



Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre

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First-Ever PestSmart Roadshow Coming to a Town near You

Invasive animals cost Australia more than a billion dollars annually. For your personal update on research and management developments to control invasive animals such as wild dogs, rabbits, foxes, feral pigs and carp, the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre for the first time is bringing the ***PestSmart Roadshow*** to a place near you in 2012.

The PestSmart Roadshow is carried out in conjunction with the Invasive Animals CRC partners Australian Wool Innovation, Meat and Livestock Australia and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority. It will criss-cross the country with 17 events starting in Queanbeyan on 30 January and ending in Townsville on 1 May 2012.

The Roadshow will also showcase the ***PestSmart Toolkits*** – which is a national online collection of invasive species information. At all times before, between and after these Roadshow dates, the Invasive Animals CRC encourages graziers, farmers, public land managers and others with responsibility to control invasive animals to visit the PestSmart website:

www.feral.org.au/pestsmart/

and examine the PestSmart Toolkits on specific invasive animals to guide them in policy, legislation, control tools, best-practice management and implementation.

Places are limited so you MUST register at <http://pestsmart.eventbrite.com.au/> for each Roadshow and for catering purposes which provides free morning and afternoon teas and lunch. The Roadshow which starts at 8am through to 5pm at all venues will showcase best practice pest management incorporating currently used techniques and the latest innovations. New products to be covered include:

- **Wild dogs and foxes:**
Para-aminopropiophenone (PAPP) baits, Blue-Healer™ antidote , mechanical bait / toxin ejectors and Lethal Trap Devices
- **Feral pigs:**
PIGOUT®, PIGOUT® Econobait, HOG-GONE®, HogHopper™ and a nitrite concentrate

- **Rabbits:**
carbon monoxide fumigator and freeze-dried Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease for carrots
- **Foxes and cats:**
spray tunnel technology.

Information and product demonstrations will be brought to you directly by the Australian species experts.

Monday 30 January	QUEANBEYAN, NSW	Queanbeyan Conference Centre
Wednesday 1 February	FORBES, NSW	Forbes Services Memorial Club
Friday 3 February	ALBURY, NSW	Albury Commercial Club
Tuesday 7 February	NARACOORTE, SA	Naracoorte Town Hall
Wednesday 8 February	HORSHAM, Vic	Horsham Sports and Commercial Club
Friday 10 February	MILDURA, Vic	The Setts
Tuesday 14 February	PORT AUGUSTA, SA	The Barracks
Thursday 16 February	PORT LINCOLN, SA	Ravendale Community Sports Centre
Monday 20 February	CARNARVON, WA	Carnarvon Civic Centre Woolshed
Wednesday 22 February	KOJONUP, WA	Memorial / Lesser Hall
Friday 24 February	ESPERANCE, WA	Esperance Civic Theatre
Tuesday 28 February	BOURKE, NSW	Diggers on the Darling (old Oxley RSL)

Wednesday 14 March	CHARLEVILLE, QLD	Charleville Memorial RSL Club
Friday 16 March	TOOWOOMBA, QLD	Highfields Cultural Centre
Tuesday 20 March	ARMIDALE, NSW	Armidale Ex-Services Club
Tuesday 17 April	BAIRNSDALE, Vic	Bairnsdale RSL
Tuesday 1May	TOWNSVILLE. QLD	Townsville RSL

For more information, please see the website at www.feral.org.au/pestsmart/roadshow or phone Suzy Balogh 0418 417 943, email: suzy.balogh@invasiveanimals.com

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