



Invasive Animals CRC

The Feral Flyer

Invasive Animals CRC e-newsletter

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Welcome back to Feral Flyer. This edition comes to you hot on the heels of our relaunched website.

Visitors to the website won't notice too many changes to the overall look of the site, however navigation and page content has changed. If you have bookmarks to internal pages you will need to update these.

The search function has been greatly enhanced (so you should find your links quite easily) and search engine optimisation means that tools such as google return our pages more readily. The 'research' pages have been designed so that projects can be found by program area, as well as by goal. We're also getting substantial cost savings as the site works on the same platform as the proposed upgrade of www.feral.org.au, which is anticipated to go live later this year.

The URL is still www.invasiveanimals.com. New subscribers for the Feral Flyer and our media releases should register at: www.invasiveanimals.com/media-centre/

Feedback on the new site can be provided to: contact@invasiveanimals.com



Seeking: manufacturer of HOG-HOPPER™

The Invasive Animals CRC is seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals, organisations and/or companies for the commercial manufacture of HOG-HOPPER™.

HOG-HOPPER™ is a pig-specific alloy bait delivery device, developed to reduce labour and prevent non-target exposure during feral pig baiting campaigns.

HOG-HOPPER™ promotes best practice feral pig management and will reduce their impact on agricultural enterprises and the environment.

See: www.invasiveanimals.com/about-us/corporate/employment/ for more information.

Responses addressing the criteria must be mailed to: IA CRC, Oxford House, 48 Oxford Terrace, Unley SA 5061

Closes: 4pm (ACST) Friday 6 August

Enquiries: uptake@invasiveanimals.com or telephone 08 8357 1222.

ELECTION 2010

The 2010 Federal election and invasive animal policy commitments

It is still early in the election campaign, with most parties yet to release detailed natural resource, agricultural, environmental nor invasive species policy commitments. A summary of election policies released to date are summarised below.

The Labor Party

Election platform includes a sustainable Australia. As of 21 July, no direct or indirect invasive animal election policy commitments released

The Liberal Party

As of 21 July, no direct or indirect invasive election policy commitments released

The Greens

Genetically Manipulated Organisms

<http://greens.org.au/policies/agriculture-natural-resources/genetically-manipulatd-organisms>

Sustainable Agriculture

<http://greens.org.au/policies/agriculture-natural-resources/sustainable-agriculture>

Includes measure to resource international and intranational biosecurity, pest, weed and disease control measures, to protect Australia's biodiversity, its agriculture, and people.

Biodiversity

<http://greens.org.au/policies/environment/biological-diversity>

Includes measure to increase funding to biosecurity services to anticipate new alien invasive species threats posed by climate change and expanded pathways resulting from globalised trade and travel.

The National Party

As of 21 July, no direct or indirect invasive animal election policy commitments released



Senate Inquiry into Biosecurity & Quarantine Arrangements

The Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee invites submissions addressing all or some of the issues identified in the Terms of Reference by **Thursday 5 August 2010**.

The Terms of Reference are:

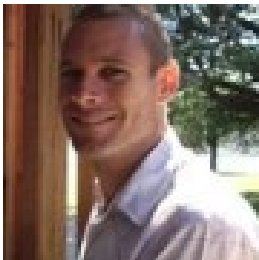
the adequacy of current biosecurity and quarantine arrangements, including resourcing; projected demand and resourcing requirements; progress toward achievement of reform of Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service export fees and charges; progress in implementation of the 'Beale Review' recommendations and their place in meeting projected biosecurity demand and resourcing; and any related matters.

For further information, see http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat_cte/quarantine_2010/index.htm or phone 02 6277 3511



The 'Feral Professor': finalist in Eureka prizes

Congratulations to CEO of the Invasive Animals CRC for his selection as a finalist for the 2010 Australian Government Eureka Prize for *Promoting Understanding of Science*. The category is highly contested and shortlisted is an achievement in itself. The winner will be announced at the awards dinner on Tuesday 17 August. Details of the Australian Museum Eureka Prize finalists will be posted online at <http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/eureka>



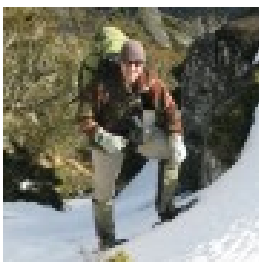
Andrew Bengsen: a truly balanced scientist

Congratulations to Andrew Bengsen, IA CRC-affiliated PhD student. Andrew has recently submitted his research thesis supporting work to control feral pigs in tropical rainforests.

