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GNRBA WINTER UPDATE – NOTE FROM YOUR CEO.

Hello GNRBA Members! Winter has been busy with the CEO preparing the Annual Report, AGM, and Field Day detail, signing up the WAWDAP R4R support until 2025, DPA finances, bait availability, more work on the BAM Act, the Governance Day, and general GNRBA business. Please contact the CEO with any queries, concerns, photos or good news stories. They make writing reports and this newsletter more interesting for you all. It has been reassuring to have many presenters and sponsors coming forward to support the GNRBA AGM and Field Days. I am proud to be part of a RBG that is forward moving and undertaking many projects and management practises with a dedicated team in place.



Onion Weed CEO Photo

The BAM Act Review has attracted much interest and the opportunity to comment/ make submission to the review panel. Your CEO has been vocal about proposed changes to the structure of the whole RBG format. Many hours have been spent by GNRBA to ensure the pastoralists are not forgotten in this review. Pastoralists Declared Pest funds need to be used in the area from which they are collected and implemented by the people who understand the risks to the local environment. Please be ready to support GNRBA in this BAM Act review. It is very important to your properties, industry and business that proposed changes are understood as if made will be detrimental to the pest management in pastoral regions. At this point the review is still underway but proposed changes to the BAM Act may be undertaken with caution by the WA Government considering dramatic pushback by the WA people in the many other Acts being reviewed with limited outside consultation.

CoM MEETING Your Committee of Management Committee Meeting was held on 18.08.2023. This meeting directed the CEO into plans for 2023-2024. GNRBA will work with a similar budget to 2022-2023 into 2023-2024. This budget of DPR and matched Government Funds enables GNRBA to undertake work in line with the Strategic Plan. Other funding sources are grants as detailed in this newsletter Other topics of the meeting included operational planning and end of year finances.

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:

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LPMT NEWS

Neil White continues contract work for pastoralists in the Goldfields as well as the DBCA baiting program. He has developed his work with GNRBA to undertake cactus monitoring and mapping with a drone. Neil is applying Graslan granules to isolated and identified cactus as well as transferring cochineal for coral cactus between old and new infestations. Teen Ryan is busy as always with the wild dog work on the pastoral areas of the Eyre Highway and Trans Line. Teen works with Tracey Kreplins DPIRD to monitor site cameras for wild dog activity and collared wild dog. Numbers of wild dog taken out are usually consistent yearly but have shown increased numbers removed in this 2022-2023 period.

GNRBA ACTIVITIES

CPE's – new supplies in the shed. Just ask for a Training Day with Neil White to learn how to use these devices.
RCP's -RP permits are still being updated, amended, adjusted. If you have new owners, new managers, new staff who may handle wild dog baits please notify GNRBA to amend your permit. If you do not have a current dated permit in your files, please notify CEO for a copy or renewal.

DFES – DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. The DFES office in Kalgoorlie has a new co-ordinator in Russel Jones. He is keen to engage with pastoralists ahead of summer to notify land holder/managers as to DFES Fire Management assistance. The DFES team will be at the GNRBA AGM and Field Days in November.

Contact for Russel Jones is russel.jones@dfes.wa.gov.au

GROUND BAITING PLANNING 2023 and COLLECTION: The first baiting of 2023 took some time to complete but we managed to cover most properties who required baits by the end of July, start of August. It is hoped the next baiting run will be undertaken in a timely manner. A paper will be sent out to you all soon with reference to September – November bait availability for delivery. We can organise a Northern Goldfields/Wiluna run, and Eyre Highway run by Andrew Parker to deliver baits when it suits most pastoralists. Last year pastoralists were keen to take the baits later in the year. We expect delivery in October, but baits are available all the time in Kalgoorlie when Neil White or the CEO are present. Amanda can be available 26/27 September and into October to hand out baits at Kalgoorlie.



Teen Ryan Monitoring Camera

WILD DOG TRAPS: Contact Amanda if you wish to purchase traps at cost price. We have 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.dpiird.wa.gov.au/externaluser/login/index.php>

Link to 1080 handbook

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<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>



Teen Ryan Photo

BEN MASLEN INJECTOR TRAINING and LPMT TRAINING: We are consistently (for two years) working to engage Ben Maslen to come to the Goldfields to conduct injector and/or Cert III training. He is working out of Carnarvon and training LPMT there. We have asked for a late November, early December commitment to training in our region. Will notify you as soon as we have commitment of dates/ cost.

