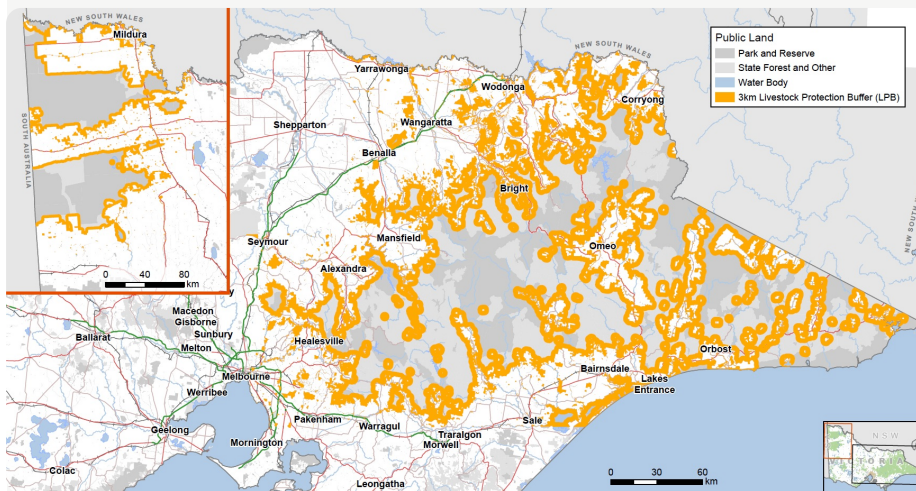




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Victorian Order in Council to unprotect dingoes in Livestock Protection Buffer extended



The NWDAP are pleased by the Victorian government's announcement to renew the Order in Council which unprotects the Dingos in the 3km Livestock protection buffer for another 12 months. This means that the Victorian Wild Dog program can continue unchanged for another year.

The Victorian government signed off on the Order in Council for a further 12 months while the Victorian government reviews the status of the Dingo in Victoria and undertakes population studies to determine if the Dingo should remain listed as threatened.

Greg Mifsud, National Wild Dog Management Coordinator, said that the announcement was a welcome one for those trying to manage the impacts of wild dogs on livestock and biodiversity.

"This is a step in the right direction for Victoria's farming communities who have worked tirelessly with the Victorian Wild Dog Program staff to reduce the impacts of wild dogs and dingoes coming off neighbouring public lands. We look forward to working with the Victorian government over the next 12 months to ensure the program can continue delivering benefits past October 2024," said Mr Mifsud.

Find out more about the wild dog control program in Victoria [here](#).

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NSW Vertebrate Pest Management Symposium held in Dubbo



Greg Mifsud, the National Wild Dog Management Coordinator attended the NSW Vertebrate Pest Management Symposium in Dubbo, NSW on 17-19 October 2023.

The event provided the opportunity for those involved in pest animal management, research and policy to discuss pest management in NSW and what action might be needed in future.

Greg attended alongside his fellow national coordinators - Gillian Basnett (the National Feral Cat and Fox Management Coordinator), Annelise Wiebken (National Feral Deer Management Coordinator) and Heather Channon (the National Feral Pig Management Coordinator) - a formidable foursome when it comes to pest management!

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Farewell to Wild Dog Coordinator - Dave Worsley



This month we say farewell and thank you to Dave Worsley, who has served in the role of Northern NSW Wild Dog Coordinator with Australian Wool Innovation and the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions for the past nine years.

Dave has worked tirelessly over the years to help producers in northern NSW manage the impacts of wild dogs and protect the region's natural environment from wild dog predation. The Northern Tablelands has among the highest livestock carrying capacities of any region in NSW – but it harbours a significant pest animal population with plentiful habitat and food sources. Dave certainly had his work cut out for him during his time in the role, but consistently rose to the challenge, delivering meaningful outcomes for producers in the region and its biodiversity, through the development of cooperative and sustainable wild dog and fox management plans.

Dave's position over the past nine years has been funded through the Australian Wool Innovation and Northern Tablelands and Hunter Local Land Services. Dave has worked closely with these organisations and the National Wild Dog Management Coordinator, Greg Mifsud to achieve the following:

- Increased the number of wild dog and fox groups in the Northern Tablelands of NSW from 19 to 46.
- Expanded the reach of his work from the original four million hectares to include the Hunter Valley, another 3.3 million hectares with an additional 19 wild dog groups.
- Expanded the remit of the role to deal with multiple vertebrate pest species.
- Helped landholders and government agencies work together collectively using a nil tenure approach to manage wild dog issues and extend into other pest issues.
- Increased landholder's aerial baiting by 194% and ground baiting groups by 252% whilst decreasing livestock losses down 79% over the Northern Tablelands.

Greg Mifsud, National Wild Dog Management Coordinator, had this to say about Dave:

"I've been fortunate to work with Dave for over nine years. I've witnessed firsthand his passion and commitment to work with landholders, the LLS and public land managers to reduce the impacts of wild dogs on livestock production and the region's natural environment and biodiversity. His drive has led to the formation of a further 26 wild dog management groups in the region, taking the number of groups from 19 to 46 and the sustainable community management plans that have been developed will be a long-lasting legacy of his work in the region. I'll certainly miss Dave's expertise and friendly approach, but we wish him all the best in what he does next!"

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Wild dog management zone work plans in Victoria



Throughout Autumn 2023 the Victorian Government Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action ran Wild Dog Management Zone (WDMZ) workshops, drop-in sessions, attended local rural events and reached out through letters and electronic means seeking community input into the 2023-2024 WDMZ Work Plans.

The plans, supported by training of community by Wild Dog Controllers and

fencing industry representatives, will enable producers and government to effectively work together using all available tools including trapping, baiting, shooting, exclusion fencing, guardian animals and good animal husbandry to reduce the impacts of wild dogs.

Wild Dog Management Zone Work Plans are available on the Agriculture Victoria website [here](#).

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ABC article: Graziers blame 32km gap in wild dog fence for livestock attacks as repairs in SA, NSW delayed



Sheep graziers are calling for urgent works to recommence on a 32-kilometre gap in the wild dog fence deep in the outback before it is "too late" to stop the pests migrating to new areas.

The project to extend the fence from just below Broughams Gate on the NSW-SA border to the Murray River, where a priority 32km hole is awaiting completion, has been delayed since 2019.

Read more from the ABC article [here](#).

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Pest Management Officer-Invasive Species (Animals) Position in City of Moreton Bay



City of Moreton Bay are seeking an experienced Pest Management Officer to join their dedicated invasive Animal Team and help reduce impacts that invasive animal species pose to the region.

Applications will close midnight, Monday 13 November 2023.

For [Position Description click here](#) and more information and to apply [click here](#).

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Upcoming events

- 5 - 7 December 2023: AWMS Annual Conference 2023, Melbourne Connect (University of Melbourne) - learn more here [Australasian Wildlife Management Society - Conference 2023 \(awms.org.au\)](#)

- 29 July – 1 August 2024: 19th Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference, Aerial UTS Function Centre, Ultimo, Sydney – learn more here - [AVPC – Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference](#)

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