

# PIRSA

## Dog Fence Board Activity, Inspection & Condition Report

20 December 2020 to 14 February 2021



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# Objective

This report, prepared by the Dog Fence Board, provides Dog Fence stakeholders with a quarterly report summarising Board and staff activities, and Dog Fence maintenance and repair activities undertaken by Local Dog Fence Boards and the private owner.

## Key activities

### Dog Fence Board

During the reporting period:

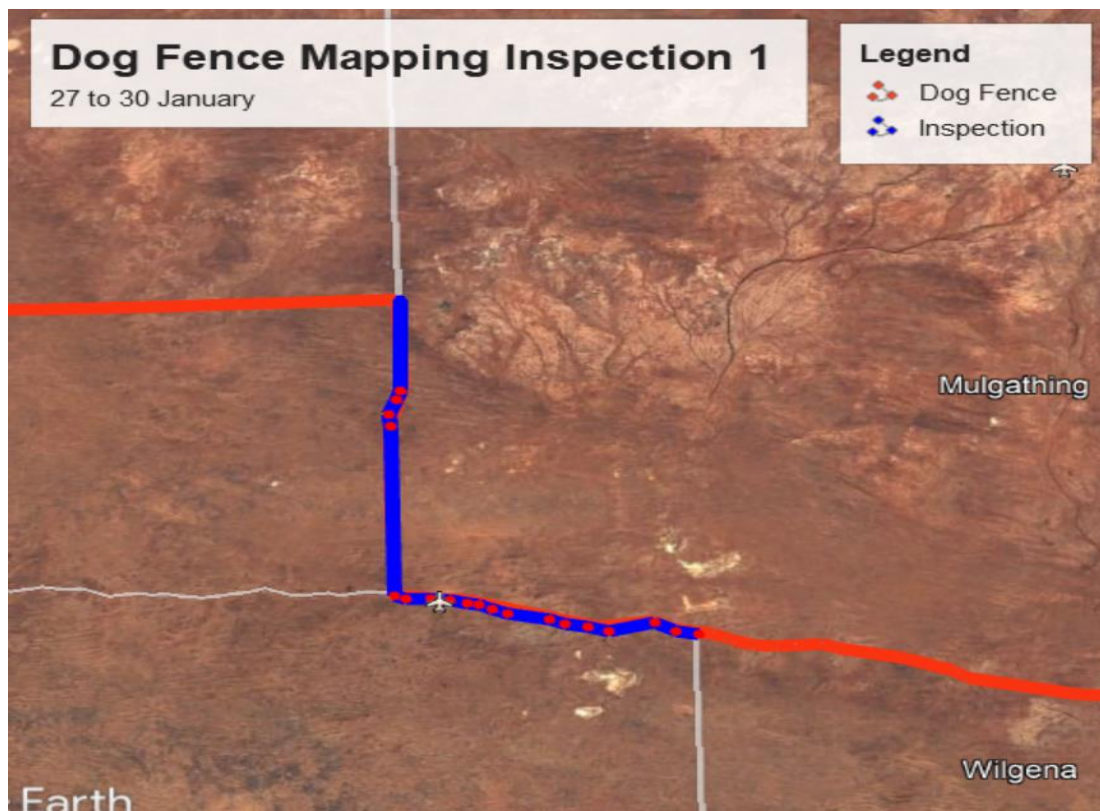
- Receipting of Rates notices is ongoing, majority have paid. Outstanding accounts received a 10% fine if unpaid by late December.
- Pallet racking and fencing material was delivered to Lyndhurst depot.
- The Board distributed a total of 1400 manufactured 1080 baits to patrolmen for deployment along fence.
- A further 5 Advance Communications Wild Dog Beeper units have been assembled for installation on Dog Fence grids/ramps and rail crossings.
- Lyndhurst depot fencing was badly damaged by high winds. A contractor was sourced, and the fence was repaired, and a new front fence was installed to improve site security.
- A Work, Health and Safety Audit was conducted on the Lyndhurst Depot.
- Significant WHS improvements have been made to Lyndhurst Depot including
  - Installation of pallet racking and workbench
  - Test and Tag for electrical equipment booked Feb 21.
  - Installation of safety and exit signage, First Aid and Emergency contacts
  - Installation of fire extinguishers
  - Forklift service
  - Purchase of PPE and spill kit
  - Tractor service booked Feb 21.
  - Removal of rubbish, scrap and disused equipment
- Purchase was made of 4x 700l chest freezers for Patrolmen to store baits. One for each LDFB. 2 have been delivered to site, 1 at Ceduna and 1 at Lyndhurst.
- 1350kg of meat has been sourced for meat bait production. 250kg has been delivered to Ceduna, the remaining 1100kg is in storage at Orroroo.
- Herbicide trial has begun on sections of Dog Fence in the Penong LDFB

