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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure effective governance in the processing of wild dog scalps and the associated *Claim for Wild Dog Bonus Payment Form*, thereby reducing the risk of misappropriation of allocated funds.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all council staff involved in administering the receipt and processing of wild dog scalps, as well as to external individuals submitting or collecting wild dog scalps.

3. Statement

Wild dogs are an identified pest animal to the grazing industry within Maranoa Regional Council and are classified as restricted matter under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. Council pays a Wild Dog Scalp Bounty to support landholders to meet their obligations under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, and to encourage an integrated approach to the management of wild dogs.

A bounty payment is made directly to landholders, registered trappers or casual persons for each wild dog scalp presented that resulted from a wild dog destroyed within Maranoa Regional Council.

Wild dog bounty payments are funded from Council's landholder pest management levy, which is reviewed annually.

Refer to Council's Fees and Charges for the wild dog bounty payment amount.

Maranoa Regional Council recommends the use of the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions “FeralScan” app to improve data collection and assist with decision making across the region.

Click here for more information.



4. Processes

4.1. Claimants

- a. Ensure wild dogs are destroyed humanely. Trapping of wild dogs must comply with *NATSOP-DOG001 National Standard Operating Procedure: Trapping of wild dogs using padded-jaw traps*.
- b. Ensure scalps meet the requirements specified in this policy.
- c. Present scalps for destruction to a Council Drop-Off Location, or to a Nominated Scalp Collector, or a Councillor. Ensure scalps are provided in an appropriate, leak-proof bag.
- d. Complete a *Claim for Wild Dog Bonus Payment Form* and sign the Claimant Declaration. The Lot on Plan where scalps were taken must be provided on the form.
- e. The location the scalp was taken must be verified by either a GPS point/s where the dog was destroyed, or written confirmation from the landowner/occupier that the dog was destroyed on that property. Submission into FeralScan meets verification requirements.

4.2. Delegated Council Officer

- a. Review the *Claim for Wild Dog Bonus Payment Form*, ensuring that it is fully completed and correct.
- b. The number of scalps must be verified and accurately reconciled with the quantity recorded on the form.
 - i. If number of scalps do not correspond with the number submitted on the form, then contact the claimant and provide the option to either personally verify the count or proceed with processing the quantity as determined.
- c. After verification, scalps are to be destroyed or painted and put in the animal pit at the closest Maranoa Regional Council owned Waste Facility.

- d. If the number of scalps correspond with the number submitted on the form, sign '**CERTIFICATE OF DESTRUCTION OF SCALPS**' on the form and submit form for processing.

