

Dear Resident,

Notice of rabbit control program at KGV Oval

I am writing on behalf of Glenorchy City Council to let you know about a program to control rabbit numbers in the vicinity of KGV Oval.

This is being done due to the severe damage being caused to the oval's playing surface which is presenting as an injury risk to users of the ground and members of the public.

The program, being conducted under the advice of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, will see poisoned baits laid at KGV over the coming weeks. The poison being used is pindone – a common poison often used in rat bait. The program is scheduled to commence on 3 November, 2025.

The first part of the program will see un-baited chopped carrots placed in areas of KGV to ensure rabbits become used to eating carrots. After a couple of weeks, baited carrots will be laid. These will be dyed green.

Warning signs will be placed around the area as it is important the baits are not interfered with. Signs will be removed once the program has concluded in several weeks' time.

The bait is not harmful to humans or animals unless it is eaten.

The risk of secondary poisoning occurring in domestic animals (in situations where a dog or cat eats a poisoned rabbit carcass) is considered low. Dogs and cats would need to eat a large amount of poisoned rabbits over several days to suffer a secondary poisoning. However, should you suspect this has occurred, please seek veterinary assistance.

Dogs are already not permitted on KGV Oval, but Council would urge all dog owners who may be walking their dog in the area to ensure they stay on a lead.

Poisoned rabbits may move from the baiting site before dying. If you discover a dead rabbit carcass on your property, it can be safely disposed of in your FOGO bin. A rabbit killed by pindone is not toxic to touch, however, it is recommended you use gloves or a spade to avoid direct contact with a dead animal. Should you need assistance removing a rabbit carcass from your property, contact Council on 6216 6800.

If you require further information, Council has placed a FAQ about the program on its website. You can also obtain additional information by visiting the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania website,

<https://nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/invasive-animals/invasive-mammals/european-rabbits/rabbit-control-methods>

Sincerely,

Emilio Reale
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