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CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (Qld) NEWS

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Message from the Committee Chairman

The last 3 months has seen many new projects get underway including 'Stanthorpe Amiens', 'Stanthorpe Border', 'Blackwater South', 'Boulia Bilby' and an island off the coast of Nth Qld.

CWM now assists with feral animal management on over 40 properties covering well over 1 million hectares in Qld. This is set to increase to over 50 properties in the next 3 months

Our membership continues to grow and is now well over 400. We welcome all these new conservation hunters and are very pleased with the high quality of volunteers joining the team.

Something that Mark Woods, our state coordinator has always said is "You get as much out of CWM as you put in". With all the new projects that have started, and are due to start, we require CWM members that would like to move from spectators and be

participants in our highly respected organisation

Here's how you can help:

Project Leaders –to do 'relationship & project management' of one or two projects. The main responsibilities of this role are to communicate with the landholder on a regular basis, organise dates to attend the project, act as team leader when you can and coordinate team leaders for those times that you aren't able to attend a project. Contact; Damien Ferguson, Mark Woods, Graham Blines, Greg de Koning, Justin Boseley or Randle Irvin.

Team Leaders - Right across the state we would like to see more members step up and volunteer for the roles of team leaders in order that we attend to all projects as agreed. Contact your nearest regional coordinator or project leader – see the calendar of projects for these contacts.

Accreditation Course

Facilitators – With the many new members joining, our existing facilitators are stretched. If you believe you have the necessary expertise/experience in the following areas - training, hunting, bush craft, navigation, first aid, wildlife management etc please call Owen McIntyre (Sth East Qld), Graham Blines/Paul Thompson (Mackay), Col Hughes/Randle Irvin/ (Townsville) or Justin Boseley (Airlie Beach) to offer your support.

In late June all the CWM branches from across Australia are meeting on the Gold Coast for the **SSAA National Hunters Workshop 2013** to discuss many ideas related to hunting.

There are 2 questions in my report at this workshop that I would like your help with:

1. Does your state or territory have any ideas that you would like to share that will help us all

promote The Year of the Hunter in the last half of the year?

2. Please list your top 10 'Hot Topics' which you would like to be part of a group discussion session.

Please email me at the address below with **SSAA National Hunters Workshop 2013** in the email subject line.

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CWM and SSAA Farmer Assist – Working together to be part of the solution

The release of the Farmer Assist (FA) Pilot Program by SSAA National and SSAA Queensland is a great step forward in 2013, the Year of the Hunter. It will help provide hunting opportunities for current and new SSAA members.

The program is not designed to devalue the work of CWM, your skills or even be in direct competition to your projects. CWM provides an extremely high standard and professional service which SSAA (both National and State) expect for shooting projects that take place on public land in Queensland. Working on the public estate brings with it a higher level of responsibility and accountability, and that is something that CWM is all about. The team and management structure of CWM is a perfect fit for projects on public land requiring coordinated pest animal control.

CWM's standards and professionalism can also overlap on private land where activities require teams of people to work in collaboration to achieve project outcomes. Examples include conducting activities in partnership with large private conservation groups, NRM groups and even groups of landholders.

The FA program will not effect on the above CWM activities. In fact, I believe the FA program is a potential recruitment tool to continue to build the CWM resource base and brand. There are many SSAA members who have that higher level of commitment and passion for the environment who currently don't know about CWM. This program will provide an opportunity to spread the CWM message far and wide and get in the minds of those people. It will also be a driver for more projects and greater government and industry recognition.

During the initial phase of the FA program registration process, I have personally talked to SSAA members who have the time and interest to be potential CWM members. I have referred them to the CWM website and hopefully they will like what they see and subsequently join up, undertake the training and be part of CWM.

CWM deals with projects requiring differing levels of coordination, the FA program is solely designed to allow individual SSAA members to undertake jobs posted by and under total control of the farmer. There is no need for any SSAA coordination apart from providing the online

interface to allow farmers to post jobs and SSAA members to reply to them. Put simply, the program is similar to a dating service where a person (farmer) assesses and selects another person (SSAA member) before they meet (attend his/her property) and then take the relationship from there. The farmer has total control on the situation and the job itself could be anything from a simple a once off fox stakeout to a regular shooting/culling commitment.

