

**RURAL SERVICES – WILD DOG BOUNTIES**

**Links:-** *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Routes Management) Act 2002*  
*Land Protection (Pest and Stock Routes Management) Regulation 2003*  
*GRC Stock Route Network Management Plan*  
*GRC Pest Management Plan*

**OVERVIEW**

A bounty is defined as a predetermined amount of money paid to an individual upon satisfactory evidence of the destruction of a specified animal. Bounties provide encouragement to individuals / landowners to report the capture and destruction of wild dogs which allows Council to identify potentially problematic areas where populations of pest animals may require additional resources.

The term ‘wild dog’ refers collectively to dingoes, dingo hybrids and domestic dogs that have escaped or been deliberately released. The wild dog is a Class 2 declared animal under Queensland legislation. It is the responsibility of landholders to control wild dogs on their land.

It is estimated that wild dogs cost Queensland’s grazing industry around \$33 million a year in lost production, disease transmission and control effort.

Goondiwindi Regional Council utilises bounties for wild dogs to target individuals as well as small distinct populations of this pest animal.

**PROGRAM**

Budget Allocation 2017/18

Job Cost Account	Job Cost Description	Budget	
3300-2210-0000	<b>RURAL SERVICES-Pest Control/Mg</b>		<b>150,189.00</b>
3300-2210-0001	Pest Weed Expenditure	117,089	
3300-2210-0002	Declared Animal Control	15,600	
3300-2210-0003	Dingo Trapping (Properties)	7,500	
3300-2210-0004	Projects with landholders	10,000	
3300-2210-0005	Dog Bounties	15,000	

### Goondiwindi Regional Council's Response

- A Bounty of \$100 per dog, captured on the 'clean' side of the barrier fence.
- A Bounty of \$100 is paid to the general public and Council registered trappers be paid \$200. The Wild Dog Advisory Committee approve the trappers.
- The Bounty will not be paid for dogs caught on the 'dirty' side of the barrier fence.
- Bounty Claims are payable on production of a signed statutory declaration from the claimant which includes a verification contact and authority to contact that party. The bounty claim must be accompanied by the scalp of the dog, and a GPS reading or sufficient information to enable accurate identification of the capture point.
- The bounty is not payable to Council staff.
- The Policy will be reviewed every 12 months to ensure that data collected through the process and used for targeting in other programs is worthwhile.

### **COUNCIL APPROVED TRAPPERS**

Bill Oliver

Lyndon Batterham

Jonathan Carson

Bill & Sid Harris

David Bartlett

Brendan Slattery

Jim Caton (of Bodumba)

Alex (Sandy) Smith "Allendale"

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Statutory Declaration