

# Spring into fox baiting this September

Distribution days will take place across the Northern and Yorke region throughout September in preparation for the coordinated fox baiting program this spring.

To maximise the positive agricultural and environmental outcomes of reduced fox numbers, 1080 fox bait will be supplied to landholders at a discounted rate as part of a coordinated approach across the region.

Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Landscape Ranger Cameron Watson said that spring baiting was often overlooked by landholders.

"Towards the end of the lambing season the visible effects of foxes become less noticeable, with lambs and struggling ewes no longer being targeted," Mr Watson said.

"Throughout the year however, foxes have a huge impact on Australia's biodiversity and agricultural production through spreading diseases and weeds that can entail costly control methods, along with predation on native fauna such as ground nesting birds, small mammals and reptiles."

Mr Watson said that bait uptake during spring remains high due to the greater food requirements of vixens during breeding season, along with increased numbers of young dependent pups.

"Baiting in spring helps to reduce the population of foxes reaching independence and maturity," he said.

"Combining a spring baiting round with an autumn round results in a compounded effect on the local fox population."

Landholders need to register and pre-order 1080 baits to participate in the program. Pre-ordered fox bait can be collected from one of 14 distribution points, located across the Northern and Yorke region for your convenience:

Monday, 3 September	<b>Melrose:</b> Carpark by North Star Hotel	10 am – 11 am
	<b>Wilmington:</b> Memorial Hall	12 pm – 1 pm
	<b>Quorn:</b> Railway Tce, by Rural Traders	2 pm – 3 pm
Tuesday, 4 September	<b>Riverton:</b> Riverton Oval	10 am – 11 am
	<b>Yorketown:</b> Council Depot	9 am – 11 am
	<b>Port Germein:</b> Jetty Carpark	10 am – 11 am
	<b>Laura:</b> Front of Laura Archives	12 pm – 1 pm
	<b>Booleroo Centre:</b> Front of Northern Ag	2 pm – 3 pm
Wednesday, 5 September	<b>Clare:</b> Clare Oval Grandstand	10 am – 11 am
	<b>Maitland:</b> Town Hall	9 am – 11 am
	<b>Peterborough:</b> Football Club, Main St	10 am – 11 am
	<b>Orroroo:</b> Football Oval	2 pm – 3 pm

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Thursday, 6 September     **Spalding:** Spalding Institute     10 am – 11 am  
   **Kadina:** NRNY, 35 Frances St     9 am – 11 am

Please bring your section number along to complete the paperwork when collecting the baits, and a signed copy of the nomination of agent form if someone is picking up the baits on your behalf.

At other times of the year, 1080 fox baits can be purchased at the regular price via pre-arrangement. Please plan ahead to allow one to two weeks for collection.

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To register for the program or for more information please contact Natural Resources Northern and Yorke on 8841 3400, email [DEW.NRNY@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEW.NRNY@sa.gov.au) or visit <http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/northernandyorke>.

