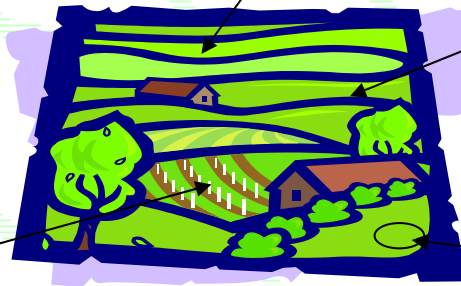


McDonald's Farm or Feral Farm

Significant damage due to rabbits. 1/3 of the paddocks (25 hectares) are effected by cutting production by 25%



Last year foxes killed 15% of the spring lambs in this paddock

Carp is prevalent in this creek. No native fish have been caught here for 10 years

This 10 hectare area is rendered useless due to thistles and prickly pear

Grandma McDonald's Farm. 180 hectares

Farm gone Feral

Rabbits

Thistles

Foxes

What needs to happen now!

The young McDonalds are determined to create a management plan addressing the introduced species problem at the Old McDonald's property.

The young McDonald's have divided into five groups, each investigating the management or control of a particular pest animal or plant.

We have discovered a great deal about introduced species to Australia.

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Rabbits

“The only good rabbit is a dead rabbit”

Quote from local resident.

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Rabbits

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Foxes

What needs to happen now!

- Rabbits live in social groups
- They construct warrens
- They use vegetation for shelter
- They arrived & were contained as food source for the First Fleet
- At a later date they were released in Victoria
- They eat almost any plant!
- Erosion from their warrens effects farmers



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Thistles

Does the milk of this plant really remove warts?

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What needs to happen now!

- Is the national emblem of Scotland
- Was used as barrier against invaders
- Was introduced to Australia as an ornamental plant
- Can take over paddocks and make them useless
- No Australian native animals eat it
- No native animals live amongst them



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Foxes

“We’ve been out fox by a wily customer.”

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What needs to happen now!

- Foxes were brought here for hunting purposes
- They eat rabbits
- They kill farmers stock
- They eat many smaller native animals
- They live in urban, rural, arid & alpine areas of Australia
- They are scavengers
- They have litters of about 4 cubs
- They carry and transmit disease



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What needs to happen now!

- Stringent custom rules!
- More personnel to control this
- Further control & quarantine laws
- Tight security at the airports & ports of Australia
- A coordinated approach by local community groups to manage the area
- Working bees to remove weeds from common land—roadside areas, creeks, etc.
- On-going scientific research into management strategies
- Fines for land owners who don't actively manage their properties
- Local Service groups develop a strategy to assist rural areas
- Allow local gun club members to shoot feral pests
- An erosion strategy—planting native plants, removal of warrens, etc.
- Rules for urban settings that control the introduction of plants into gardens

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