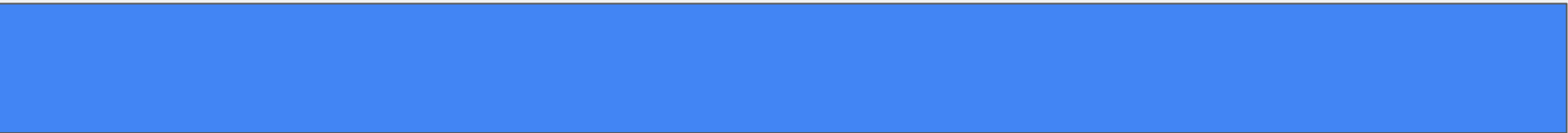


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Creating a Pest Management Plan for your property

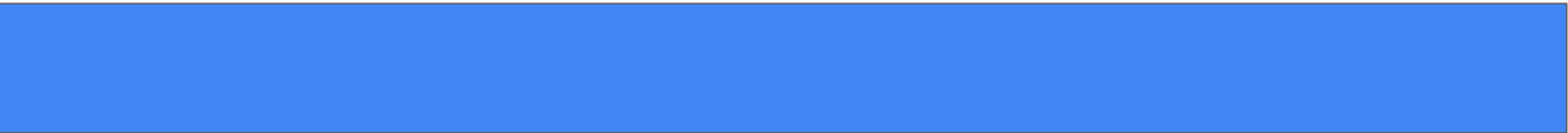


Small properties (Less than 1000m²)

- Find your motivation
- Protect your asset
- Fence you house or garden
- Encourage neighbours
- Record rabbit sightings



Before getting started ask yourself?

- How do you want your property to look (in relation to pest animals) in the long-term?
 - How do you want your block to look overall (think about vegetation, wildlife, erosion, weeds, fire risk, etc.)?
 - How will you monitor it?
 - What are the objectives of your property/farm/business?
 - What certifications do you need?
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STEP 1- Research and planning

- Spring is the best time for planning your rabbit control program
- Conduct a thorough survey of your property and map where your warrens are. You can use feral scan
- Using a smoker can make sure you don't miss a warren entrance
- Get your ACUP certification and endorsements (online course through Agriculture Victoria cost approx \$60)



Record Rabbit activity in RabbitScan



What RabbitScan provides

RabbitScan is a free resource for landholders, Landcare groups, community groups, local Councils, professional pest controllers and biosecurity groups. It has been designed by landholders for communities, and it is very easy to use.

What to record:

- Rabbit activity (such as sightings and warrens).
- Damage, such as soil erosion.
- Control activities (such as warren ripping).
- Disease in rabbit populations (such as RHDV).

[Learn more](#)



