Collaborative Area Management
Frequently Asked Questions

Did everyone work together to build the fence?
Most people in the cluster were able to work together as a team to build the fence and this made construction a lot easier. We have been sharing fencing gear amongst the group and people have been pitching in to help others who haven’t been able to do it, this makes it come together a lot quicker (Tambo).

How did you get everyone in the group to come together?
The current cluster group is roughly based on a previous wild dog management group and other land managers in the area were interested in the project and came on board. Once everyone started getting together and signing up, the ball started rolling (Tambo).
Everyone has their own ideas about how it should work but once everyone is on the same page you can all work together. It helps if there is an existing social structure. This cluster largely started out as a baiting and trapping syndicate and an informal steering committee was started from there. This steering committee had a strong idea of where to go then took this idea to the group while being flexible in its approach. It’s important to give people the space and time to decide if they want to commit, give them the plan and let them mull it over (Morven).

What made you choose the wire you went with?
We were very happy with the hinge joint at the apron and the quality of wire was very important to us, we liked that it was made in New Zealand, the quality has been consistent along the fence (Tambo).
Rather than trying to do it cheap, try to get the structure that you want and then try and get the price down. We highly recommend the apron. For us, we had used Clipex wire before and we were happy with the product but for us the posts were the selling point and we’re very happy with the whole structure (Morven).

What would you recommend for fence line preparation?
We found that it works best to start from scratch. Clear any old fence line rather than try to build onto an existing fence, it makes it stronger in the long run (Tambo).
Ground preparation is such an important job, clear all the trees so none fall over onto the fence. Establish a camber where possible to prevent water running along the fence line (Morven).

What has been the main impact of the fence?
Since the fence has been up we have had significantly less kangaroos. The fence has stopped them moving from timbered country into the pasture and has stopped them moving in huge mobs across our property, we no longer have the tens of thousands of them that we used to (Tambo).
Dogs were originally the main aim for us as it’s possible to clean dogs out of a fenced area. It’s worth hiring a dogger so no one loses time chasing dogs. It is also having an impact on the roos moving across properties in huge groups (Morven).