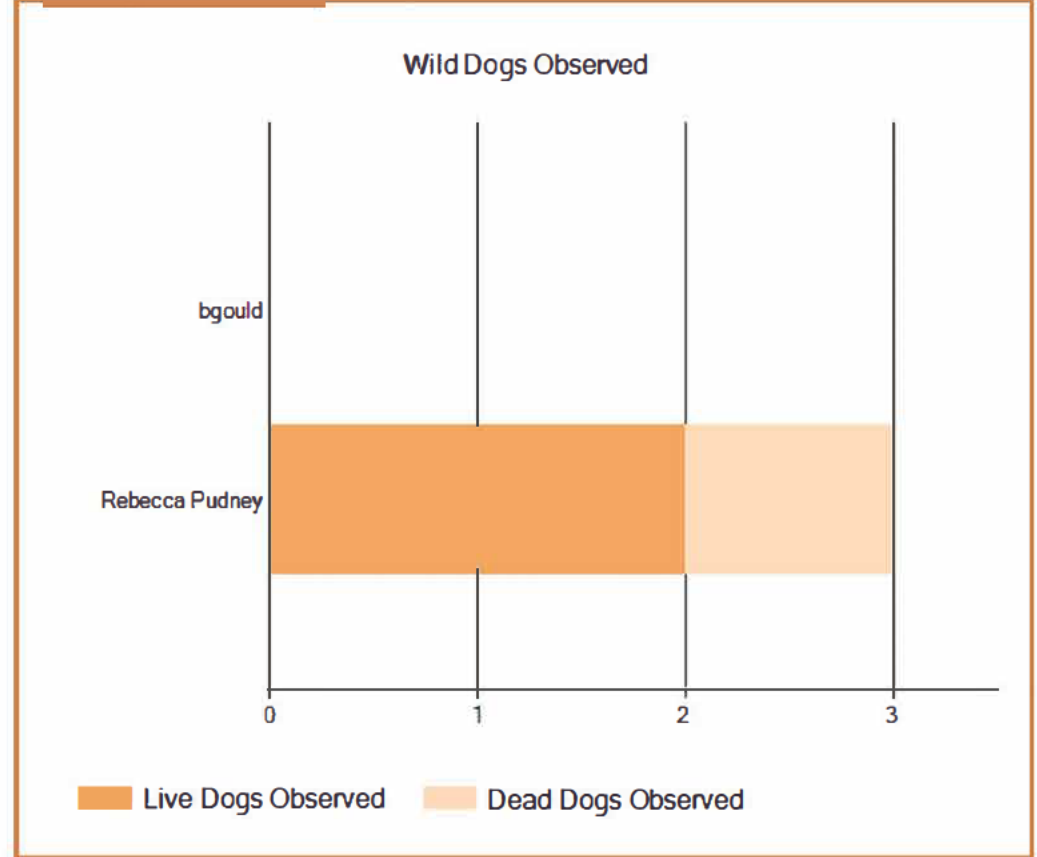
Report period: 2020-1-1 to 2020-7-10. Number of active group members this period: 2

Group Members: Removed for Disclosure Log

## WildDog Summary

Summary	This period	Year to Date
<b>Number of sighting records</b>	3	3
<b>Number of wild dogs observed</b>	4	4
Live dogs observed	2	2
Dead dogs observed	1	1
<b>Sign (track/scat)</b>	1	1