Record Rabbits

Report Disease

Log Out

My Profile

Total Records

72,740

Recent Records

9,433

Download the app

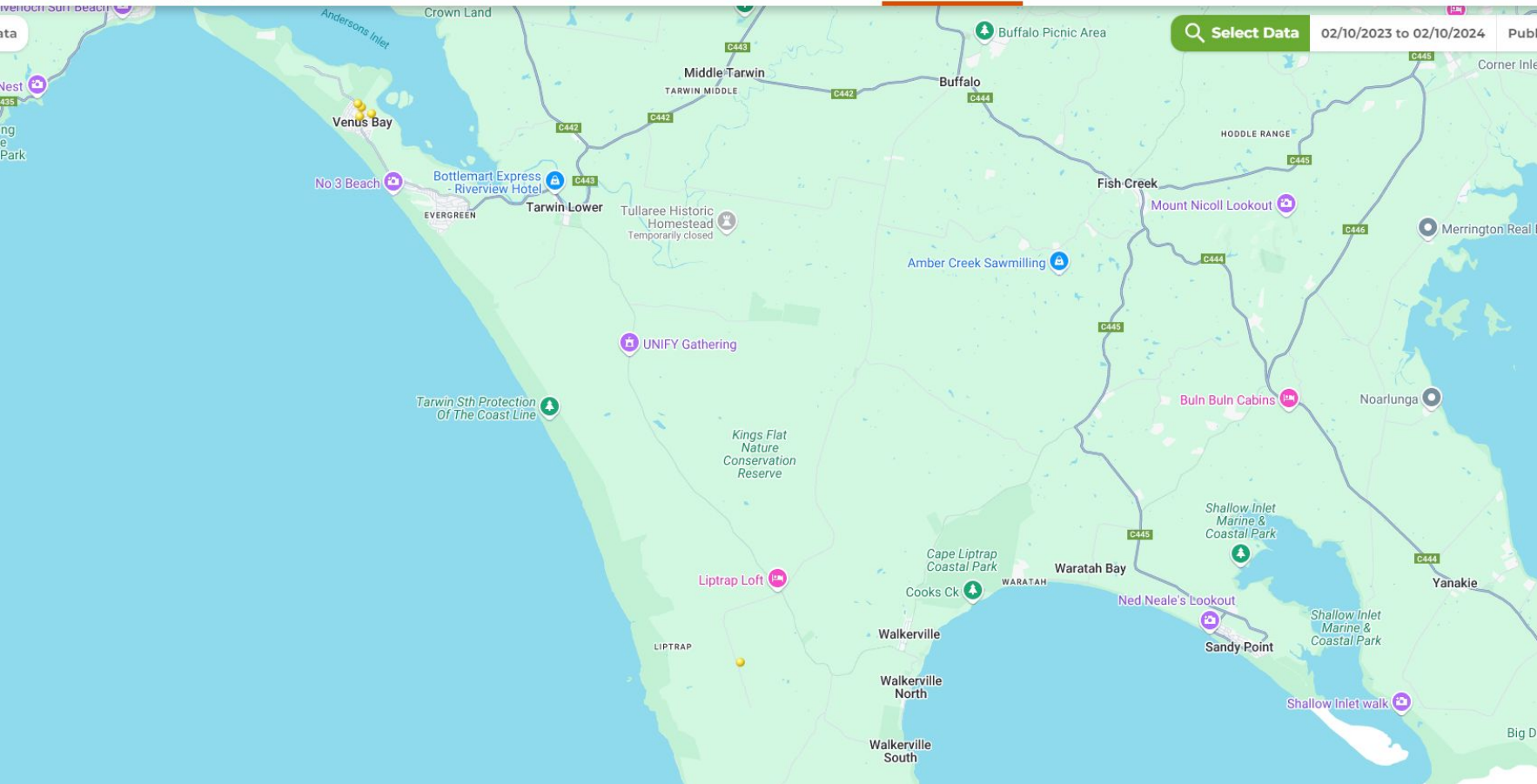


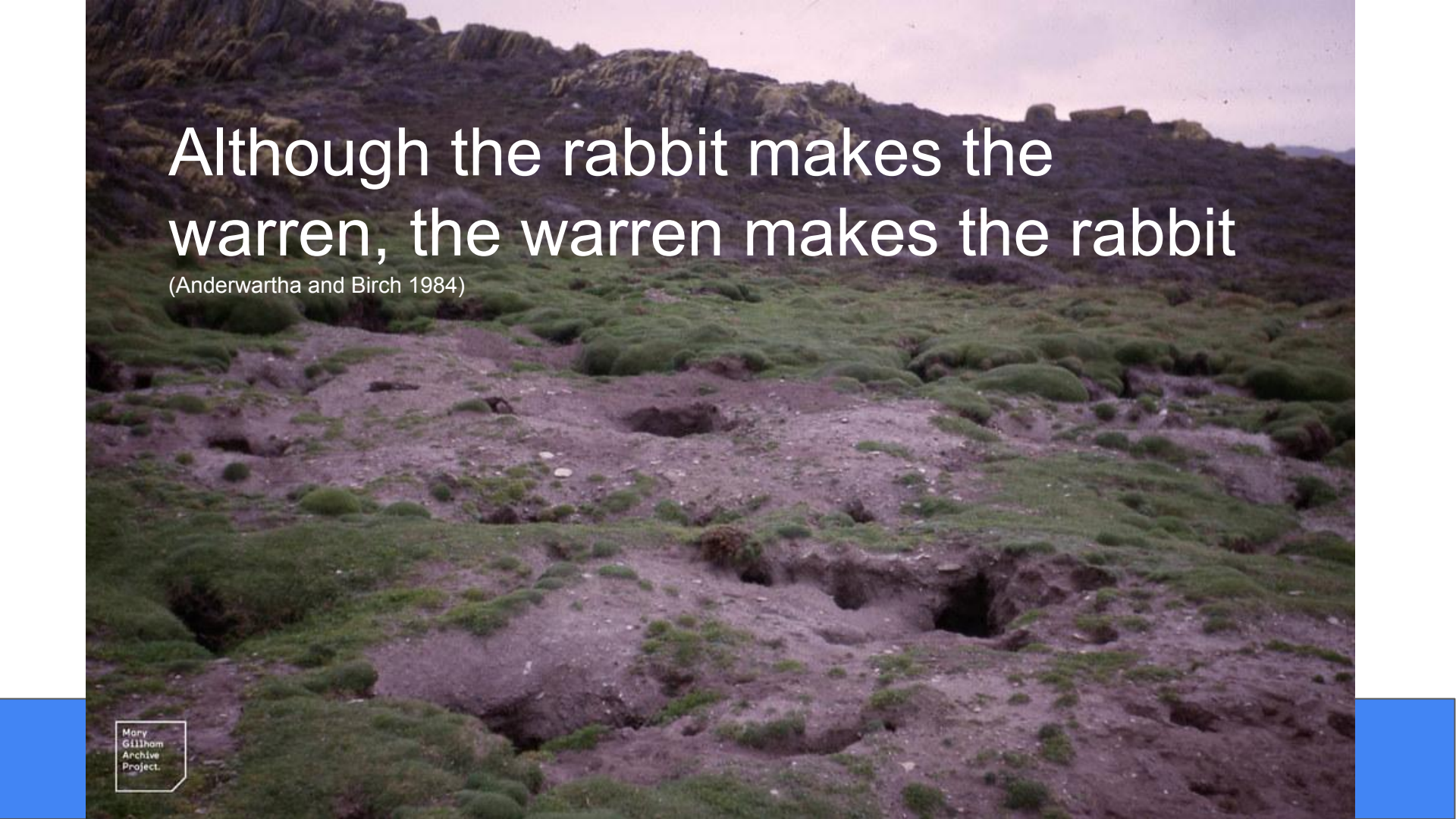
Quick Links

[Record rabbit activity](#)

[App guide](#)

[Handy resources](#)





Although the rabbit makes the warren, the warren makes the rabbit

(Anderwartha and Birch 1984)

Best Practice Rabbit Management

There is a well-defined recipe proven by research for the management of rabbits, which includes;

- Baiting or fumigation prior to ripping to reduce rabbit numbers to lessen the potential of rabbits re-opening warrens
- Followed by the removal of rabbit harbour, destruction of warrens and removal of surface harbour (woody weeds etc)
- Followed by maintenance of ripped warrens through fumigation or re-ripping re-opened entrances.
- Research has shown that to deviate from this basic recipe reduces the efficacy of the rabbit management program.

Resources

<https://pestsmart.org.au/>

<https://pestsmart.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/06/pestplantoolkit.pdf>

<https://vran.com.au/>

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/pest-animals>

<https://www.landcarevic.org.au/groups/westgippsland/tarwin-lower-landcare-group/>

(EQUIPMENT)

Your local group?

Location on Property	Planned action	Action taken	notes	results	Adjustments

More support from Landcare

- Online chat group for those interested
- Equipment available from Tarwin Landcare group
- Assistance in applying for a DEECA good neighbour program
- Continue to seek funding for rabbit and other pest control