

RABBIT CONTROL UPDATE

Spring Farm Bush Corridor

The Spring Farm Bush Corridor, which adjoins the suburb of Spring Farm, protects the Endangered and Critically Endangered Ecological Communities of Elderslie Banksia Scrub Forest and Cumberland Plain Woodland that are found there.

Rabbits are known to occur throughout the Camden Local Government Area. However, there is a significant rabbit population in the Spring Farm Bush Corridor that is causing damage to the bushland and creating a nuisance to neighboring properties. The *Biosecurity Act* 2015 lists rabbits as 'priority pests' and requires land managers to continually control and suppress rabbit populations on their land.

This pest control program will complement the restoration and revegetation work being carried out by Council, to enhance remnant bushland in this area. This program is funded by the NSW Government's Saving Our Species grant, and aims to secure the future of threatened native plants and animals in the area.



Location map



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Baiting of rabbits

Following an assessment of the rabbit population in the Spring Farm Bush Corridor, Council will be undertaking baiting of rabbits using a rodenticide, called Pindone, and will follow this up with warren destruction if required.

What is Pindone?

Pindone is a first generation (multiple dose) anti-coagulant rodenticide, used to control rabbits. Pindone is controlled by the *Pesticides Act 1999* and will be used within the guidelines of this act and the directions on the label. Specific training and close guidance is also required by NSW Local Land Services before the baiting commences.

Pindone is highly dangerous to pets (especially dogs and cats) and humans, as it is poisonous when swallowed. If poisoning occurs, you should seek medical assistance immediately from a doctor or veterinarian as an antidote is available.

When will the baiting be undertaken?

Council will undertake Pindone baiting on 7 June and 21 June 2021.

Poison free feeds will be undertaken a few days prior to commencing of baiting.

Bait stations will be moved around the corridor and associated temporary fencing will remain in place, while the baiting and monitoring is undertaken. If required at the completion of the baiting, Council may also remove the rabbit warrens (using machinery) to prevent rabbits recolonising in the area.

How is baiting undertaken?

Pindone poisoned baits (Pindone carrots) will be laid in the bait stations. The baiting area will be monitored daily and any bait that is uneaten will be collected and destroyed.

To ensure public safety, Council will be fencing off the baiting station areas to prevent any contact with the poison bait by residents and other non-target animals. To ensure the safety of pets it is strongly recommended to keep pets out of the baiting program site and leave your pet animals inside. As an added precaution dogs should be kept on a leash, when you are walking near the Spring Farm Bush Corridor.



Who can I contact if I have any questions?

For more information about the baiting, call 0412 152 998. For general enquiries please contact Council on 4654 7777.



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