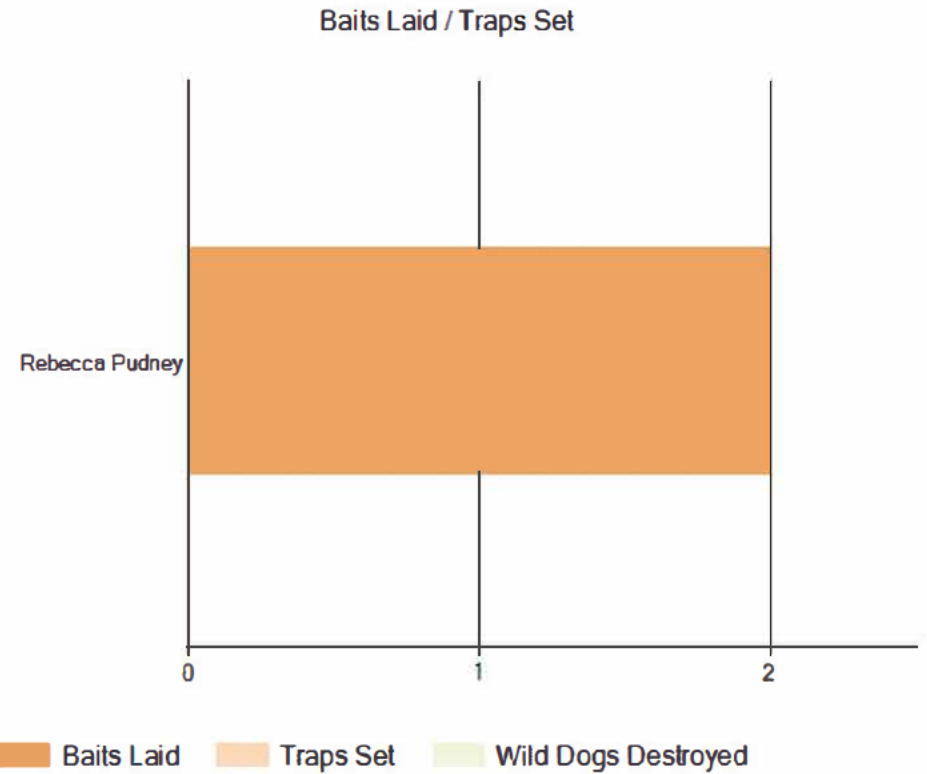
## WildDog Chart



## WildDog Summary

Summary	This period	Year to Date
Number of control records	2	2
Number of baits laid	2	2
1080 ground bait laid:	2	2

## WildDog Chart



## WildDog Summary

## WildDog Chart

Animals Killed / Mauled

 Animals Killed  Animals Mauled









# Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee

## Draft Minutes

### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water we live and work upon, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection and relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country.

Meeting Title: Meeting No 31			
Date: 11 October 2021			
<b>Start Time:</b>	1:30pm	<b>Finish Time:</b>	4:00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Lameroo	<b>Room:</b>	Lameroo Office
<b>Attendees:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neville Pfeiffer, Southern Mallee District Council</li> <li>• Heather Miller, Biosecurity SA</li> <li>• Paul Gillen, Department of Environment and Water (DEW), National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS)</li> <li>• Jeff Arthur, Coorong District Council</li> <li>• Fiona Rasheed, Limestone Coast Landscape Board</li> </ul>		
<b>Staff:</b>	Kylie Moritz, Neville Staude, Craig Krollig		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Scott McLean & Phil Strachan (Department of Environment Land Water and Planning Victoria - DEWLP), Mark Scott, Ron Valentine (Murraylands Riverland Landscape Board), Graham Clothier (Sheep Industry Fund Board), Miles Hannemann (Tatiara District Council)		

Item	Meeting Standing Items
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
1.1	The Chair welcomed all present, acknowledging the traditional owners of the land where we meet. Welcome to Fiona Rasheed, committee and Fiona introduced themselves.
1.2	Minutes of previous meeting held 22.02.2021 were adopted as circulated. Moved: Neville Pfeiffer                      Seconded: Jeff Arthur
1.3	<b>Business and Actions arising from the minutes:</b> Action from meeting No. 30 – 22 February 2021 Item 1.1 – Need to determine if the letter was sent and response received.