The accreditation process for the FA program is designed to be less involved that what is required for CWM. CWM members therefore have direct access/qualification into the program if they wish. The motive behind the accreditation process is to provide a practical and theory component equivalent to what so-called professional shooters need. Based on the assessment of requirements to become a professional kangaroo harvester (where prospective harvesters need to be able to shoot a 80mm group from a supported position and abide by Codes of Practices), we have developed an accreditation process that delivers a 'professional' like standard.

We always hear the cries of the animal rights lobby and The Greens saying that pest control should be left to professionals. The FA program provides members with 'professional' standards without a price to the farmer. Having a commitment to safety, animal welfare and ethical hunting will ensure this program has credibility. We all know that CWM already has standards well above the bar set for so-called professional

shooters and because of this you have a growing level of credibility in the bank.

For more information on the SSAA Farmer Assist Pilot program, I invite you to take a moment and read through the material provided on the program webpage (www.ssaa.org.au/farmer-assit-pilot) outlining the program.

Please feel free to contact me to answer any of your questions in regards to this program on spoh@ssaa.org.au

Matt Godson
SSAA Farmer Assist Program
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SSAA National

South East Queensland Report

The regular feral control on Stewarddale has been going along well with good numbers of members attending. We have been getting out and around Stewarddale seeing more of the property and seeing where the ferals are moving around. With the cooler weather this time of year we will be doing more of walking, looking and seeing. I would like to thank those members who helped run the project while I was away.

The SE training weekend coming up on the weekend 15th -16th of June at Stewarddale is a great time to come along and get involved in "your CWM". This will help you get to know more about what is happening and opportunities to get into a field project. Find directions to Stewarddale for the training weekend at

<http://cwm.ssaaqld.org.au/content/article/41-top-headlines/137-seq-stewarddale-via-ripley-training-weekends-details.html>

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My Moonie Trip

Being one of CWM's youngest members, I was joining the team going to the Moonie project in December 2012. I had packed my stuff, made sure I had the ammo and was excited to go on my first trip with CWM. Driving there in the car with Mark Woods, I had been thinking about all the pest species I may get the chance to see and maybe help the team by culling some. We got to Moonie and on the first night I got to do just that!



My first pig

After attending a meeting about the pig and dog populations with the locals and some National Park Rangers, we traveled to the location that we were hunting in. The first night we were there we went out in the trucks and started our hunt.

I was in the back and was able to have a turn at shooting first up.

After driving out from the house and along the road a bit we spotted a pig so I popped the mag in, closed the bolt, put the crosshairs on the pig and dropped my first pig with a 150 grain Hornaday soft point from my .308. After that the trip got even better. I shot another 13 pigs, 5 goats, 2 hares and a fox resulting in a great first trip for me.

Central Queensland

Project Bilby

In late April we were approached to help with a very urgent project in Central Western Queensland. Since the crash of the long tailed rat plague a few months earlier, cats were eating bilbies like there was no tomorrow. So a team was put together at short notice. Two members travelled from Townsville and two from Brisbane, arriving the second week of May to be on ground for 6 to 7 days

The property is 1600km from Brisbane via Charleville, Quilpie and Windorah with the last 75km taking about 2 hours due to rough roads (goat tracks really!). Coming from Brisbane the trip would be best done over two days. If coming from Townsville it is about 1300km and has better roads in I believe.



Shot the cat 30 seconds too late



Looking east



5 minutes too late



Same spot looking west

Head fly nets are a must for sanity reasons and meat ants come by the tonne. If you got heavy rain (50ml) you would not be able to get out for at least 8 days or more as you are on part of the Diamantina Lakes drainage system. This is an important consideration when participating in this project. Summer temperatures will be extreme reaching up to 50°C and winter in the minuses is typical of the weather extremes.

The bore water was quite drinkable but if taking your own - remember in summer how hot it can get. Cooking facilities were basic with one two burner stove, a few pots and a well beaten frying pan. Each room has one bed and room for a second fold out one if required. Each room has a reverse air conditioner that works when the power plant is running.