# Inspections & patrols

## Dog Fence Board

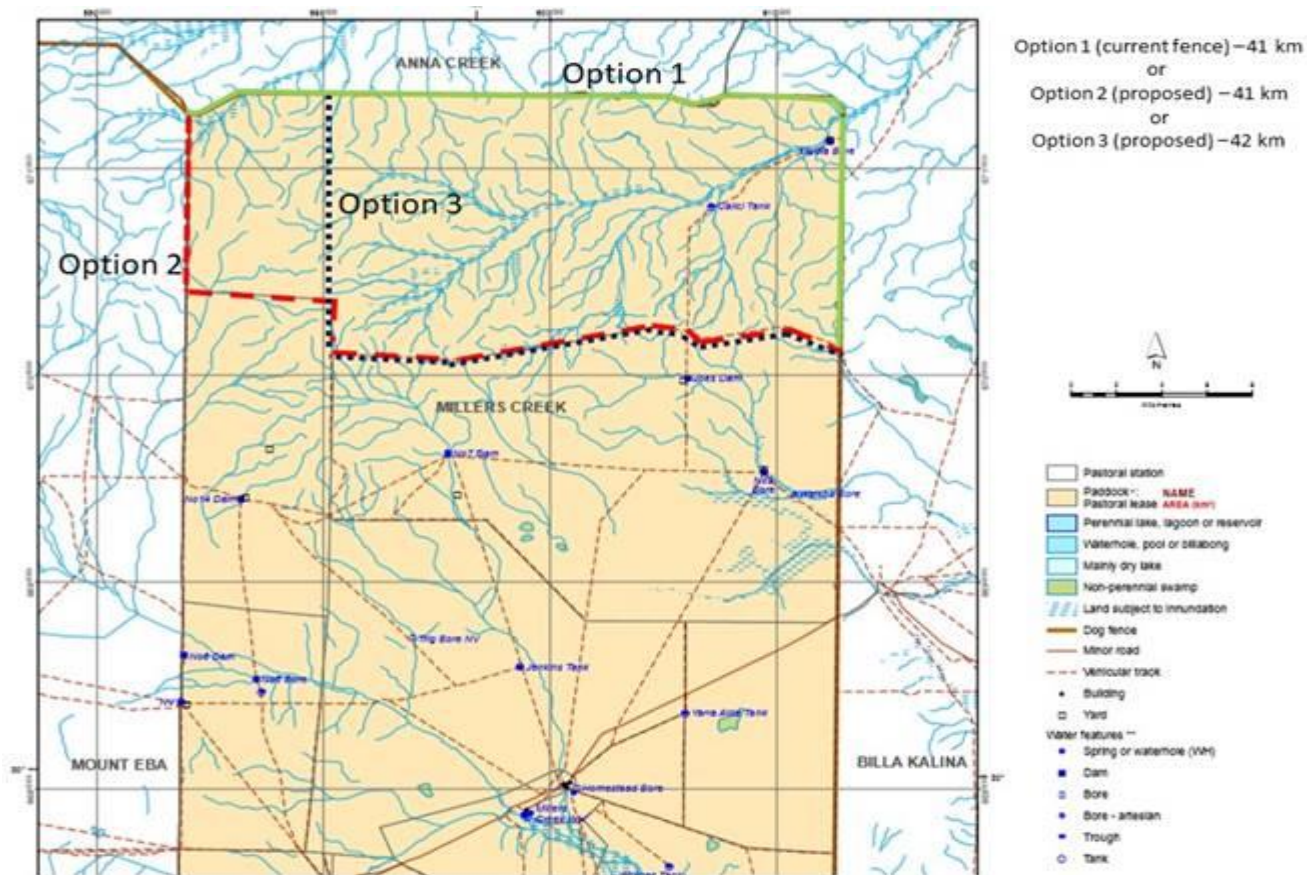
During the reporting period the Dog Fence Board undertook the following inspections:

