HVP Plantations Overview

• Comprising 245,000ha (600,000 acres) across Victoria
• Victorian company with Australian & US, Canadian super & pension funds
• Producing over 3,300,000 m³ (tonnes) annually
• Certified by AFS/PEFC & FSC
• Over 60,000ha (150,000 acres) managed for conservation
• People
  • 109 staff,
  • 31 seasonal/nursery
  • 800 contractors
• Fire force
  • 8 FIB’s (operate as CFA)
  • 140 fire response vehicles
Boundary Management - Shelley

- Fencing shared boundary's
- Strainer Posts
- Steel posts at 4m
- 5 wires
- Gates where needed
- Machine to clean –up line
- Neighbour to erect
Blackberries and other weeds

Priorities;

• Blackberry control programs include firebreaks, access roads, re-planting areas and neighbor boundaries
• Upper Murray Blackberry Action Group meetings helps with targeting control programs
• Joint plan if that is requested for a longer term control program
• Annual cost of work fits into a budget
Wild Dog Management

- HVP initiated Wild Dog management in Gippsland in February 2011
- The Wild Dog Management program was extended to Shelley in March 2012
- The Program includes monthly checking of 1080 poison shelf stable baits (excluding winter months)
- Currently have 18km bait run east west along northern edge with bait stations every 500 metres
- Considering how existing days bait run can include south of the highway without compromising existing control
- Shelley Staff and wild dog contractor work closely with DELWP Wild Dog Controllers
Deer Management

• Priorities
  • Seedling establishment (aim for >90%) to date browsing has not significantly impacted on survival
  • Maintaining Biodiversity values of our sensitive native forest (Pheasant Creek area)
  • Ongoing monitoring with survival surveys

• HVP currently have a no hunting policy and no firearms in our plantation due to safety risk

• We have up to 50 people working in the Shelley plantation daily
Issues currently being considered

• Hunting Program at Shelley
• How to effectively implement?
• Safety and Worksite Control
• Consideration of different models for implementation
• Initial discussions with GMA, DPI (NSW), Towong Shire (Economic Development)