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Elmhurst Landcare Group rabbit baiting program

Elmhurst Landcare completed a successful rabbit baiting program in March this year. They targeted the Elmhurst township, surrounding outlying valleys and Amphitheatre.

The European rabbit, which was introduced to Victoria in 1859 (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) has been destructive to the environment and impacted agricultural production.

Pindone carrots were used in Elmhurst township to reduce rabbit populations. Poisoning with Pindone is required where it is unsuitable to use 1080 such as towns and semi-rural areas.

“We welcome townfolk to participate with Pindone,” President of Elmhurst Landcare Group Ben Greene said.

Sodium fluoroacetate, better known as 1080 was the bait supplied to farmers. Currently 1080 is the most effective, humane and species-specific pesticide available for pest animal control in Australia.

“You must have a 1080 endorsed A-cup or use an agent to be supplied 1080 bait and any dead rabbits must be picked up,” Greene said.

Twenty people participated in the program which has been ongoing with the Landcare group for more than twenty years. It is one of the successful programs that Elmhurst Landcare group runs each year.

Elmhurst Landcare conduct four meetings per year which include one on rabbit control; their annual general meeting; mid-year meeting; and Christmas meeting.

Membership fee: \$20 per farming business and \$10 for township members

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