Participants were required to help with all aspects of the data collection from removing stomach contents to helping identify what is in their diet and recording it on data collection sheets as well as DNA sampling.



Cat's stomach contents including female bilby and her young

Our team took 54 of the 131 cats shot on the trip with a total of 2775 removed in the last eight months. The property manager has done a spot light survey since we left and no cats were seen in the areas that we had been working in. This is very good news for the

bilbies that are left. Due to the recent rains out there, and the now low cat numbers, a follow up control has been put on hold for now.

Of the 131 cats taken, over one third had bilby in their stomach contents and just about every cat taken had one or more native animals of some description – birds, mammals or reptiles in its stomach.



Cat's stomach contents including Curl snake, Simpsons goanna, Grasshoppers and big centipedes with some bilby fur for good measure

As the property is very flat (you can see the curvature of the earth from just about anywhere on the park). This means that the cats have nowhere to hide except down a bilby hole (if it fits) and by using a rifle with a light report it does not frighten the next cat into looking for a bilby hole. The ideal rifles for this are .22 Mag and .17HMR as you just drive along about 30m behind the cat until it stops then shoot it. You then record the waypoint and write its number on a piece of flagging tape. Take a photo of the cat then fill in the datasheet. Finally, store the cat for dissection the next morning. Then you are right to move on to get the next one.

The highlight of the trip for me, and at least two other members, was getting to shoot a cat just seconds before it took

a bilby. The bilby then stayed around to let us take some photos and video of it, up to the point where two of us were able to pat it. We have since been told that it is extremely rare for this to happen.

Being able to work with people that really know the animals, including birds and reptiles, within the area you are working was a big bonus as it gave you a much better understanding of how everything fits in and some of its past history both boom and bust.

I have come away from this trip with a much greater understanding of the Bilby and how important a part we play with feral animal control on endangered species projects.

I hope to share some of the things that we learned, and were privileged to see, over the next few months - like what we had for tea last night!

Cheers - Team Bilby

Blackwater South Project

The first trip to Blackwater South project went off without a hitch. The 4 attending members all had a great time with a total of 20 scrub cattle and 2 pigs taken for the week.

We all arrived on site Friday afternoon, coming from as far as Brisbane and Proserpine. The property managers were very helpful, giving us accommodation at the barracks Friday night before heading down to the property next morning. Saturday was the official start to the project and the property manager gave us an induction to the property and

also provided us with an extra quad bike

We then commenced the 1.5hr drive into the property. The trip is not far but clearing trees and putting up signs takes a bit of time. On arrival we set up base camp, home for the next 7 days. In the afternoon we split into 2 groups and went in opposite directions. Johann and myself to the west with Greg and Owen heading to the East. The Western team saw nothing and the feed on the ground was limited, the eastern team scored a Scrub cow and pig. Not bad for the first afternoon.



Over the next week we concentrated on the East side an area approx. 5 km deep by 8 km long. This area could not support any more than 4 hunters. We operated mainly in 2 man teams for the week as this proved to be the most successful. During the week a large amount of walking was done as it is the only way to access the areas where the cattle are. A typical day's hunt would include a short ride on the quads then walk for the next 3 to 4 hours covering a distance of approx. 10 km, back for lunch and then repeat the process in the afternoon to finish about 1800hrs. For this trip a fair degree of fitness is required and lighter weight rifle

as you will be carrying it for a fair while.



A couple of close calls with some angry bulls and cows indicated that the minimum caliber for this should be raised to at least 338 Win Mag with 250grn projectiles. Some of the cattle we shot we have gone the best part of 1000kgs live weight with big horns and angry attitude. As the week progressed we noticed the cattle become a lot more aware of us and would take off as soon as they heard us. If we got close enough they had no hesitation in dropping their heads and charging. A well-placed shot with a 375H&H fixed that.



This was a really good project to be on with plenty of adrenalin charged moments, there is nothing quite like a 700kg cow staring you down and then running for the largest tree in the area with an angry cow following. The whole trip went without an issue or incident, a credit to those who attended

and the support from Blackwater South property staff.



Good location, great hunting, fantastic friends = awesome time. My thanks to Owen, Greg and Johann for a fantastic week, looking forward to the next trip.

