Pest Management Group Grant Opportunities



Pest Management Groups are landowner driven groups that come together as a community to help deal with their local pest problems. A number of landholder pest management groups can be found in the Western Downs, Lockyer Valley and South Burnett, with each group currently experiencing great success.

Pest Managements groups are a great way to deal with the invasive weeds and animals affecting our region. By coming together as a group, it means that the individual cost to landowners can be reduced, and the problem can be dealt with over a larger scaled area, remember we are all in this together.



Roughly twothirds (~66%) of farmers have wild dog problems



of Australia is inhabited by feral pigs

45%



Invasive animals and weeds affect everybody

Whats on Offer

Funding through the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative (QFPI) has been given to the South Burnett to help with the creation of Pest Management groups or syndicates within the South Burnett, North Burnett and Gympie regional areas. This funding can be utilized by these groups for a number of activities such as training, equipment, baits and hiring of pest management contractors.



Funding

The amount of funding available is dependent on the number of pest management groups that are developed. Most activities can utilize this funding, although some criteria must be met for others. This is stipulated in more details below:



Training is a major way this funding can be used, such as group training sessions on pest management, baiting and trapping or even for a specific individual within the group to be trained up as a trapper.



Buying of equipment such as pig traps, foot traps, cages, cameras, canid pest ejectors and bait boxes. This can also include other items such as baits, poisons (1080) and pre-feeding supplies.



Lastly this funding can also be utilized for hiring pest management contactors to undertake ground or aerial shootting. Although these professionals must meet the below criteria for this government funding to be allocated to these activities:

<u>Marksman</u>

- 1. Hold an appropriate QLD firearm license.
- 2. Must be skilled and trained with relevant training competencies completed, such as "AHCPMG311", "AMPG303", "AHCPMG304" or similar nationally accredited courses.

Aerial Shooting

- 1. Must be a fully Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) licensed operator, be approved by CASA and be a commercially operating company.
- 2. Operators must carry third party public liability insurance of a value of at least \$20 million.
- 3. Helicopters must have CASA approved VHF, UHF and preferably HF radio installations fitted.
- 4. Helicopters must have a CASA approved emergency locator transmitter (ELT) fitted and pilots must explain the operation of the ELTs to all passengers at the commencement of any job.
- 5. Helicopters must have an up to date first aid kit.

Aerial Marksman

- 1. Must be individually CASA accredited to carry and discharge a firearm from a helicopter.
- 2. Must have individual Public Liability Insurance in their name and the words "Professional Shooter" or "Professional Marksman" listed on the certificate of insurance.
- 3. Must be experienced in aerial shooting operations and have completed relevant training competencies.

Please feel free to reach out below if you have any other questions or would like to arrange any assistance with creating a pest management group within your area.

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