4.3. Nominated Scalp Collector or Councillor

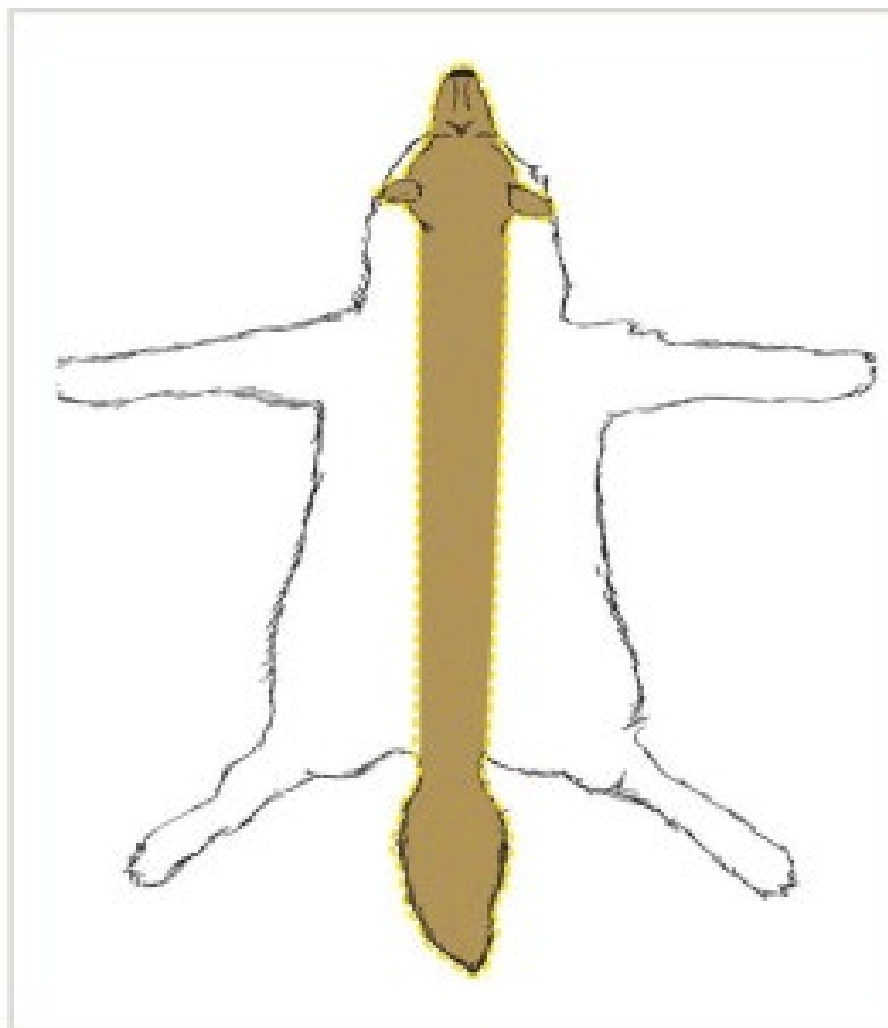
- a. Receive scalp/s from Claimant.
- b. Review the *Claim for Wild Dog Bonus Payment Form* received from the claimant, ensuring that it is fully completed and correct.
- c. The number of scalps must be verified with claimant present. **Take a photograph of the scalps to submit with the claim form.**
- d. If the number of scalps correspond with the number submitted on the form, sign '**CERTIFICATE OF DESTRUCTION OF SCALPS**' on the form.
- e. **Submit form and photographic evidence** to Maranoa Regional Council via email to council@maranoa.qld.gov.au or in person at a Customer Service Centre.
- f. After verification, scalps must be destroyed by incineration or painted and dumped.

5. Council Drop-Off Locations

Location	Address	Accepts Scalps
Roma Depot	1 Cartwright Street Roma 4455	Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Mitchell Waste Management Facility	St George Road Mitchell 4465	Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Surat Service Centre	73 Burrowes Street Surat 4417	Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Yuleba Service Centre	20 Stephenson Street Yuleba 4427	Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Injune Service Centre	32 Hutton Street Injune 4454	Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm

6. Requirements for a Wild Dog Scalp

- A single piece of skin from tip of tail to nose that includes the ears (see diagram).
- Scalps must be dried, salted or frozen. Decomposed, rotten or whole bodies will not be accepted.
- Multiple scalps must be presented separately.
- The scalp must be obtained within Maranoa Regional Council.
- Scalps from unborn pups will not be accepted.



--- Dotted yellow line denotes the edge of the acceptable body part required to apply for the bounty

7. Definitions

Delegated Council Officer

Maranoa Regional Council employee in any of the following positions:

- Rural Lands Services Officer
- Biosecurity Officer
- Coordinator Rural Lands
- Manager Community Safety and Rural Lands
- Town and Surrounds – Team Leader
- Or other Council Officer by approval by a Director

Nominated Scalp Collector

External person endorsed by the Biosecurity Advisory Committee to carry out the activity of receiving and destroying scalps for the purpose of facilitating payments under the Wild Dog Scalp Bounty program.

Bounty

Money paid as a reward.

Claimant

A person making a claim.

Scalp

A single piece of skin from tip of tail to nose that includes the ears.

Wild Dog

Purebred dingo, dingo hybrid, or domestic dog that has escaped or has been deliberately released and now lives in the wild.

8. Related Policies and Legislation

Animal Care and Protection Act 2001

Animal Management (cats and dogs) Act 2008

Australian Pest Animal Strategy 2017–2027 (cth)

Biosecurity Act 2014

Local Government Act 2009

National Wild Dog Action Plan

NATSOP-DOG001 National Standard Operating Procedure: Trapping of wild dogs using padded-jaw traps

Pest Management Act 2001 (cth)

Queensland Invasive Plants and Animals Strategy 2019-2024

Maranoa Regional Council Biosecurity Plan 2023 - 2027