Totals

2 Large Pigs
13 Scrub Bulls
7 Scrub Cows

Regards Wayne Bowker

Avocet Report

Avocet nature reserve is part of an important, on-going CWM project supporting the conservation of the endangered Bridled Nailtail Wallaby. Our major job is pest animal management, in particular, the threat the wallaby faces from invasive predators such as feral dogs and cats.



The team

During the last week of April, 24th -28th, a group of 4 members from Brisbane and another 8 members from the Mackay Region attended the Avocet Project. For 5 of the group from Mackay it was their first trip as CWM members. Four of this group were very keen to try out their new spotlighting rig, an old Suzuki Sierra which is being slowly transformed into Adrian's dream machine. The "Suzy" and Pete's Kawasaki Teryx (or T-Rex as he affectionately calls it) were both towed on trailers for the 900km there and back. You can't say they weren't keen.



Night time work was the main focus

We also had access to an adjoining Reserve as well as neighbouring cropping land and Mark was keen to show the newcomers around and explain limitations and boundaries etc. Whilst most of the hunting took place at night under spotlight other opportunities were not overlooked with Mark & Glenys setting the cat traps at nearby Minerva Mine site. Several traps were also set on Avocet by other members of the group. Early morning walks were undertaken by some of the group and I have to own up that

"yours truly" became "slightly geographically challenged" on one of these walks in the thick scrub.

During the time we were there we saw one mob of about a dozen pigs already in top gear heading across a paddock of sorghum stubble. Nick did well to take a good size boar from the mob with his .25-06 under the light. This was the only pig taken and the only mob seen during the trip. The rest of our tally was 2 cats trapped at Minerva, 8 hares and 2 rabbits.



Nick's boar

Other animals seen were 1 fox which was a long way out in the farming country and another 6 cats either in thick timber & grass or at the edges of a green forage crop which was being harvested next door. Unfortunately they were all quicker than us and no shots were able to be taken at any of them.

Not one dog was seen during the duration of the trip however every day fresh tracks were noticed over our vehicle tracks from the night before. There was enough sign in different parts of the properties

(particularly Avocet) and howling at night to indicate that there are several dogs around. High grass and plenty of water around at the moment makes them difficult to hunt.

Graham Blines.

Avocet Bird List

Danielle Bain accompanied by husband Norm came along to Avocet as an observer. Danielle is an avid bird watcher and has compiled this list of birds and butterflies she identified whilst at Avocet.

Birds

Black faced cuckoo shrike

Brown falcon

Crow

Double barred finch

Ducks:

- Grey teal
- Hard head
- Pacific black
- Wood duck

Grey fantail

Honeyeaters:

- White plumed honeyeater
- White throated or black chinned honeyeater – not sure which

Laughing kookaburra

Leaden flycatcher

Magpie

Mistletoe bird

Noisy friar bird

Olive backed oriole

Pardalote – at least two different types, one being the striated cinnamon rumped form, I think

Parrots:

- Galah
- Pale headed rosella
- Red winged parrot

- Sulphur crested cockatoo
- Peaceful dove
Pied butcher bird
Pied currawong
Red capped robin – female
Rufous whistler
Straw Necked Ibis
Thornbills:
 - Inland thornbill
 - Yellow thornbillWilly wagtail

Butterflies

Butterflies are not something I am very knowledgeable about but there were so many around the camp I could not resist starting a list. I have compiled it with reference to various books I have collected over the years of being interested in nature.

Wanderer

Lesser Wanderer

Common Grass Yellow

Lemon Migrant

Blue Tiger

Glasswing

Common Australian Crow

Northern Jezabel (I think)

Caper White (I think)

Blue Argus (I think)

? Chequered Swallowtail (On a couple of occasions I saw a large butterfly with cream and black striped markings on the upper side with a red mark at the inner base of each wing. It flew off just as I had the camera ready! I have not found any picture in the few books that I have which can help me identify it.)

Danielle Bain, April 2013

Gladstone Report

Unfortunately we have not been on any of our area projects due to wet weather in recent times. We have however run an accreditation course for 8 and are planning to run another in about 8 weeks time.

