

Table 2. Example of the information that might be included on deer control methods, monitoring and evaluation in a deer control management plan

Year	Action	Method	When	Where	Who	Evidence of effectiveness*	Evaluation	Updates
1	Control deer	Shooting	Monthly	Northern boundary of North West (NW) paddock, home paddock and eastern paddock	Game harvester and landowner	<p>Fewer pellets and fresh prints, browse lines growing out (see photos), fewer deer on camera traps in the NW paddock but not the home paddock</p> <p>Camera traps in the NW paddock caught # deer over # camera trap nights in Sept 20## and # deer on camera traps over # trap nights in Nov 20##. Number of deer decreasing over time in the NW paddock with fewer juveniles</p> <p>Camera traps in the home paddock caught # deer over # camera trap nights in Sept 20##</p>	Deer are being effectively controlled in the NW paddock and goals of protecting pasture and water sources are being achieved. Deer are not being effectively controlled in the home paddock so need to consider changes to methods	Ongoing – continue until deer have reached low enough levels then reduce frequency of shooting gradually to find the minimum frequency required to control deer adequately

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						<p>and # deer on camera traps over # trap nights in Nov 20##. Deer numbers not decreasing. Large number of deer still captured on camera traps, fresh wallows and pugging present around edge of dam, thrashed vegetation not recovering in the home paddock or eastern paddock – crops still being browsed</p> <p>Deer still impacting revegetation areas and ornamental garden</p>		
2		Control Blackberry to remove harbour and food	Spring/summer 20# and over successive years until removed	Northern boundary of NW paddock and	Landowner or professional weed controller	Blackberry removed and not returning	Blackberry has been effectively controlled, deer	Completed – continue monitoring for any Blackberry recruits/seedlings

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		source on property boundary – request crown land owner to undertake blackberry control near property boundary		home paddock			numbers declining	and treat immediately before fruiting and spreading
3		Install deer exclusion fencing – consider retrofitting if existing fencing is suitable, consider electric fencing as less expensive alternative	As soon as possible when able to afford to	Along the northern and western boundary of the property	Landowner or fencing contractor	Deer no longer accessing property evidenced by fewer pellets and fresh prints, browse lines growing out (see photos), fewer deer on camera traps, crops, vegetables and ornamental garden plants are not being browsed/grazed by deer, no deer sightings or close honking/roaring and waterways not	Deer are being effectively excluded from the property	Completed – monitor the fences for breaches and repair immediately to prevent deer entry. Monitor for deer evidence and assess if deer are using other access points which need to be addressed e.g. areas that do not

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						being impacted by deer		have deer exclusion fencing
4		Fence dams to reduce need for shooting	Spring20##	Dam in north west paddock and home paddock – install water troughs and empty them when not in use	Fencing contractor	After fencing there has been no evidence of deer around dams, no fencing breaches, no fresh prints on game trail leading to dam, vegetation recovering from browsing and grazing in north west and home paddock	Deer being effectively controlled	Completed – check for breaches regularly and repair immediately
5						Large number of deer still captured on camera traps, fresh wallows and pugging present around edge of dam, thrashed vegetation not recovering	Deer not yet effectively controlled	Increase shooting frequency, use recreational hunters with hounds to flush and deter deer, look at fencing options for property

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								boundary and/or nearby dam

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Photos are a very useful way to record the effectiveness of deer control. Take photos before and after control showing deer evidence e.g. browse lines, wallows, thrashed areas, game trails, rub trees, fresh print and scats. Store and label photos for future comparison, reference and records.