



Dick & Bob's Warren Smoker Kit

A ground-breaking rabbit warren fumigation innovation by members of the Bellarine Landcare Group's Rabbit Action Group, recently commercialised by Animal Control Technologies



In 2016, Dick Simensen and Bob Beveridge from Bellarine Landcare Group's Rabbit Action Group developed a portable warren smoking kit to improve the efficiency of rabbit control.

Combining Bob's beekeeping experience with Dick's engineering background, they designed a smoking mixture housed in recycled wine caps and a practical holder.

Over eight years they produced & sold 12,000 smoking nuggets and 100 holders, with proceeds supporting the Group. Their demonstrations at numerous field days were legendary!

The kit, compact and easy to use in rough terrain, helps landholders and agencies identify all rabbit warren entrances before fumigation. It received a Victorian Landcare innovation award in 2019 and attracted national interest through a demonstration video.

Demand for the kit grew and Animal Control Technologies Australia (ACTA) partnered with the group in 2023 and began distributing the kit nationally in 2024.

Royalties from sales continue to support the Rabbit Action Group's work.



Bob & Dick in the shed, manufacturing nuggets



Dick & Bob educating the masses at a rabbit control field day (2018)



RAG members testing equipment with Linton Staples from ACTA (2023)



Watch Dick & Bob in action, demonstrating their smoker kit here



The Smoker Kit today



Dick Simonsen & David Lucas with Linton Staples from ACTA (2023)