Greg De Koning

North Queensland

First Island Project Report

As part of the contract between CWM and our major government partner organisation the first of the Island projects was conducted last week. The project aim was to continue the works to eradicate feral goats from the Island. This was a joint project conducted between both parties. They provided the boat, crew and two team members and CWM provided two members.

We departed from Able Point Mariana Airlie Beach QLD approximately 9:00 am for the 4 hour trip. The boat (our sleep aboard mother ship) was a 13m alloy construction complete with RIB tender, Skipper and one crew and was to be our base for the trip.

Our partner crew came well equipped with M14 M1A shortened for helicopter work, Remington 760 pump action 12G with extended tube and a Rugger M77 SS .223. Andrew and I were sporting SS Sako's in .270 and 30-06 respectively. Having previously hunted this island I was expecting some long shots in windy conditions.

Prior to the trip our partner informed me that they had conducted major works to eradicate goats including helicopter shooting accounting for some 1,500 animals. The remaining animals were now isolated to the heavily wood areas of the Island and with the removal of the vast majority of goats Lantana taken hold with a vengeance. With animals now restricted to the heavily wooded areas consideration need to be given to suitable firearms. A shotgun could be well used in some areas.



Steve & Andrew in the RIB

On arriving we circumnavigated the Island for a visual inspection for goats with none being sighted. My heart sank as this was going to be tough as we would be in the steep wooded areas. We anchored and went ashore to recover and replace the trail cams from the previous trip. From the trail cams a mob of 4 goats were visiting a fresh water point every other day and a mob of 8 goats were visiting a patch of mangroves in another bay daily between 7:30 am to 11:30 am. With the day done it was decided that tomorrow one team would stake out one bay from the point furthest from the spot the goats were visiting with a range of 150 to 200m. The second team would go to the other bay and up to see what they could flush out.



Steve & Andrew ready to be picked up

After the first morning of stake outs and walking by two teams no goats had been sighted. After lunch it was decided Steve, Andrew and I would skirt the shore line around one bay and go up and over to the next bay while Brett would go around to the different area to set up a third trail cam. While skirting the shore line a black billy was spotted at approximately 200m. Using Andrews shoulder for a rest I promptly missed as did my follow up shot. My worst case scenario. We followed the billy into the tree line where it was located and dispatched by Andrew. The billy was identified as one of the animals on the trail cam photos.



Andrew's Billy

Wednesday was a similar plan with Brett and I lying in wait at a bay hide and Steve and Andrew foot slogging the hills. We accounted for one heavily pregnant nanny at 10:45 am to a single shot from my 30-06 at approximately 160m. This goat was also identified from the trail cam photos. After waiting 40

minutes Brett and I skirted the shore line hoping to locate the rest of the mob with no success.

After meeting on the mother ship mid-afternoon with Steve and Andrew sighting no goats we again circumnavigated the Island and a Judas goat was spotted with a black goat. Brett and I were set ashore in the adjacent bay and worked our way across. The goats were nowhere in sight and while moving into a better position to view the tree line I spotted the black goat disappearing into the vegetation. The Judas goat was clearly visible as we pushed into the tree line with the light fading fast. We followed the Judas goat but the black goat was not seen again. With the tide coming in and the wind picking up ride back to the mother ship was very wet and with choppy waters. All persons and equipment was well soaked with sea water.



Trying to locate Judas goat with VHF tracking equipment.

Thursday was to be a similar plan but was cut short when the big boat had an exhaust manifold failure requiring us to return to Able Point on one engine, a trip of approximately 7 hours. Steve and Andrew spotted 3 goats on the northern end of the Island with Andrew recording a miss from approximately 130m. Being confident of the shot I checked the rifle back at SSAA Mackay range, the zero was off

high and right. Some where it the multiple mounting and dismounting of the RIB perhaps the scope had received a significant knock.

Our partner organisation has conducted a highly efficient cull of goats on this island with minimal numbers of goats remaining. With such difficult terrain these goats will be extremely difficult to eradicate. The partner team were highly motivated, efficient and it was a pleasure to be part of the crew for this trip. Without their knowledge I don't know where we would have started where on my previous trip some 470 goats were accounted for on foot in the more open areas.

