

NATIONAL PEST CONTROL AGENCIES – WORKSHOPS

Training in the safe use and handling of new toxins

The development and registration of new toxins for vertebrate pest control is a significant development for vertebrate pest control

This workshop and training session is on the safe use and handling of both PAPP and Zinc Phosphide. It will cover how to prepare baits for placement in the field and may include some field work in the grounds of the conference venue.

Each workshop is limited to 30 participants they will be run in tandem so can cater for a maximum of 60 in total. The only requirement is that they should ideally have had previous field experience with traps.

A record of the training will be provided that is sufficient for participants to gain the practical component of their controlled substances licences if not the full CSL.

Steve Hix

Monitoring Vertebrate Pest Populations

Which monitoring method to use; traps, waxtag, chew cards, pellet counting and for which species possums, rabbits, mustelids, rodents feral cats and pigs?

This workshop will cover the key points in selecting correct monitoring methods with a focus on the strengths and weaknesses of each method as well as when and where to use them.

The workshop It is aimed at two groups the first of which includes private landowners, those in QE 11 covenanted land and people in land-care groups who are taking action to control vertebrate pests and improve the conservation values of their own land.

The second group includes pest control contractors, staff of agencies involved with pest control (regional councils, Department of Conservation and the Animal Health Board).

The workshop will open with a brief over view of the issues, then include short presentations from technical experts on the issues to be followed by open discussion and a short field session in the conference venue grounds with some hands on experiences in the use of traps, waxtags and chew cards

Bruce Warburton

