

## Landcare Checks In - Monday 12 April 2021 at 2.00 – 3.00 pm



### Feral pig impacts on conservation and food production in WA

A special thank you to our key presenters:

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#### View the Recording

For those who missed the session you can view the zoom recording here:

<http://www.landcarewa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Recording-12-April-Feral-Pigs-Trimmed.mp4>

#### Key Discussion Points

WA Feral Pig Strategy completed, now onto implementation phase

WA Feral Pig Advisory Group – first meeting in Feb – 63 attended. Advisory Group to be established by the middle of the year with at least 2 meetings per year

How do we measure impact and reward land managers?

More data needed on distribution of feral pigs / where groups are actively involved or concerned - *a number of groups doing great work*

How to support passionate community champions?

- Recognised Biosecurity Groups

- State NRM Funding rounds

**Andrew Knight – Research consultant** - Engage universities in data collection – Uni of Qld work on access resource allocation – use to identify value of investment

Pest management is predominantly a **people issue**. Costs of effort for people – consider stress, fear, mental health impacts – *we need to work together*

**Funding** - Funding avenues for pigs and pests continue to be intermittent pulse funding - Constant effective management needs consistent funding.

More support/ongoing funding is needed from government – all landholders need to be involved – suggestion to have a coordinated and collaborative approach, possibly across LGA/catchment boundaries

**Useful Resources:**

DPIRD website – <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/pest-mammals/feral-pigs>

WA Feral Pig Strategy - <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/feral-pig-strategy>

National Info Hub - <https://feralpigs.com.au/>— purpose is to build a community of all groups involved and highlight activities being undertaken in relation to feral pigs

PestSmart website <https://pestsmart.org.au/> - Code of Practice and Standard Operating Procedures.