



Leadership in Rabbit Control Course 2025

Frequently Asked Questions



Where: Warrnambool, Victoria

When: 24- 26 March 2025



Leadership in Rabbit Control Course Information

The course will be facilitated by our VRAN mentors who are recognised experts in rabbit management and community-led action. As a group, they provide expertise and insights from community, industry and government perspectives. They will be supported by co-facilitators with diverse experience in community engagement and invasive species management from around Australia, across a range of sectors and organisations.

The Leadership in Rabbit Control Course includes both classroom and practical field-based training. By the end of the course participants will understand the ecology and biology of rabbits, Victoria's legislation framework and how to develop and implement an integrated rabbit control program.

We get our hands dirty and head outside to experience integrated rabbit control demonstrations and learn how to plan and implement monitoring strategies to maximise the effectiveness of rabbit control. All participants will also attend an evening spotlight session to count the rabbits seen along a transect.

We will also discuss things to consider when working in sensitive cultural heritage landscapes, the importance of collaboration, community engagement and chat about why rabbit work is challenging.

In addition to the classroom and field session you get to network with a group of people who are on a similar journey to you and facing similar scenarios and issues. By participating in this course, you will enhance your existing contacts and pest management resources.

We will challenge you to consider what you can do differently to help your community to maximise the effectiveness of their rabbit management programs

4 reasons to apply



1. Hear from the best thinkers and leaders in Victoria on rabbit management.
2. Get refreshed and motivated to tackle the challenge of rabbit control.
3. Meet people who work in the same field and get inspired.
4. Make a difference in your community.

What is the Leadership in Rabbit Control Course?

The Victorian Rabbit Action Network 'Leadership in Rabbit Control Course' 2025 is open to all Victorians currently or wish to be involved in the management of rabbits on private or public land.

The Leadership in Rabbit Control Course is a course that includes both classroom and practical field-based training. Following the training, participants will be offered the opportunity to form a group or 'Learning Network' who can meet in the field or online to share ideas and discuss rabbit management.

Fifteen to 20 spots are available for the 2025 Course. VRAN encourages diversity in our Leadership in Rabbit Control Course 2025, and we want people with a range of perspectives and experiences to be involved. VRAN are seeking a balance of representation by gender, industry, regions, community groups, Traditional Owners, land managers, government agencies and other professionals.

Tell me about the course facilitation?

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What does it cost?

No cost. If you are a community member, Landcare facilitator or work for a not-for-profit organisation. All cost associated with the course, meals and accommodation will be paid on your behalf.

Can Government staff and professional contractors participate?

Yes, the Leadership in Rabbit Control Course is available for participants from Government, Catchment Management Authorities, water, road and rail authorities. You will be asked to pay a professional development fee of \$900.00+gst which covers your accommodation, meals and course fees.

What is the course schedule?

We ask that you make time to stay for the full program. This commitment will allow you have more time to learn, network and meet others working in the same field. The 2.5 day course combines classroom instruction with practical field-based training.

What is the cancellation policy?

VRAN does not provide refunds for cancellation or change of mind. If your invoice is yet to be paid and you wish to cancel or can no longer attend, payment must be processed and a credit note will be issued.

A Learning Network – What is it?

After the course you will be invited to participate in our free Learning Network program. A Learning Network is a way of describing a group of people who you meet with, connect with on a common topic and learn. Participants in the VRAN Rabbit Learning Network will have ongoing access to mentors and can give and receive support to each other after the Rabbit Control Course.

The participants and mentors of the first VRAN Leadership in Rabbit Control Course in 2015 formed a learning network or support group. Participants named the network 'Leaps and Bounds' and meet 1-2 times a year across various locations around Victoria to share their experiences in rabbit management.

Connect and learn from the VRAN Mentors



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