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GNRBA AUTUMN UPDATE

GNRBA has been busy this autumn period. Michelle working from Grafton NSW and Amanda travelling to Kalgoorlie on a regular basis from Esperance. The GNRBA team are keeping busy. The opportunity for a trip to the Northern Goldfields to view camel trap yards in February and the dispersal of Autumn Baits has been the main objectives.

CoM MEETING

Your Committee of Management met on 29.04.2022 for a general meeting in Kalgoorlie.

Next meeting 27.06.2022

LICENSED PEST MANAGEMENT TECHNICIAN'S (LPMT'S) are available if you require their services in your patch.

For information on the LPMT and their contact details please contact:

Michelle Donaldson ceo@gnrba.com.au or Amanda Day admin@gnrba.com.au

LPMT TEEN RYAN

Features in our newsletter this Autumn. Teen is a contract LPMT who dedicates her time to wild dog control. She is the most experienced LPMT within GNRBA and the holder of the S7 license for S7 supply from GNRBA. Teen is wide ranging in her wild dog control work from the eastern edge of the WA and Nullarbor to the Goldfields. She is available to help or steer you in the direction of LPMT's who commit time to the wild dog program. Teen works with Tracy Kreplins in wild dog research and habits. They are currently looking at bait uptake, adult and pup behaviour, DNA testing, collared dog monitoring and cameras in wild dog hot spots. The cameras that are in place take many exciting photos of our wildlife, wild dogs and characters of the bush as well as behaviour of wild dog with CPE units and baits.

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GNRBA ACTIVITIES CPE's - The GNRBA have a number of CPE units and capsules available for distribution. These units are being used by the LPMT and proving to be a useful tool. Contact Amanda Day if you wish to pick up some units from Kalgoorlie.



GROUND BAITING 2022: – It was a GNRBA management decision to focus on two main baiting activities per year. This program will be trialled for two years in Autumn and Spring with the Sandstone area preferring their baiting run in early June. This is due to the large incident of bungarra taking wild dog baits. **Please be aware that onion bag wild dog baits and cryovac baits are available in the Kalgoorlie Chiller consistently.** If you have wild dog activity and require extra baits, please email call or message Amanda to collect them. We prefer not hold onto a chiller of baits if you have a wild dog problem.

AUTUMN BAITING 2022 - Processing started for this baiting in February. Letters of the Autumn Baiting notifications with signage attached were sent to all Shires and public places such as Eyre Highway Roadhouses, Quarantine Eucla, Gunbarrel Lager where signs can be placed in contact areas and newsletters for public notification of the baiting program. Pastoralists were able to collect baits from the Kalgoorlie Facility from end February. In end March an Eyre Highway Bait Delivery was conducted by Andrew Parker. Immediately after Easter Andrew Parker conducted a bait delivery run into the Northern Goldfields. Thank you everyone for your patience, co-operation and assistance with ensuring all of these baits have made it out on stations in a timely manner. We plan a similar system in the Spring Baiting.

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BAITS FOR TRAPS OR SIMILAR: Contact Amanda if you wish to swap baits for wild dog traps. We have a quantity of traps on hand.

1080 TAFE INJECTOR and LPMT TRAINING – We have an update that injector training maybe coming our way. Currently interested persons personally pay for the course and head to Carnarvon to undertake training with Ben Maslen. The LPMT training is delivered there as well. The injector training is approx. \$500 but the complete LPMT training, whilst comprehensive, is much more. Update for this detail as soon as possible and we will send out to all members.

PROJECTS AND FUNDING UPDATE AWI FUNDING –Ezy2C units are still in use with LPMT but have issues with reliability, loss and application. The LPMT are managing several units to improve reliability. The grant acquires end June 2022.

SELF-MUSTERING TRAP YARDS PROJECT - will acquit end June 2022. Please see report within this newsletter.



CACTUS COOLGARDIE– Volunteer Jim Miles is overseeing the control measures of the Brown Spined Hudson Pear in locations near Coolgardie. This invasive dangerous cactus is impacting native flora and domestic pets in the town location. GNRBA and DBCA are working with the Shire and Jim Miles in the quest to control the cactus in populated parts of the town with chemical and cochineal control measures.

CACTUS NULLARBOR – an amount of cactus has cropped up at Rawlinna Townsite. GNRBA are aware of the issue and treating individual plants to prevent further spread. We have chemical granules to spread over the cactus on trial basis.

GNRBA INFORMATION DAYS IN MAY 2022 have been postponed – with the worst covid conditions occurring in WA since the pandemic started GNRBA have decided to postpone these Information Days until late July/ early August. Quite a bit of work and detail went into the preparation of these exciting days. We are keen to bring that information to you as soon as feasible

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SELF -MUSTERING TRAP YARD PILOT

In mid- February, Amanda Day and Committee of Management Member Trever Schutz visited stations in the Wiluna/ Laverton region who were involved in the Self-Mustering Trap Yard Project. It was great to visit yard locations on the six stations in the area who participated in the pilot. All yards were erected and working effectively. Camels were not in abundance during October to March but we learnt more about camel behaviour, habits and distribution in that time. Several yards were exclusion for camel and the rest trap camel, horses, cattle. As soon as the project acquittal occurs in end June, we can send out the full report and findings to the members.



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YOUNG PASTORAL ACHIEVERS AWARD 2022 – We all know that person 35 years or under as of 1st October 2022 who is currently working within the pastoral industry or associated industry servicing the GNRBA region (veterinary, livestock, research, administrative), who can demonstrate a sound understanding and connection with the Goldfields Nullarbor Pastoral Industry and will project their expertise back into the region either as a pastoralist or associated industry.

If you know this person and would like to nominate them for the 2022 Award, please contact Amanda on admin@gnrba.com.au for nomination details as soon as possible.

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Articles of Interest from the National Wild Dog Actin Plan for your perusal:

https://mcusercontent.com/09401bc2ed23ae622ec6d1588/files/ccdb6d9a-0170-641e-293f-19f5cf486ca8/NWDAP_Small_stock_losses_down_by_92_after_identification_of_gap_areas.pdf

https://wilddogplan.org.au/media_release/best-practice-wild-dog-management-brings-rawlinna-out-of-the-wilderness/

<https://mailchi.mp/63179305846a/nwdap50newsletter>

https://mcusercontent.com/09401bc2ed23ae622ec6d1588/files/51704159-ab8d-17be-0ec8-f71514d50989/National_Wild_Dog_Action_Plan_New_technologies_tried_in_the_field_against_wild_dogs_at_Carnarvon.01.pdf

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