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4 New LPMT's for war against Wild Dogs

GNRBA was successful in attracting funding to train 4 more Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMT's) to operate in the GNRBA region and beyond.

The WA Industry Funding Scheme (Sheep and Goats), which is managed through DPIRD, provided funding over 2 years to assist GNRBA in finding and training suitable candidates willing and able to upskill and license themselves to help in the fight to manage Wild Dogs in the WA Rangelands.

Four eager, keen people have been through training via Carnarvon TAFE, delivered by Ben Maslen, whereby they achieved qualifications as Licensed Pest Management Technicians, commonly called doggers.

Local, highly respected LPMT, Teen Ryan, was then contracted once formal training had taken place, to provide local guidance, support and mentoring to these 4 trainees to help them learn and practice the finer arts of Wild Dog management. Teen was able to share her vast experience with all trainees in areas of tracking, Wild Dog identification, equipment usage, Feral Scan logging and many other day to day operational matters.

As qualified doggers, they are now trained in all matters pertaining to the role such as safety protocols, chemical handling and the many other crucial rules and regulations.

A Mentoring and Support Guide has been developed as part of the project in a format that can easily be carried by the trainees and referred to at any time, as a reference document.

Through this project, support was given to ensure that each trainee knew how to go about setting up the business side of being an LPMT as well. They were given guidance on registering for an ABN and other operational requirements, to ensure they could hit the ground running.

GNRBA are delighted to have more skilled operators available to interested parties in the region. These doggers are available to anyone to contract directly for their own LPMT purposes and will be operating independently from GNRBA.

For details please contact GNRBA CEO, Michelle Donaldson and she can provide the doggers' mobile phone numbers.

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