

## Bounty Program for wild dogs and feral pigs

### Bounty Program

Wild dogs and feral pigs are 'restricted' invasive pest animals under the Queensland *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

Landholders must take all reasonable and practical measures to reduce the risks associated with these pests on their land. Information on wild dog and feral pig management is available at <https://pestsmart.org.au>.

Gympie Regional Council (Council) recognises that wild dogs and feral pigs pose a threat to economic, environmental, and social values throughout the region. To assist landholders, Council has a bounty program that provides support to landholders and pest controllers that undertake control of these pest species within the Gympie region.

**Bounty payments:**                      **Wild dog bounty: \$40**                      **Feral pig bounty: \$10**

### Disease and Hygiene Risks

There are disease and hygiene risks associated with handling parts of wild animals including scalps and snouts. To minimise these risks, Council recommends the use of gloves, and scalps and snouts should be stored and transported in sealed plastic bags. Hands should be thoroughly washed after handling.

### Bounty checklist

Wild dog scalp requirements:

- The scalp must be the full length of the wild dog (in one piece), which includes the nose, top of the head, ears, approximately 100mm wide strip of the back and the tail.
- **Scalps are preferably frozen and individually bagged.**
- Dried and salted scalps are also acceptable.
- If rolled, scalps are to be presented with the wild dog's head on the outside.
- Wild dog pup scalps are claimable for bounty (excludes unborn pups cut from the mother).

Feral pig snout requirements:

- Feral pig snouts must be the full end (circular portion) of the nose.
- Feral pig snouts must be supplied in a sealed plastic bag, multiples in one bag will be acceptable provided they can be divided, checked and counted by the receiving officer.

You are required to provide the following details of the property from which the pest animals were harvested, on form LPF144:

- Name of property owner/manager
- Property address
- Owner/manager contact phone number

- Number of animals collected from each property.

**Bounty claim:**

- Contact the Council on 1300 307 800 and request to make an appointment with Council's Biosecurity Unit to deposit the items. Please advise if you are a new or returning customer for bounty claims. You will be emailed a claim for bounty payment form - **LPF144** – to be returned to Council.
- Arrange a date and time with the biosecurity officer that returns your call. The address to deposit bounties is: **Old Bank Building, 46 Nash Street, Gympie.**
- You will receive an email from eftsure, asking you to register to become a supplier for Gympie Regional Council. Bounty payments will be paid to the bank account nominated in your eftsure User Account.

Gympie Regional Council reserves the right to:

- Contact the property owner/ manager where bounty animals were harvested, to verify that the information on the declaration is true and correct.
- Refuse bounty payment to a claimant where information provided on this declaration cannot be verified by the property owner/ manager or the items in the deposit are not presented as requested.
- Refuse bounty payment where bounty claimed was NOT collected within the Gympie Regional Council area.