

## Co-ordinated Feral Pig Baiting

For the first time Burdekin Shire Council are hoping to reduce Feral pig numbers by co-ordinating as many volunteer landholders who have feral pig issues to pre-feed feral pigs for 3 days and then have council staff to administer 1080 at the bait station.

Landholders can pre-feed with seasonal surplus fruit and vegetables, grain or soaked cracked corn. This is essential to lure as many pigs as possible to the site by pre-feeding 72 hours in advance. You must give at least 72 hours notification to all neighbours whose property adjoins the property of the proposed bait site. Adjoining properties are properties that share a common boundary and properties that are on the other side of a road or waterway adjacent to the property of the proposed bait site.

The notification must advise that steps need to be taken to ensure domestic dogs do not gain access to 1080 baits or poisoned animals (e.g. restraint, muzzling). The notification should be in writing and must specify the dates between which baiting will occur.

When setting up your pre-feeding station, look for an area where you have seen feral pig tracks or activity, keeping 20 meters away from a water body and 5 meters away from a boundary fence. Like they say location is everything!!

If you would like to participate or would like use of a Council pig trap, please contact Burdekin Shire Council Pest Management Officers on (07) 4783 9000 for more information.

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