

A FOX-FREE PHILLIP ISLAND (MILLOWL)

European red fox predation is the greatest land-based threat to the Summerland Peninsula's little penguin colony. It's crucial to maintain a fox-free island haven to protect the species.

CUNNING PREDATORS

Foxes are intelligent and adaptable hunters.

They pose a significant threat to native species.

IMPACT ON NATIVE WILDLIFE

Victims include small marsupials, reptiles, and ground-nesting birds.

LITTLE PENGUINS AT RISK

Prior to 2015, foxes on Phillip Island (Mallowl) were a menace to little penguins.

Over the past **25 years**, more than **3,000 little penguins** have fallen victim to foxes on the island.

Protecting Phillip Island from foxes is vital for the survival of little penguins and the preservation of other native species.

PROTECTING OUR SAFE HAVEN

Through many years of an island-wide fox eradication strategy that included intensive baiting, trapping and spotlight shooting, we can finally call this island fox-free. But, maintaining a safe haven for native wildlife requires ongoing efforts.

Today we continue to run an extensive monitoring and control program including the use of a buffer zone on the mainland around San Remo. This image (above) from a camera trap placed in this zone, shows a fox visiting a bait station.



CAPTURING AN ELUSIVE FOX

A camera trap recently captured one of the last foxes on Phillip Island (Mallowl). This fox showed a remarkable familiarity with its surroundings, displaying a keen awareness of the landscape.

INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TERRAIN

The fox recognised individual rocks and used logs for navigation.

It took four months of detective work to capture this wily predator, and it underscores the ongoing need to safeguard this unique island ecosystem.

Highly skilled fox detection dog doing what it does best.



Winter is coming. It will become hard to find food. Tonight, while the hunting is good, I'll catch lots of cute critters. Just to make sure I've got some snacks tucked away for later.

Senior Vertebrate Pest Officer and Dog Handler Craig Bester using trained dogs to help keep Phillip Island fox-free.



FOX CAM!

Did you know that there is a strategically mounted camera on the San Remo bridge to detect foxes.

