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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

From the Blackwood Biosecurity team



We will be closed from Monday
25 December and reopening on
Tuesday 2 Jan 2024.

Inside this special xmas edition

- K5 Release
- Pig of a job



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- 1** WE ARE A
COMMUNITY RUN
NOT-FOR-PROFIT
- 2** WE HELP YOU TO
MANAGE
DECLARED PESTS
- 3** WE HAVE FREE
LOAN EQUIPMENT
- 4** WE DO ONSITE
VISITS, WORKSHOPS
AND MORE
- 5** WE PROVIDE
PROFESSIONAL
ADVICE
- 6** WE CAN ADVOCATE
ON YOUR BEHALF



Our Special K5 Release programme

Our K5 program started with a bang this month with 140 plus landholders signing up for the register earlier this year. In supporting these landholders who commenced the programme by pre-feeding the rabbits, we began the release in West Arthur, and worked our way to Boyup Brook, then the upper region of Balingup and finally Bridgetown and Yornup. Due to high participation demands, our staff worked tirelessly to ensure the programme is a success. Results can vary from 2-3 days or up to 2 weeks, but we are happy to announce that we are receiving positive reports of the virus doing its job.

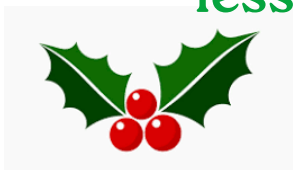
The RHDV1 K5 strain is only harmful to rabbits. It can be spread by insect vectors, direct rabbit-to-rabbit contact and other animals feeding on infected rabbit carcasses. Domestic rabbit owners are advised to seek advice from their local veterinarian and use protective biosecurity measures to help keep their rabbits safe from infection.

Pig of a job

We are excited to announce that over the past month, we supported landholders to eradicate over 75 feral pigs that caused over \$100,000 worth of damage to properties in the region.

Like feral rabbits that are escaped or released domestic rabbits, feral pigs are escaped or released domestic pigs. There are an estimated 13.5 million feral pigs in Australia, spreading diseases, eating native fauna and trampling natural habitats. Their impact is social, economic and environmental. It is good riddance to pigs!

On that note, we look forward to working with you next year, and let's hope it brings less pests and more cheer!



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