CHEMICAL SUBSIDY DECLARED 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 in writing with receipt.

GNRBA AGM AND FIELD DAYS 2023 will have a program sent out soon. In the meantime, **please Save the Dates 2nd and 3rd November 2023.** Day 1 Goldfields Function Centre AGM and presenters then evening Pastoralist Dinner. Day 2 Mt Vettors Station with Pastoral Lands Board presenting and the **Hon.Minister Jackie Jarvis joining us for pre-lunch presentation.** There will be presenters over the two days who have interesting topics to discuss alongside no shortage of food.

To have the Minister attend is a great thumbs up to the work GNRBA does. Please make the opportunity to be there.

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LARGE FERAL HERBIVORE MANAGEMENT: GNRBA Committee of Management elected to put on hold GNRBA Aerial LFH Shoot but have engaged the CEO to work with and input stakeholders to co-ordinate a GNRBA, Central WA and National Camel/ LFH Plan. Support for pastoralists is for GNRBA to 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. **Please contact GNRBA CEO re ammunition subsidy (form on website) or for assistance with LFH management.**



PROJECTS AND FUNDING UPDATE

Cactus Work – Self Funded Project. Whilst there is not a current grant to assist GNRBA with the quest to fight declared cactus work has not stopped. GNRBA continues to undertake strategic cactus management with Neil White LPMT learning drone mapping with GNRBA's new DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise to map infestations. Cochineal can be transferred from site to site on the SAME type of cactus but need different cochineal for each variety of cactus. Graslon granules are available for smaller infestations. Speak to the CEO re Graslan and send data including co-ordinates to GNRBA to build the case for a grant application for assistance.

International Year of the Pastoralist 2026 The United Nations have declared 2026 to be the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists see this link: <https://iyrp.info/>

A WA committee led by Debbie Dowden has been formed to bring southern rangeland pastoralists recognition. Your CEO becoming involved to promote the Goldfields Nullarbor pastoral region.

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Newly announced WILD DOG ACTION PLAN 2 – COMPETATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT won by GNRBA.

Technologically Advanced Wild Dogs of the Goldfields Nullarbor

The project contributes towards examining and investigating all forms of wild dog monitoring. This includes research into better long-term methods of assessing wild dog numbers and activity, and how the seasons will play a role in the numbers of wild dogs on the ground. Impacts of wild dogs on livestock (i.e., sheep, goats, and cattle) are also important to quantify within these projects. All research activities must be performed in Western Australia and be completed by 28 February 2025. The specific objectives are: Undertake research into behavioural systems of wild dogs in the Goldfields Nullarbor region, utilising tools that will deter and manage wild dogs from problem areas that are pathways into pastoralist lands in the Goldfields Nullarbor region. This grant is for \$67,900 with funds and in kind added by GNRBA. LPMT Neil White and teen Ryan will be receiving tools to undertake the on-ground activities. Thank you to the pastoralists offering in kind assistance. Total project value over \$100,000.

DBCA Wild Dog Baiting: GNRBA continues to organise the wild dog baiting program for Goldfields DBCA lands. DBCA funding enables the GNRBA to engage LPMT Neil White to undertake this work. GNRBA provides project management, wild dog baits, administration, management of the RP permits, monitoring of sites, post activity reports as part of the annual agreement. GNRBA is the only such organisation with a joint Operational Plan with DBCA to undertake these works. DBCA should be congratulated for their foresight to engage with an RBG to manage their lands pest management which would otherwise be a large breeding ground for wild dog.

Northern Star: GNRBA have engaged with Northern Star to implement a wild dog management program on NS land which has an endangered mallee fowl population. Northern Star provided funding for an information day in April in Kalgoorlie.