Dog Fence Mapping Inspection 1	
Date	27 - 30 January 2021
Section/s	North West Private
Location description	Wilgena/Malbooma corner to Mt Christie Corner – approx. 50km
Inspected by	Dog Fence Rebuild Inspector and Biosecurity Operations Coordinator
Comments	This section was mapped for the Dog Fence rebuild. All gates, box frames and deviations in fence were recorded. Ready to start the rebuild process for these sections
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>



## Dog Fence Realignment Inspection 2

Date	2 – 4 February 2021
Section/s	Central
Location description	Mt Eba, Millers Creek
Inspected by	Dog Fence Rebuild Inspector and Dog Fence Rebuild Manager
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspection was made of a proposed Dog Fence realignment to the south of the current fence line.</li> </ul>
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This makes a lot of sense and will make maintenance much easier in future.</li> </ul>



Proposed realignment options



## Local Dog Fence Boards & private owner

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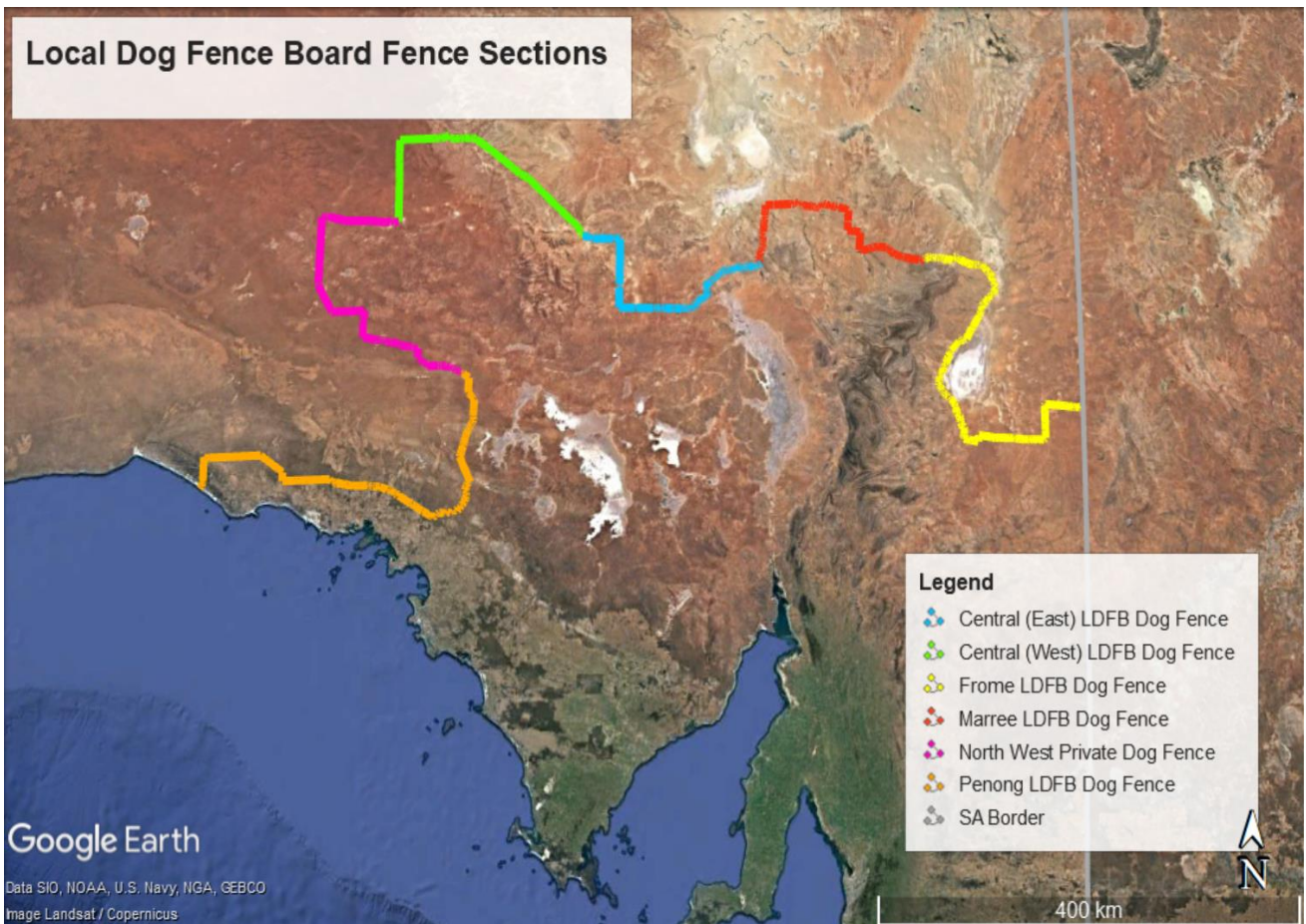
- The entire length of the fence was inspected at a minimum of every 14 days by the Patrolmen.
- All Patrolmen baited at a rate of 1 bait per 500m.
- Patrolmen reported wild dog activity occasionally on both sides of the fence. Penong LDFB reported dogs on most inspection runs.
- LDFB's are being set up to have 12 months supply of meat baits on hand.
- Penong LDFB are being trained to manage their own baiting requirements
- Significant rainfall created some sections of flood damage. Frome LDFB section received the most damage. Frome LDFB had floodgates down or sections of fence washed away or inaccessible. This required additional support to manage the repairs, and for additional safety. The patrolmen responded quickly and efficiently to achieve dog proof repairs.