	<p>Item 1.3 – Report goes to Council via the rep on the BFWDC.</p> <p>Item 1.3 – Drying rack completed for Limestone Coast Board. Costs covered by Committee.</p> <p>Item 2.3 – Scott not present to respond to this question.</p> <p>Item 4.2 – WildDogScan group set up for approx 12 landholders north of Ngarkat.</p> <p>Item 4.2 – Craig will pass on detail as they come up.</p> <p>Item 6.1 – Council reps are requested to table minutes to each Council.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Reports</b>
2.1	<p><b>DELWP Victoria</b> – written report provided to the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee commented that they are pleased that DELWP are happy to engage and share information with the BFWDC</li> </ul>
2.2	<p><b>DEW/National Parks and Wildlife Service report</b> (tabled at meeting) – Paul Gillen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion around report on monitoring works - that no tracks of dogs in northern area, whereas 6 out of 8 sand pads had dog tracks in south. Could this info be used for streamlining baiting/trapping? Noted that it is very early on with the monitoring and need more data to show trends. Could be same animal or multiple.</li> </ul>
2.3	<p><b>Landscape Boards report</b></p> <p><u>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</u> – Kylie Moritz, written report provided to the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional comments</li> </ul> <p><u>Limestone Coast Landscape Board</u> – Neville Staude, written report provided to the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional information received following the reporting being submitted. A landholder in Victoria reported a pup that had potentially mauled two sheep but after rain they were not seen again. Suggest that baiting in Big Desert may have picked up the pup.</li> <li>Another report from a landholder with dog bites in the neck of a sheep. Asked to provide roo meat for bait preparation but the landholder did not get back in touch with Neville Staude. This is the landholder that also had Marama's that got into the park.</li> </ul>
2.4	<p><b>Biosecurity SA</b> – Heather Miller, written report provided to the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most dogs for bounty collected outside of the fence.</li> <li>Question regarding the dog tick, will this impact dogs in SA. Unlikely as this is occurring more to the north of the country.</li> <li>Policy was approved by Department of Environment and Water Minister; Gazettal also signed off by Chief Executive of Department of Environment and Water.</li> <li>Annette will be continuing until June 2022 and also doing fox bounty.</li> </ul>
2.5	<p><b>SA Wild Dog Advisory Group</b> – Neville Pfeiffer</p> <p>SA Wild dog Advisory Group</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog Fence rebuild discussed - trialling a 'buried lap' to see if this reduces wild dogs/kangaroos digging under Fence.</li> <li>• Discussion around proposal of the eradication of wild dogs within the fence. What would be required to achieve this? This will be an ongoing discussion.</li> </ul>
2.6	<p><b>Council and Sheep Industry Fund reports</b></p> <p>Annual reports submitted as per agreements.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Items for Discussion</b>
3.0	<p>Muzzles – would more landholders bait if their own working dogs were protected with muzzles? Landscape board staff (Neville S) indicated that landholders who don't bait wouldn't, with or without muzzles. Dog muzzles are available from PIRSA for landholders where there is a problem ie around parks and where the landholder is required to bait.</p> <p>Baits - liver baits and injecting offal as opposed to meat baits. WA is doing research into what dogs will take ie goat, camel etc.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Heather will send out paper to committee re 1080 retention in meat muscle.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Landscape board reps to ensure that minutes are submitted to the respective boards.</p>
3.1	<p><b>WildDogScan</b> Peter West NSW Dept Primary Industries – developer of WildDogScan presented over MS Teams.</p> <p>Peter is available to talk to landholder groups. Website and phone app, free and easy to use. The app collects evidence including sightings, evidence, damage impacts, control methods. Info is kept secure and private. Online mapping service to help landholders know what is happening across a large landscape (monitoring and planning control). Phone app is very user friendly. If working remotely will save data to phone and upload once in range. Works without phone service. Feedback from landholders is helping to build this. Photos are managed by Peter to ensure appropriateness. Peter encouraged the group to try the app and enter dummy entries to try it out – Peter can remove these later. Happy to help out if required.</p> <p>About 12 landholders in the newly established northern Ngarkat landholder group. No activity as yet. Peter will contact these landholders to see if they need any assistance – include Craig and Ron in this process. Peter provided information on the record just over the border in Victoria.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Circulate the contact details of Peter to the group.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Legislation and Control Notices</b></p> <p>Gazettal tabled</p> <p>Box Flat is in Region 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If evidence of activity landholders must report evidence to neighbours and landscape board.</li> <li>• Within Ngarkat CP, baiting plan must be developed and submitted to Landscape boards for approval</li> <li>• BFWDC would also like to review the plan</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside of park if have issue then must lay baits on established tracks</li> <li>• Across all region, after 1 month if still activity then repeat baiting or undertake trapping.</li> </ul>
3.3	<p><b>Review of committee</b></p> <p>Paper tabled with discussion and options.</p> <p><i>History</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee has been going for a long time and is set up well for ensuring accountability for wild dog control. Initially baiting of parks was enabled through the committee development and direction. Three councils ran the committee before that.</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the BFWDC appropriately placed to assist with the provision of advice under the LSA Act? What are the advantages and disadvantages of remaining as a committee of the two landscape boards, e.g. sharing of information? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Works well as an advisory group to determine where the works occur. Beneficial to have landholders on the committee. As far as efficiency this works well. Council involvement adds to the information coming from the ground up.</li> <li>○ Coorong Council sits in both Landscape board regions, covers four council areas</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Whilst infrequent, wild dog attacks on livestock have high impact. Can the response to wild dog attacks in the Box Flat region, coordination of baiting, and sharing of information be managed through an alternative group, e.g., through SAWDAG? What are the advantages and disadvantages? Will it be timely, will decisions be informed by those with on-ground knowledge? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SA Wild Dog Advisory Group (SAWDAG) is the only other wild dog advisory group</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If the BFWDC is discontinued, how will wild dog control in the Box Flat area be represented on SAWDAG? The ToRs and membership for SAWDAG require representation from the BFWDC. Will the representative be informed by other landholders in the Box Flat area to ensure the information is a collective response? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The SAWDAG membership would not know much about the Box Flat district to be able to make informed decisions.</li> <li>○ SAWDAG operates at a strategic level; the advice required for wild dog control in the Box Flat district is ground-based eg amount of baits, where and when to place baits etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Will long term relationships with DEWLP in Victoria and with the three local councils be impacted? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The relationship with DEWLP Victoria works well.</li> <li>○ Three local Councils are informed through reps, each being locals.</li> <li>○ Relationships could deteriorate because communication could be lost.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BFWDC is effective and gets grassroots activities occurring.</li> <li>○ The newly introduced legislation under the <i>Landscape SA Act 2019</i> requires action from a range of areas – 2 x Landscape board districts and 3 Councils.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o BFWDCC only meet twice a year. Steve Bourne General Manager for Limestone Coast Landscape Board provided an email to Neville Staude that is supportive of the group being maintained.</li> <li>o Funds to run the committee are not large.</li> <li>o It's about accountability and minimal investment required.</li> </ul> <p><i>Decision</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consensus from the group is to remain as part of the two Landscape boards as they have the responsibility to administer under the Landscape Act. The Landscape boards are best placed to be managing wild dog control.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Recommendation to the Boards on preferred model to coordinate control.  <u>Option 1:</u> Retain the establishment of the BFWDCC under <i>Landscape Act</i> 2019, s36 (1)(b) to provide advice to the MR and LC Landscape boards.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Offer to present to Landscape boards on the function of the BFWDCC.</p> <p>Moved: Jeff Arthur Second: Fiona Rasheed</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Finance and Correspondence</b>
4.1	<p><b>Financial report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financials accepted</li> <li>• Suggestion of aerial baiting of the park to get baits into inaccessible areas. Could use the parks plane and add on to flights around the Coorong.</li> <li>• LC board for baiting station approved. Unit to be located at Keith.</li> </ul> <p>Moved: Jeff Arthur Second: Paul Gillen</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Investigate aerial baiting of Ngarkat. Neville and Heather to investigate</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Close</b>
5.1	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional items</li> </ul>
5.2	<b>Next meeting</b> - February 2022
	Meeting closed at 4:00pm