Successful completion of Andrew's project will allow poison baiting to be considered as a feral pig control tool for the Wet Tropics, where control is currently limited to a small number of localised, labour-intensive trapping operations.

Andrew was the inaugural winner of the IA CRC CEO's prize for excellence as an IA CRC student.

For further information on Andrew's work, visit: www.invasiveanimals.com/about-us/people/students/andrew-bengsen/



Ta-ta to Tom

Education Program Coordinator, Dr Tom Heinsohn, is departing the IA CRC to take a tree and sea-change touring opportunity with his partner Robyn. After two and a half years in the role, Tom is finishing up a short time ahead of his contract end to travel around Australia and enjoy personal and academic pursuits. Tom has enjoyed his time working with the diverse crowd at the IA CRC and has helped make our education program what it is today. In particular, he has fostered our early-career scientists and put a great deal of effort into helping them become more 'Balanced Scientists'. He says that the most rewarding part of the job was seeing the postgraduates do so well in their programs. Tom wishes the best for the future of the IA CRC, and in return, we hope he has a great time doing more of his favourite recreational activities, such as snow-shoeing! He promises to email photos of any out-of-the-ordinary ferals encountered during his travels.



Branding our toolkits

We're seeking suggestions for branding our information toolkit.

The information toolkit will be used to produce extension and communication materials for the best-practice management of nationally significant pest animals. A design agency is currently working on templates for the toolkit products (which will include reports, brochures, fact sheets, case studies, DVD covers).

We want to make sure the name of the toolkit 'hits the mark', so vote for your preferred term or make a suggestion. The survey will only take a minute to complete. The survey has only five questions and will take less than a minute to complete. It closes Monday 9 August. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

Media round-up

Mouse plagues

Earlier this month, ABC's Landline covered the mouse plague and control options. The segment featured IA CRC participant, Animal Control Technologies Australia. The issue has attracted widespread media coverage. [More](#)

Cane Toads in Sydney

Sutherland Shire Council officers have noticed an increase in the number of toads in the area, having collected around 250 cane toads since January 2010. The Council is working with the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water to combat the spread of cane toads. [More](#)

Guardian Dogs

The Middle Island Maremma Guardian Dog Project (Vic) was announced the Winner of the Australian Government's National Landcare Award. [More](#)

M44 Ejector update

Rob Hunt has published the fourth issue of the M44 Ejector newsletter. [More](#)

CRC Winter Newsletter

A/Prof Steve Lapidge is on the back cover the CRC winter edition newsletter. The HOG-GONE article mentions Jason Wishart & ACTA's Michelle Smith. Minister Carr also mentions our vocational education and training courses in his foreword. [More](#)

IA CRC in the news

A selection of current media articles directly related to the IA CRC is available here: http://www.meltwaternews.com/magenta/xml/html/17/38/rss/108662_hitsentence.rss2.XML You can subscribe to receive updates directly to your email inbox or mobile phone, or save as a favourite page in your web browser and view at your convenience. This feed can also be provided to third parties without the risk of copyright breach.

Upcoming conferences

For more information on these and other events, please see details on our website: <http://www.invasiveanimals.com/media-centre/events/>

2010

QLD Pest Animal Symposium, Gladstone, Australia. 3-5 August.
8th International Symposium on Wild Boar & other Suids. York, England. 1st-4th September.
2nd National Farmers' Federation Congress. Melbourne, Australia, 5-7 September.
Australian Rangeland Society 16th Biennial Conference. Bourke, Australia, 26-30 September.
Australasian Wildlife Management Society Symposium. Sydney, Australia. 20-21 October.
Australasian Wildlife Management Society 2010 Conference. Torquay, Victoria. 1-3 December.
Ecological Society of Australia 2010 Annual Conference. Australian National University, Canberra, 6-10 December.
International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies. Honolulu, Hawaii, 15-20 December.

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2nd International Invasive Birds Conference. Cape Town, South Africa, 7-9 March 2011.

15th Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference. Sydney, Australia, 20-23 June 2011.
International Congress for Conservation Biology. Christchurch, New Zealand 29 November-2 December.

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