

Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Information Sheet

2017/2018



What is a Wild Dog?

The term wild dog refers collectively to purebred dingoes, dingo hybrids and domestic dogs that have escaped or been deliberately released. Wild Dogs may be pure white, ginger, black and tan or pure black.

Wild Dog Control

Wild dog is a restricted invasive animal under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risks associated with invasive plants and animals under their control. This is called a general biosecurity obligation (GBO).

Quilpie Shire Council is committed to supporting landholders within the shire to meet the legislative requirements by providing the following services / assistance:

✓ Quilpie Shire WDAC (Wild Dog Advisory Committee)

The Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Committee was formed in 2005. The purpose of the group was to advise Council on matters of wild dogs in an effort to promote uniformity in dog control throughout the Shire and coordination with other shires in the Queensland Local Government Association South West Local Government area.

The Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Committee membership consists of various representatives from Local Government, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Wild Dog Barrier Fence, South West Natural Resource Management and Syndicate Leaders from the five Wild Dog Syndicates within Quilpie Shire.

The Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Committee meets four (4) times per year.

Syndicate Contacts

Thylungra Syndicate	Stephen Tully – Chair WDAC	Bunginderry	Quilpie Q 4480
	Peter Sheehan	Trinidad	Quilpie Q 4480
Moble Creek Syndicate	Brian Rutledge	Moble	Quilpie Q 4480
	Jamie Bignell	Wambin	Quilpie Q 4480
Adavale Syndicate	Stewart Sargent	Granville	Adavale Q 4480
	Brian Donovan	Gunnadorah	Quilpie Q 4480
Eromanga Syndicate	Stuart MacKenzie	Plevna Downs	Eromanga Q 4480
	Scott Pegler	Monler	Eromanga Q 4480
Cheepie Syndicate	Andrew Truss	Boran	Cheepie Q 4480
	Drew Bignell	Cowley	Quilpie Q 4480

✓ **Wild Dog Baiting Programs**

Quilpie Shire Council and the Quilpie Wild Dog Advisory Committee coordinate two (2) coordinated Wild Dog Baiting Programs per year within the Shire – usually around April and September, depending on the weather conditions and wild dog activity. Council supplies subsidised plane hire to approved pilots, baiting meat and has two (2) licensed 1080 operators that assist the syndicates with the baiting programs. It is a requirement that meat utilised for 1080 baiting is dried out to an acceptable standard prior to injecting 1080.

✓ **Wild Dog Levy**

A Wild Dog Levy of 5% will be applicable to rural rate payers this year. This was a recommendation to Council from the Wild Dog Committee and was adopted by Council after consulting with our rural property holders. Over 90% of survey respondents were supportive of the levy. Consequently, Council will fully subsidise the meat used for baiting programs, instead of the current situation where Council provides a \$1/kg subsidy on baiting meat. Meat purchased is in excess of \$3/kg. Council is hopeful this arrangement will encourage greater participation in baiting programs.

Council strongly encourages all landholders within the Quilpie Shire to join their local syndicate and participate in the 1080 Baiting Programs to achieve maximum success in wild dog control within Quilpie Shire.

✓ **Wild Dog Control Officers**

Quilpie Shire Council employs one (1) full time Wild Dog Control Officer (trapper) who travels throughout the Shire educating landholders regarding wild dogs and trapping processes and target baiting hotspots within the Shire. If you require the Wild Dog Control Officer's services, please contact the Quilpie Shire Council Office - 07 46560500.

✓ **Wild Dog Control Funding**

From time to time Council is also fortunate to access funding opportunities from SWNRM, Federal and State Governments to assist with wild dog control.

✓ **Wild Dog Bonus Payments**

In an effort to further support landholders to meet their requirements under the legislation and encourage landholders to practice wild dog control, Quilpie Shire Council provides a wild dog bonus payment, provided that the conditions outlined below are met by the applicant. The wild dog bonus payment is \$50.00 per scalp, caught / destroyed inside or outside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence, within Quilpie Shire. (bonus payments may change from time to time at Council's discretion)

PLEASE NOTE - To be eligible to claim the wild dog bonus payment the following conditions must be met:

- Relevant Statutory Declaration form must be completed (available from the Council office) and signed by the landholder of the property on which the dog was destroyed. The Statutory Declaration must be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace.
- GPS points or a map of the property indicating where the dog/s were destroyed must accompany the Statutory Declaration.
- To be eligible to submit an application for a Wild Dog Bonus, the property stated on the application form must participate in a baiting program or practice wild dog control on their property. Properties that do not practice wild dog control will not be eligible to claim the bonus.
- A copy of the claimants drivers licence must accompany the Statutory Declaration.
- The scalps must be delivered to the Council office or sighted by the Wild Dog Control Officer or the Rural Lands Officer.
- A relevant officer of Council (preferably the Pest and Livestock Management Coordinator) must sign the Wild Dog Bonus Application/Statutory Declaration Form, confirming that the scalps have been sighted and match the information on the Statutory Declaration.
- The scalps must be dried or frozen (decomposing or smelling scalps will not be accepted)
- The scalp must be a full scalp – not just the ears and nose
- Scalps must be suitably packaged (not open plastic bags)

The Wild Dog Bonus Application / Statutory Declaration is processed through the Accounts Payable system from the information provided and processed accordingly. Forms must be returned fully completed. Council's payment cycle is thirty (30) days.