It is my opinion that servicing the Island will be difficult logistically with the need to be self-sufficient. The use of a suitable vessel as a base is ideal but availability and cost will be a real issue. The mother ship had sleeping capacity for five with the sixth person (me) in a swag on the back deck, all good until it blew up and poured with rain. Also fuel consumption of 85-95 litres per hour makes circum navigating the Island to spot goats an expensive method of operation.

Bob Engwirda - Trip Leader

Whitsunday report

With such a long lasting wet the prospect of any projects was put on the back burner. It's been a time to hone reloads, strip and clean those well used toys and read up on possible projects for the future.

Meetings with key government property managers was something achieved over the

Christmas period. The prospect of more of these properties being brought online for the region is looking positive.

An accreditation day was held in April for 7 new members. With numbers swelling to near 30 in the Bowen/Whitsundays region we now have a great talent pool of seasoned members.

A lesson I'd like to pass on to all members is the threat of mosquito and tick borne diseases. Tropical Queensland is both a beautiful place to live and a breeding ground for tropical diseases. Lately, I've managed to pick up Ross River Virus, Barmah Forrest Virus, Dengue Fever, and Scrub Typhus Fever all of which can put a dent in anyone's energy and enthusiasm. Symptoms of long lasting muscle and joint pains, fevers, and lethargy to name a few are nothing to shirk about. The big wets we've had have been the perfect conditions for all of the above to flourish. Be sure to take the threat seriously and use preventative measures rather than my approach of she'll be right mate!

Justin Boseley

Townsville report

Not much news on the new projects developing in our area. They are at various stages at the moment and I will advise the details as the projects are finalised.

We had 4 members (2 from the north and 2 from the south) who went off to do battle with the cats at one of our very newest projects in a portfolio of properties from a major

government department. CWM only had 4 weeks notice to get this project running and I'm very impressed with the way our members made it happen. The project is a very interesting one with a very high urgency given to threatened Bilbys. I understand there will be second trip very soon. All those interested should put your names forward ASAP.

On a related note we in the North use our GPS configured to UTM, Universal Transverse Mercator. The GPS is becoming one of the most important items in our kit. Projects in the Townsville area specify that a GPS as "not optional" and must be configured to UTM with the current WGS 84 datum. A map and compass may not be your saviour on the property mentioned above were the curve of the earth is the only high point. Maps are useless if you can't triangulate your position from landscape features, usually a high point. Everything is the same out on that flat country.

The Townsville group are holding their monthly CWM range day on 8th June starting 9.00 am at the Thuringowa SSAA Range. The shoot will focus on accuracy against time. Following the shoot there will be range time available for CWM members to check loads and sighting. General discussion of developments in the local area will be at mid-day.

Randle Irvin – 0411040010

The Joys of Hunting

Over the years I have found that hunting involves many hours in the looking and a few minutes of shooting.



The joys of going to places, seeing and doing different things are all part of the drive to hunt. I have had the opportunity to help sort 1000 cattle in the cattle yards after assisting with a helicopter muster. I have helped make sausages and roasts from country killed beasts and rebuilt gateways and cattle yards.



The property owners have given us the use of cottages and shearers quarters complete with fridges, freezers, hot showers, sometimes for 3 weeks at a time. All they ask is that we treat the property and themselves with respect. Our motto has been to "treat it as if we owned it". This means leaving it better than when we arrived - clean and tidy. Most times we take extra gear and repair things that we noticed last time needed

repairing - little things like hinges or door handles. We have even repaired their ride on mower that had stopped working.

Next time you are staying on a property look around and ask yourself what can I do to make it better?

Ken Payne

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Upcoming Activity Dates –2013

Be sure to mark the dates below in your diary and plan to come along. You never know – you might just be free on that date.

Hunting Activities - Attendance at activities **must** be arranged with the Team Leader (Contact) as most activities will have a safe operating limit.

