



All district primary producers and community members are invited to attend:

Targeting Pest and Weed Series

Condamine, Burnett/Mary and SEQ Catchments

18 – 28 June 2012



Hosted by AgForce Queensland and Conservation Farmers Inc, the series will present valuable research and management options about key local pest and weed issues – including rabbits, wild dogs, feral pigs, parthenium, African lovegrass, lantana and giant rat's tail grass.

When:

June

- **18: Monto** 2:00pm – 7:00pm. Colonial Motor Inn, 6 Thomson Street, Monto
- **19: Eidsvold** 10:00am – 3:00pm. RM Williams Centre, A3 Australia's Country Way
- **20: Gayndah** 10:00am – 3:00pm. Brian Pastures Research Station, 829 Brian Pastures Rd,
- **21: Gympie** 10:00am – 3:00pm. Mary River Motor Inn, cnr Oak Street & Bruce Highway
- **22: Kingaroy** 10:00am – 3:00pm. Kingaroy Research Station, Goodger Road
- **25: Durong** 10:00am – 3:00pm. Durong Hall, 8940 Wondai-Chinchilla Road
- **26: Jandowae** 10:00am – 3:00pm. Jandowae Community and Culture Centre, High Street
- **27: Toogoolawah** 10:00am – 3:00pm. Toogoolawah Showgrounds, Ivory Creek Road
- **28: Boonah** 10:00am – 3:00pm. Boonah Cultural Centre, 3 High Street

In the spotlight:

- Wild dogs – Biosecurity Queensland senior zoologist Dr Lee Allen (Toowoomba)
- Rabbits – Biosecurity Queensland senior zoologist Dr David Berman (Toowoomba)
- Weeds – National Coordinator Craig Magnussen, (Biosecurity Queensland, Warwick)
- Feral pigs – Animal Control Technologies Australia sales and customer relations manager, Jamie Dennison (Brisbane)
- Plus – Landcare/ Conservation Farmers Inc, AgForce, NRM groups, and Regional Councils

Dinner or lunch will be provided.

RSVP (for catering purposes) to Lyn Butler on 0749 276 100 or email butlerl@agforceqld.org.au



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About the speakers:

Rabbits - Biosecurity Queensland senior zoologist Dr David Berman (Toowoomba). Rabbits are one of Australia's major agricultural and environmental animal pests. David helped establish the RabbitScan project, which maps the distribution and abundance of rabbits in Australia to efficiently plan control programs. David also works on landholder-driven, scientifically monitored rabbit control programs such as "Monitoring rabbit control on Bulloo Downs" and works with the Darling Downs Moreton Rabbit Board to measure rabbit control benefits to biodiversity and agriculture.

Weeds - Coordinator Craig Magnussen (Biosecurity Queensland, Warwick) will introduce the 12 new Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) with a focus on those impacting or likely to impact on the Condamine, Burnett/Mary and SEQ Catchments. These weeds have recently been added to the list of the worst weeds in Australia because of their invasiveness, potential for further spread and their economic, environmental and social impacts. He will also cover identification and management information on other locally important weeds. Kevin Charlesworth (regional Landcare facilitator, Condamine Catchment) will address Chilean needle grass.

Wild dogs - Biosecurity Queensland senior zoologist Dr Lee Allen (Toowoomba). Wild dogs cost the livestock industry an estimated \$66 million a year in killed and mauled stock and their distribution and impact are predicted to worsen. Lee is a wild dog research specialist, whose extensive work has covered baiting strategies, monitoring wild dog movements using satellite transmitters and more recently, an evaluation of guardian animals (i.e. maremma dogs). Recent research and new technologies to better control wild dogs will be discussed.

Feral pigs - Animal Control Technologies Australia (ACTA) sales and customer relations manager, Jamie Dennison (Brisbane). Feral pigs cost agriculture in excess of \$60 million in lost production. With an estimated 23 million pigs in Australia, their numbers are predicted to increase even further adding to the cost of lost production. Jamie has spent the past two years with ACTA working on improving baiting programs and introducing new technologies to the market. These and future technologies will be discussed and presented. Feral pigs are a declared Class 2 pest animals under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*. They are widespread and in high densities in remnant vegetated areas.