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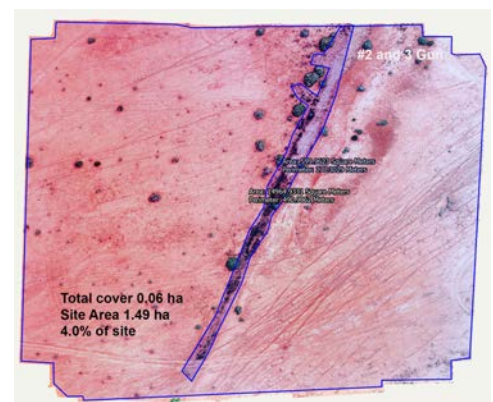
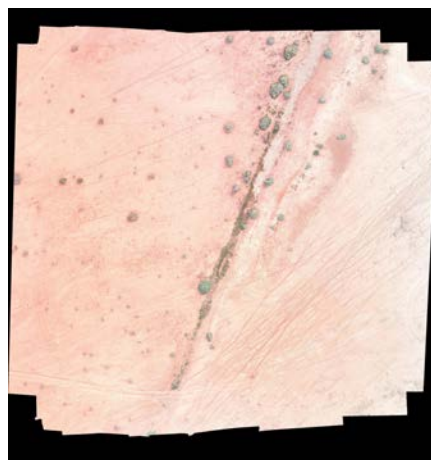
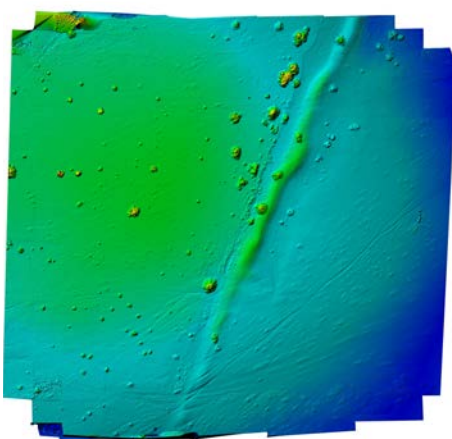


Onion Weed (*Asphodelus fistulosus*) Small Community Grant 2023-2025

This nasty weed is impacting our Goldfields and Nullarbor increasingly. Although present in the coastal area near Dongara/ Geraldton the impact on fragile native species in the pastoral area where we work is of serious concern. The Eyre Highway infestation has been increasing with sights at Madura and Mundrabilla. The Trans Line largely increased in 12 months Rangelands Drone Coordinator Steve Ewings along with Sarah Jeffery RNRM have helped your CEO with mapping sites plus training pastoralist in the use of drone mapping technology to map larger infestations. This feedback is instrumental in the work we are doing with CSIRO to highlight to the federal government that this is a real issue in the fragile Nullarbor areas, interfering with endangered species of grasses and native flora and fauna. A biologic method to manage this serious pest is required but there needs Federal government support for CSIRO to assist further. Photo Sara Jeffery and Steve Ewing RNRM Drone Mapping Trip Rawlinna.



Ceo photo



Imagery Onion Weed



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DPIRD Capacity Building Grant


DPIRD offered a grant for technology, governance, and understanding of \$3,000. GNRBA are held the event 17th August, hosted by Caroline Robinson 150 Square, to cover governance, succession, GNRBA Board member requirements and more. Matilda McQuie GNRBA Munda Reds Young Pastoral Achiever 2022, Scott Nancarrow yerilla and Emma Moss Regenco spoke on the day. Louise O'Neill Farm Life Fitness came in via Zoom. Melissa Edmondson represented Farmbot. Thank you for those that attended.



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GNRBA AGM AND FIELD DAYS NOVEMBER 2nd and 3rd 2023
PASTORALISTS RACE DAY KALGOORLIE NOVEMBER 2023

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Media release: New research shows dingoes do not suppress feral cat and fox populations 

A newly released scientific paper has found the argument to leave dingoes unrestricted in the environment due to their control of invasive pests such as feral cats and foxes is flawed.

Read more from the National Wild Dog Action Plan media release at <https://lnkd.in/etV3iEsc>

Smart Paddock: Attached Brochure to Smart Paddock is an Australian company that has developed smart GPS ear tags for the livestock industry that provide real-time information about the status and location of all the individual cows in the herd. The device, called the Bluebell, attaches securely onto the ear of each animal, and monitors the animal's temperature, mobility, and location. The producer can easily monitor from a web dashboard or mobile phone app.

Applications for the 2024 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award and Acceleration Grant are now open. If someone you know is making a difference in Australia's rural and emerging industries, businesses, and communities, encourage them to apply! Applications are open until Wednesday, 25 October 2023. Link to include in newsletter content:
<https://agrifutures.com.au/opportunities/rural-womens-award/>

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