June			
8 th - 16 th	Moonie Pigs	Southern	Damien Ferguson
8 th	Townsville Training/Range Day - Thuringowa	Northern	Randle Irvin
15 th - 16 th	Training Week end	Southern	Brett Marais
15 th - 16 th	Avocet	Central	Brad Hughes
15 th - 22 nd	Gladstone Pigs	Central	Greg de Koning
July			
13 th	Townsville Training/Range Day - Thuringowa	Northern	Randle Irvin
15 th - 19 th	Calliope Pigs	Central	Greg de Koning
20 th - 21 st	Stewartdale Feral Control	Southern	Owen McIntyre
18 th - 19 th	Blackwater Project	Central	Rod Costin
20 th - 26 th	Blackwater South Project	Central	Wayne Bowker
August			
3 rd - 10 th	Moonie Pigs	Southern	Damien Ferguson
10 th	Townsville Training/Range Day - Thuringowa	Northern	Randle Irvin
10 th - 17 th	Gladstone Pigs	Central	Greg de Koning
17 th - 18 th	Avocet	Central	Brad Hughes
17 th - 18 th	Stewartdale Feral Control	Southern	Owen McIntyre
September			
9 th - 13 th	Calliope Pigs	Central	Greg de Koning
14 th	Townsville Training/Range Day - Thuringowa	Northern	Randle Irvin
21 st - 22 nd	Training Week end	Southern	Brett Marais
21 st - 22 nd	Blackwater Project	Central	Rod Costin
October			
5 th - 12 th	Moonie Pigs	Southern	Damien Ferguson
12 th	Townsville Training/Range Day - Thuringowa	Northern	Randle Irvin
12 th - 18 th	Blackwater South Project	Central	Wayne Bowker
19 th - 20 th	Avocet	Central	Brad Hughes
19 th - 20 th	Stewartdale Feral Control	Southern	Owen McIntyre
26 th - 2 nd	Gladstone Pigs	Central	Greg de Koning
November			
9 th	Townsville Training/Range Day - Thuringowa	Northern	Randle Irvin
16 th - 17 th	Training Week end	Southern	Brett Marais
16 th - 17 th	Blackwater Project	Central	Rod Costin
25 th - 29 th	Calliope Pigs	Central	Greg de Koning
December			
14 th	Townsville Training/Range Day - Thuringowa	Northern	Randle Irvin
30 th - 7 th	Moonie Pigs	Southern	Damien Ferguson
21 st - 22 nd	Stewartdale Feral Control	Southern	Owen McIntyre
30 th - 7 th	Gladstone Pigs	Central	Greg de Koning
Projects - Dates to be confirmed			
TBA	Stanthorpe 'Amiens' Project	Southern	Peter Keith
TBA	Gympie Dogs	Southern	Glen Neville
TBA	Mundubbera Dogs and Pigs	Southern	Peter Ferguson

TBA - For many of the projects marked as 'TBA', please contact the relevant project leader or keep a close eye on email traffic and the website <http://cwm.ssaaqld.org.au/calendar-of-events.html> for trip dates.

TBA ¹ - Dry season only

Project Target Species

Avocet – Primary - Foxes, Cats, Dogs. Secondary – Rabbits, Pigs

Blackwater – Feral Pigs, Dogs & cats.

Blackwater South – Feral Pigs and scrub cattle. Secondary – Cats.

Calliope – Feral pigs, foxes, cats & wild dogs.

Collinsville - Primary – Pigs.

Edgebaston – Primary – Feral Pigs, wild dogs, foxes & cats.

Gladstone – Primary – Feral Pigs, wild dogs, foxes & cats.

Gympie – Primary – Wild Dogs. Secondary – Feral Pigs, Foxes, Feral Cats and European Hares.

Longreach 'L', 'W', 'B' & 'D' projects – Primary – Feral Cats & Foxes. Secondary – Feral Pigs.

Moonie – Primary – Pigs, Goats, Foxes, Cats, Dogs, European Carp & Indian Mynah birds.

Mundubbera - Primary Dogs. Secondary pigs, cats & foxes

Stewartdale - Primary - Hares, Foxes, Cats, Dogs, Pigs

Stanthorpe 'Amiens' - Pigs, Foxes, Cats, Wild Dogs, Rabbits, Goats & Deer.

Townsville – Primary – Pigs

Serpentine Creek – Pigs

Pinnacles - Pigs