



Media Release

Dead Corellas in Donald – Update

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Council was made aware of a large amount of dead corellas in Donald in May of this year.

Council collected a significant amount of birds and notified the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP). Two of the birds were sent for testing to determine the cause of death.

Testing has determined these birds were killed by ingesting suspected homemade mouse bait.

Agriculture Victoria has issued a stern warning about the use of illegally manufactured baits. It is an offence under the Wildlife Act to destroy or interfere with protected wildlife, this includes native bird species.

Whilst there is a temptation to use homemade baits, the consequences are great. Whilst not only illegal and attracting significant penalties, homemade baits can lead to accidental poisoning of pets, working dogs and wildlife.

Always use registered products for pest control, these products are rigorously tested by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

For more information on safe pest control call DELWP on 136 186.

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