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MICHELLE DONALDSON CEO GNRBA HAS LEFT THE WEST FOR NSW



Amanda will plan regular runs to Kalgoorlie to operate from the Charlotte Street office as well as dispense baits, visit cactus project areas, liaise with pastoralists, shires and partner organisations/ groups. Your ability to contact Michelle via email will not be changed and regular information and contact from Amanda will ensure the GNRBA operations continues without interruption. **Please contact Michelle, your CEO, with GNRBA concerns or positive feedback.**

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GNRBA 2022/23 OPERATIONAL PLAN & BUDGET

The CEO completed and lodged the 2022/23 Operational Plan and Budget during December 2021, fulfilling one of the many RBG obligations necessary to secure funding for yet another year. This document, along with the newly developed Strategic Plan, will be used to guide the organisations operations for the coming year by assisting the Committee of Management in decision making and to maintain focus.

Prior to lodging this document, Pastoral RBG's met with the Hon. Alannah McTiernan to discuss how individual RBG's had decided to go forward regarding funding and rating structures into the future as a result of the 2019 land valuations and how this indirectly impacted all Pastoral RBG's. The Minister must undertake consultation on the Declared Pest Rate prior to making a determination. The Minister's consultation typically takes the form of a public notice period (plus letters to rate payers when an increase over 5% is proposed) which concludes in May. Submission received are then compiled and the Minister typically makes the determination in June.

CoM MEETING

Next Meeting Friday 29.04.2022 Quality Railway Boardroom Kalgoorlie. If you have topics for this meeting please contact a GNRBA CoM member or send to: admin@gnrba.com.au

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LICENSED PEST MANAGEMENT TECHNICIAN'S (LPMT's) are available if you require their services in your patch. Wild Dogs have returned with enthusiasm in the Goldfields but numbers are patchy elsewhere. Any early start to baiting and LPMT activities will ensure dogs are given the opportunity to respond to lures and traps with baits on the ground in high impact areas.

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

Michelle Donaldson ceo@gnrba.com.au on 0439 363 263 or Amanda Day admin@gnrba.com.au on 0487 108 255



GNRBA ACTIVITIES

CPE's - The GNRBA still have a number of CPE units and capsules available for distribution. Contact Amanda Day if you wish to pick up some units from Kalgoorlie.

GROUND BAITING – Autumn Baiting is approaching fast. Amanda will have the baiting letters out to you in mid -February for preparation of a run. You are welcome to pick baits up from Kalgoorlie or make arrangement to borrow the

GNRBA Bait trailer. Remember you need a locked box, trailer, or any safely locked receptacle to collect baits. Please contact Amanda via email or phone to arrange a pickup time and day. There will be an opportunity to collect baits as per usual – information to follow. Amanda has regular trips to Kalgoorlie. **There will be notification sent out of the days when pickup can occur.**

CAMEL SITINGS FOR MEAT HARVESTOR

We have our bait suppliers working to produce baits for Autumn Baiting. Harvesting camels is difficult for camel numbers fluctuate in all regions. If you have sightings of camel please contact Amanda with location details. We can organise a harvester to contact you for clean up/ collect meat.



TRAP BOXES AND TRAP TRAINING –

If required let Amanda know to put your name on the list of pastoralists requiring same.

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SOUTHERN RANGELANDS PASTORAL ALLIANCE (SRPA) –

GNRBA are working closely with SRPA. The SRPA Conference has been postponed due to uncertainty with covid. If you would like to know more about SRPA and the ongoing work for Southern Rangelands or become SRPA member please contact Margi Weir via email on Margi.Weir@mwdc.wa.gov.au

1080 TAFE INJECTOR TRAINING – Currently not available to GNRBA but will notify members as soon as we have clarification of availability.

POLICY DOCUMENTS: Admin GNRBA continues to compile policy to clarify all undertakings of the GNRBA in line with the constitution.

