



African swine fever (ASF) preparedness

Working together to protect our community

This event is scheduled for 10am – 3pm in Mundubbera on 28 June 2022 and will be held at:

Mundubbera Supper rooms

Lyon Street

Mundubbera QLD 4626

Background

African swine fever (ASF) is a contagious disease of pigs that can result in high mortality rates. In recent years ASF has spread through many parts of the world, affecting countries that are regular sources of trade and tourism, as well as geographically and culturally close neighbours.

If ASF were introduced to Australia, it could cause significant impacts to our domestic and export pig industries and the communities these businesses support. Through the ASF Prevention and Preparedness Project (PPP) efforts are currently underway to reduce the risks of introduction and ensure that Queensland has the capacity to respond rapidly should any animal emergency diseases be introduced.

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to share information and take the opportunity to discuss the best ways we can prepare for emergency animal diseases such as ASF. We will cover topics including:

- ASF – the disease itself, the risks, prevention measures and potential impacts on agricultural industries and communities.
- How we can all prepare for emergency animal disease responses including prevention measures and preparedness planning.
- How the expertise of local disaster management committees can support a biosecurity emergency response.
- Role of feral pigs in disease spread – importance of coordinated landscape approaches to feral pig management.

Meet the team

The workshop will be delivered by three members of Biosecurity Queensland:

John Cuskelly	John has 3 decades of experience in the field of biosecurity management, including 10 years specialising in working with communities to enhance vertebrate pest management outcomes.
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Jed Taylor	Jed career includes 39 years working as a biosecurity officer implementing disease management programs in regional Queensland. His current role focuses on emergency animal disease response preparedness, where his experience working with Regional Disaster Management Groups during natural disaster events comes to the fore.
Jemma Walden	Jemma has worked extensively in community engagement throughout her 20-year career. At Biosecurity Queensland, Jemma has contributed her engagement and facilitation skills to emergency animal disease projects and pest eradication programs.

RSVP

Please **RSVP by 14 June 2022** via email to ASFPPP@daf.qld.gov.au and include any dietary requirements if applicable.

If you can have any further questions or queries, please email ASFPPP@daf.qld.gov.au or call Jemma Walden on 0460 005 400.

Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
10:00 am	Registration and morning tea	
Protecting your community from emergency animal diseases		
10:15 am	Welcome	Council representative
10:25 am	Introduction	Council representative Jemma Walden
10.35am	Setting the scene for today	John Cuskelly
10.40am	Understanding ASF and other emergency animal diseases	
11.00am	Introduction to biosecurity emergency management	Jed Taylor
11.15am	What would an ASF response look like?	John Cuskelly
11.30am	Council role in preparedness	Jed Taylor
12.00pm	Community preparedness for response efforts	
12.30 pm	<i>Break - lunch provided</i>	
Managing feral pigs as vectors of emergency animal diseases		
1.00pm	Feral pig management – what are the challenges?	John Cuskelly
1.15pm	What is happening our Shire?	Group discussion
1.35pm	What is feral pig research telling us?	John Cuskelly Cameron Wilson

1.55pm	Overcoming our feral pig control challenges	Group discussion
2.10pm	Working together for sustainable solutions	John Cuskelly
2.30pm	Support ASF preparedness through funding opportunities	
2.40pm	Feedback / discussion	Group discussion
3.00pm	<i>Close – stay on for afternoon tea</i>	