

Feral Pigs on the Hit List at Deelamon

In late 2015, community members were invited to submit applications to South West NRM for funding from the National Landcare Programme for feral pest and weed control to help protect matters of national significance. One recipient of such funding for feral pest control was the Goddard Family, owners of *Deelamon* and *Eucumbene*, which are situated in the Nebine/ Mungallala Catchment north of Bollon.

Deelamon and *Eucumbene* are located just outside the southern end of the Tomoo Cluster Collaborative Area Management Fencing Project, and also include the Paterson watercourse - therefore, both properties are key areas in which to take control of feral pests.

The objective of the Goddard's project was to establish more pig traps within both properties, and also to address the ever increasing challenges of controlling feral cat and wild dog populations. At the halfway mark, the project has established or purchased 10 pig traps, 6 dog traps, and 6 cat traps, as well as grain for pre-feeding feral pigs.

Results of this investment have been extremely promising thus far, with 200 feral pigs removed, 120 wild dogs eradicated both within and adjacent to the project location, and 15 feral cats (plus numerous foxes) also destroyed.



Above: Feral pigs are being targeted across the South West as part of the National Landcare Programme's Ecosystem Services investment theme.

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Expressions of Interest for the 2016 - 2017 National Landcare Programme round of funding are opening on July 12th 2016.

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