Agenda Item	Actions	Timeframe	Person Responsible	Completed
1.1	Letter to be written to Tatiara Council requesting a representative be appointed.	Feb 2021	Courtney	
1.3	Send a Wild dog scan screen shot of activity to Council reps for forwarding into councils (previous meeting item)	Feb 2021	Heather	
1.3	Circulate a Feralscan report	Feb 2021	Heather	
1.3	Investigate the requirements and cost to set up drying racks for the LCLB	Feb 2021	Kylie	
2.1	Ask <small>Removed for Disclosure Log</small> why they have used fresh liver baits	Feb 2021	???	
2.4	Heather to write a report on the trapper activity in the area, and forward it to committee members	Feb 2021	Heather	
4.2	Heather to get contact details of those landholders that showed interest to the trapper and forward to Annette, who will organise the setting up of the landholder group	Feb 2021	Heather	
4.2	Craig to pass on any details he has of interested landholders to Annette	Feb 2021	Craig	
4.2	Invite Peter West to the next meeting to do a training session on Wild Dog Scan	Feb 2021	???	
5.2	Heather/Helane to ascertain from Graham/SIF if funding is legislated that funding needs to be received from SIF, or if it could be less than the \$5100 *It was confirmed after the meeting that it is not legislated, so no funds will be applied for from SIF for the 21/22 year	Heather/Helane	Feb 2021	Complete
6.1	Meeting Minutes to Councils	Feb 2021	???	