Flooding in the Frome LDFB section





## Dog Fence Rebuild

Since Christmas the Rebuild Inspector has made trips to the current rebuild section along Frome Downs to inspect the rebuild, then onto Lyndhurst and Mundowdna to look at material delivery sites.

The Rebuild Inspector has made a trip to the Malbooma section of fence with the Biosecurity Operations Coordinator and mapped the fence from the Wilgena/Malbooma corner up along the railway line to the Mt. Christie corner. The rebuild process is now ready to start for these sections.

Dog Fence Rebuild Inspector and Dog Fence Rebuild Manager Also made a trip to Mt. Eba and Millers Creek to look at a proposed realignment. This makes a lot of sense and will make maintenance much easier in future.

Have also been working on trying to get deliveries in for the Marree sections of rebuild. Once again rain has played a part. We also are waiting for some station tracks to be graded before trucks can get all the way into the fence.

## Contractors

Significant damage occurred at the Lyndhurst Depot colour bond fence. High winds caused the north and south fences on the property to collapse. A local contractor has completed the repairs and required reposting. Approximately 80m of fence was be rebuilt, and an additional 40m of wire fence has been installed across the front of the property to increase depot security.





## Conclusion

The Dog Fence Board will focus efforts in coming months on:

- Following up on outstanding rates notices.
- Monitor Herbicide trial on far west coast.
- Implement components of Work, Health and Safety improvement plan for the Lyndhurst Depot, as per timeline.
- Introducing improved Bait production methods and a baiting plan.
- LDFB's are being set up to have 12 months' supply of meat baits on hand.
- Penong LDFB are being trained to manage their own baiting requirements.
- Contractor to be trained also in meat bait production.
- Dog Fence Inspector to do complete fence inspection during early 2021, also train Penong LDFB and Contractor at Orraparrina in bait production.

