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BREWARRINA, BOURKE AND WALGETT FERAL PIG CONTROL PROGRAM

Landholders in the Brewarrina, part of Bourke and part of the Western Division of the Walgett Rural Lands Protection Boards area who are interested in taking part in a large-scale, coordinated feral pig control program are encouraged to contact their local Rural Lands Protection Board (RLPB) office.

The program is being conducted in conjunction with the three RLPBs, the Department of Primary Industries, the Australian Government and the Western Catchment Management Authority.

The \$250,000 program will include baiting, trapping and aerial shooting.

Brewarrina RLPB Ranger, Colin Betts, said that landholder participation is the key to the program's success and since the pigs are able to travel, a high level of collaboration with neighbours is essential.

"Current conditions are ideal to significantly reduce feral pig numbers so we hope as many landholders as possible will consider taking advantage of the program and talking to their neighbours about becoming involved as well," Mr Betts said.

"Local landholders are well aware of the importance of controlling feral pigs to improve land condition and water quality as well as improving stock and infrastructure management and reducing the spread of disease," he said.

CSSP is available free of charge, provided two neighbours are also willing to participate.

Traps will be available for hire free of charge to participating Landholders. Landholders with significant bodies of water on their property will be a priority.

Landholders can benefit from aerial shooting if they are interested. Priority areas for aerial shooting include the Narran Lakes, the Darling Floodplain, North of Bourke and the Bogan River.

Landholders in these areas are encouraged to contact their local RLPB. No works will be undertaken without landholder consent.

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