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SUMMER AUTUMN 2023



GNRBA SUMMER/AUTUMN UPDATE – NOTE FROM YOUR CEO.

GNRBA has been busy this summer period. The Annual Report, AGM and Field Days flowed into Operational Plan development, the system to oversee GNRBA Declared Pest rate funding for 2023-2024. A new system of Smarty Grants submission replaces the old and brings new systems to us all. Apologies for the lack of newsletter support in the later part of 2022 and into 2023. It has been a full on few months. We had Nicole Porteous join us as my EA, but she moved on to DBCA at Lorna Glen in March April 2023. Meetings with reference to the development of the new BaM Act have been upmost in our radar, as has the Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Act, Declared Pest Rate, outside sponsorship, funding and grants, LFH Management Plan, Information Days, RCP permits, Stakeholder collaboration and more.



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CoM MEETING

Your Committee of Management Committee Meetings on 05.12.2022; 03.02.2023 (Planning Meeting in Kalgoorlie); 27.04.2023. Next meeting CoM will be 18.08.2023.

HOW GNRBA SUPPORTS YOU

- Reporting
- Data collecting
- Facilitating bait supply
- Connecting you to areas of support
- Ammunition Subsidy – Chemical Subsidy
- Deliver Community Information and Awareness
- Representative of pastoralists concerns for Community Consultation
- Coordinate GNRBA Approved LPMTs
- Assist pastoralists in having a voice of concerns at State and National level
- Work on projects to sustain the environment such as invasive weed species – Onion Weed, wild pest control – baiting supply, CPE supply, discounted trapping purchases and LMPT assistance.
- Large Feral Herbivore Management Local Plan, WA lands Pest eManagement with Stakeholders, National Camel Management Planning.

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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:

Amanda Day ceo@gnrba.com.au 0487 108 255

LPMT NEWS

Teen Ryan continues to oversee numbers of wild dog in the Goldfields/ Nullarbor. Teen is instrumental in downloading the cameras strategically placed throughout the Nullarbor as part of Tracey Kreplins research. There have been large numbers of wild dog trapped and shot this past 6 months. Neil White undergoes work in the Goldfields and work on DBCA lands from Kambalda to Sandstone area. Neil has taken on cactus monitoring for GNRBA. Both Teen Ryan and Neil White are private contractors to GNRBA. There are several LPMT available for your contract pest control work if needed. We would like to hold a trap training day in August if you are interested to attend. Will cover CPE use as well as correct trapping techniques. Register your interest with ceo@gnrba.com.au



GNRBA ACTIVITIES

CPE's - The GNRBA still 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. Amanda is sourcing CPE tools to assist to set. You can learn how to set these units correctly from our LPMT. There will be LPMT activity to train pastoralists with CPE on your permit. It is important to set them correctly and avoid the risk of activating the 1080. Dare to be Aware and Listen to you LPMT.

RCP's

We are still in the process of RP renewal. RP permit changes have occurred, and we need to ensure the application correct. Aerial work i.e., pilots and bombardiers are not applicable on permits anymore unless these people can be named with current contact details. Another difficulty to aerial baiting procedures. Please if you have not seen your permit renewal or have on file contact Amanda for quick application.

DBCA It became apparent after the completion of GNRBA/ DBCA Baiting program last year that the DBCA permits are required to be in the name of a LPMT. That LPMT would hold the permits to apply wild dog S7 control work on designated DBCA lands.



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GNRBA ACTIVITIES

Neil White was able to work with GNRBA and DBCA to, after a lengthy process, sign off on permits. GNRBA now engages Neil White under contract and an Operational Plan and MOU with DBCA to manage wild dog baiting programs on a number of DBCA holdings. These extend from Kambalda/ Coolgardie/ Credo/ Goongarrie/ Coonana/ Cashmere/ Bulga and more. Working with DBCA to engage wild dog management 2 to 3 times per year on lands bordering pastoral leases. This is a unique process as Kalgoorlie DBCA is instrumental in the process to engage GNRBA as a partner in their wild dog control program.

GROUND BAITING PLANNING 2023 and COLLECTION: Baiting March – April 2023 and bait delivery has dragged on, firstly rains in the Wiluna area then breakdown of the truck used by our bait supplier. Deliveries are planned but ensure you are available for timely collection. Baits left on racks go mouldy and may not be what you are after. They need air flow and turning to remain free of mould. The efficacy of mouldy, colour changed baits is not compromised. They are still highly effective. GNRBA expects delivery of baits to Northern Goldfields and Eyre Highway to be completed prior to end of June. Kalgoorlie pastoralists or others wishing to collect your own please discuss with Amanda as either CEO or LPMT Neil White can disperse baits from the Kalgoorlie Facility. There are quantities of onion bag and cryovac baits in the chiller and freezer there. You are required to have a secured locked box or similar, to collect.

WILD DOG TRAPS: Contact Amanda if you wish to purchase traps at cost price. We have plenty of traps on hand. But traps only to those people who have undertaken a Trap Training Day and have done Strychnine/ 1080 On-line Training.

Link to on-line training – follow on GNRBA website.