RCP PERMITS-The GNRBA have the opportunity to bring all of the 100 plus RCP permits into line and therefore new permit applications no matter what stage your permit is at will be applied for. This will be at no cost to members and will improve the management of all RCP permits. The GNRBA will be sending you the prepared RCP Permit applications and your station maps. Please carefully look over both documents updating any contact details, ownership, responsible persons, phone numbers, email addresses etc. Please sign and date. Peruse the maps and make any changes needed to the map, specifically bait exclusion zones. All details are on the RCP Application Form. Return the application and map by mail or email to admin@gnrba.com.au or PO Box 417 Kalgoorlie 6430. Please email us to ensure we are aware that you have returned the information via Post.

Amanda or Michelle will be phoning you once these RCP Permit Applications have been sent to you to talk you through the document.

TRANSFERING YOUR DOG BAIT ALLOCATION INTO DOGGING HOURS or TRAPS - The GNRBA has calculated the value of your bait allocation for any given period. If you prefer options to use the value of your bait allocation, please call the GNRBA to discuss. These options may be fresh meat for your baiting program, hours given by an approved LPMT or dog traps. Call the CEO to discuss.

AERIAL BAITING - For those of you have requested Aerial Baiting please be aware GNRBA are still awaiting clarification into safety, policy, legalities and risk of implementing the program in 2022. We have on file members who request aerial baiting.

WILD DOG and LFH RECORDING – Every quarter an email is sent out to members asking for Wild Dog and LFH (camel / horse/ donkey) Kills in your area. Thank you to those who have responded. Could you please take the time to send in any numbers you may have as it is imperative the GNRBA has this evidence to support funding opportunities and acquittals. The GNRBA will not be competitive in grant applications for such work if we cannot supply evidence of numbers and their impact.

GNRBA STRATEGIC PLAN – GNRBA have been working with Caroline Robinson 150 Square to develop a professional Strategic Plan. This detailed plan of core business activity of GNRBA is to be a guide for the future for GNRBA. It is then condensed into a professional one-page document for the website, grant application and professional approach with stakeholders/ funding partners. 150 Square Solutions, a small business in the wheatbelt, are flexible, bespoke and tailored to solves the problems faced by businesses, community groups and NFP organisations in rural areas. Watch out on the website for the updated document.

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PROJECTS AND FUNDING UPDATE

AWI FUNDING – GNRBA LPMT continue to trial the Ezy2C units with AWI funding. Workshops and Training of LPMT in 2021 and application of four units on a pastoral property. The units have teething problems which are being addressed. A young GNRBA member is currently looking at ways to improve the system to be more resilient in harsh Goldfields Nullarbor country.

See www.gnrba.com.au for further information.



CACTUS COOLGARDIE– Project work for the Brown Spined Hudson Pear in Coolgardie is now complete. The Coolgardie Shire has appointed an individual by the name of Jim Miles to oversee and continue the good cochineal work undertaken in co-operation with GNRBA.

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.



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PROPOSED GNRBA INFORMATION DAYS IN MAY 2022- Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance along with GNRBA have been able to secure \$3,000 towards workshops focussing on community engagement aspects of wild dog control. These day workshops are proposed for May in Wiluna, Leonora and Rawlinna. Workshops will focus on the core activity of GNRBA being Wild Dog Control, Large Feral Herbivore Action Plans, Cactus Oversights and Weed Trials/ Containment.

As soon as details are in place GNRBA will notify of dates and content. Member's, please contact admin@gnrba.com.au with content you wish included in this event.



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LFH TRAP YARD PILOT – In early January Amanda headed out on the Nullarbor to view the erected and working camel trap yards. One set of trap yards was developed with new waterpoint and trough inside the yard. Two yards were made, extra gates, a wing to yard camels if mustered. Double gate entry.

The second set of yards has been used to trap but is a watering point for cattle as well. This yard has a second yard attached to hold camel for assessment.

A trip to Wiluna to review Camel Trap Yards is planned for February.



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ONION WEED – Part of the recent Nullarbor trip was to assess Onion Weed and to identify trial sites for onion weed control. Sites were selected and trials using chemical commenced. Research into biologic/ organic control is still underway. The project in collaboration with Rangeland NRM is instrumental in protecting the Nullarbor and surrounding rangeland from complete onion weed invasion.



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