

# RED CARD FOR RABBITS AND FOXES

Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes is a community based feral animal control program that operates across the agricultural regions of Western Australia. Each year local community groups, sporting clubs, local governments and individual land holders come together to run a coordinated control program across their local patch during the autumn months.



The theory behind the program is that the best results can be achieved by coordinating control activities at the same time across the landscape. In that way areas where feral animals are removed are not reinfested by animals moving in from neighbouring territories.

The largest part of the Red Card program is the community baiting programs. Each year local groups coordinate their baiting so that the maximum impact can be achieved. Baiting is carried out in autumn as this is generally lambing time in the south west and many foxes are on the move searching for food following the long summer.

Red Card also supports local groups to conduct fox shooting programs. Over the last three years local company Stockbrands has sponsored the fox shots and donated \$5 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service for every fox killed through registered Red Card Fox Shoots. In 2010 \$15,000 was donated to the RFDS through this sponsorship.

With the support of the Australian and Western Australian Governments through regional natural resource management groups including Wheatbelt NRM, South West Catchment Councils and South Coast NRM there are also opportunities to access funding which can be used to subsidise the cost of baits.

If you have any queries regarding the Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes program please contact:

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