<https://regtraining.dpird.wa.gov.au/externaluser/login/index.php>

Link to 1080 handbook

<https://gnrba.com.au/downloads/Landholder%20information%20for%20the%20safe%20use%20and%20management%20of%201080.pdf>

Link to Strychnine

<https://gnrba.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/landholder-information-for-the-safe-use-and-management-of-strychnine-for-wild-dog-traps-dafwa.pdf>

Link to 1080 and Strychnine Code of Practice

<https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/-/media/Files/Corporate/general-documents/medicines-and-poisons/PDF/Code-of-Practice-1080-PAPP-Strychnine-April-2018.pdf>



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1080 TAFE INJECTOR and LPMT TRAINING

Ben Maslen of Carnarvon can undertake Injector Training in 2023. CEO is currently awaiting Ben's timeline for this important training. Anticipated later part of year on a central location close to Kalgoorlie. Be ready to put your name down and send to admin@gnrba.com or ceo@gnrba.com.au at your earliest convenience to register. Cost will be conveyed to pastoralists by GNRBA with a subsidy for the training.

LARGE FERAL HERBIVORE MANAGEMENT

GNRBA Committee of Management elected to put on hold GNRBA aerial LFH Shoot involvement and work but have engaged the CEO to work with and input stakeholders to co-ordinate a GNRBA, Central WA and National Camel/ LFH Plan.

GNRBA Committee of Management have decided to support pastoralists as follows:

The GNRBA provide added assistance to pastoralists in the event of a sudden impact of large numbers LFH by providing GNRBA Approved LPMT or GNRBA Approved Sports Shooters onto site with added support of Pet Meat Suppliers at the discretion of the GNRBA CEO, to trial for one year. LPMT and sports Shooters to provide data and figures to GNRBA.

GNRBA continue to offer an ammunition subsidy to pastoralists to manage LFH on their stations as well as ask for permission for the bait meat supplier to access camels on station for wild dog baits.



CHEMICAL SUBSIDY WEEDS AND CACTUS GNRBA

continue to offer a \$500 subsidy for chemical purchased by pastoralists (one claim per station per year with receipts). Please apply to GNRBA CEO.

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PROJECTS AND FUNDING UPDATE –

DPIRD Capacity Building Grant DPIRD offered a grant for technology, governance, and understanding of \$3,000. GNRBA are holding an event hosted by Caroline Robinson 150 Square to cover governance, succession, GNRBA Board member requirements and more. GNRBA supporting all members but with presentations from two women pastoralists and their stories. 17th August 2023.

Onion Weed (*Asphodelus fistulosus*) Small Community Grant 2023-2025

GNRBA have been busy with continuation of the onion weed work on the Trans Line – Nullarbor. A small Community Grant from State NRM was awarded to GNRBA in late 2022. This was activated in January 2023 when Jenny Jackson was appointed to travel with the CEO to the Nullarbor to undertake an Environment Impact review. Amanda sent onion weed leaf samples to CSIRO Perth and onion weed seeds to CSIRO Montpellier France. CSIRO have a opportunity to effectively develop a biologic- a rust- to trial for management of onion weed. It is now up to prove to the Australian government that this control of onion weed is a necessity. GNRBA are looking down the Environmental Impact approach alongside Agricultural Lands Impact to prove this. We have an overlay map that is extending quickly. In 2010 the onion weed spread was within proximity to the Trans Line as well as isolated infestations on areas undefined. Today the spread is to the Eyre Highway – Mundrabilla- Madura- Caiguna with infestations on pastoral properties. Approx 100km north of the Trans Line and west to spots near the Trans Access Line at Cowarna. We have engaged Rangelands NRM to assist with drone mapping photography and to train pastoralists with drones for continued map development. Sam DPIRD Kalgoorlie has developed an overlay map reflect this active spread of onion weed.



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Northern Star and Regenco Support of the GNRBA Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Information Day April 26th 2023

GNRBA Information Day included speakers for Northern Star Malleefowl program, Regenco Carbon, DPLH updates, Aboriginal Culture and Heritage presentation, GNRBA updates and more. Held at the Goldfields Function Centre Kalgoorlie. Well attended with much to learn.



Cactus Large State NRM Community Grant 2022-2025

Although this was not granted, but GNRBA continues to undertake strategic cactus management with a designated co-ordinator from 2023-2025. Mapping and community support is essential. Graslone granules are available for infestations with larger infestations being species identified to release cochineal into the field. A drone for mapping will be sourced and utilised.

National Wild Dog Action Plan Wild Dog Symposium Armidale NSW invited the CEO and FO to attend this symposium in April 2023. Your CEO attended with air travel support from NWDAP and self supported accommodation. Your FO was self funded to the event. GNRBA was invited to present to the Symposium about our work with Ezy2C units and what we do in our GNRBA area for wild dog. It was interesting important and informative.

WA Wild Dog Action Plan and Tracey Kreplins invited LPMT and RBG CEO to Mellenby Station Yalgoo for a wild dog workshop in April 2023. Five GNRBA area LPMT attended plus the CEO. Much information was gained including a wild dog necropsy conducted by Murdoch University to study wild dog parasites and food sources. It was a worthwhile activity to be involved.

**GNRBA INFORMATION DAY 17th August 2023 – Kalgoorlie
Governance and Information- Goldfields Function Centre
Facilitated by Caroline Robinson 150 Square**

SAVE THE DATE
GNRBA AGM AND FIELD DAYS NOVEMBER 2nd and 3rd 2023
PASTORALISTS RACE DAY KALGOORLIE NOVEMBER 4th





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