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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. The work with cactus, wild dog, large feral herbivore and weeds takes more time every year from administration to keep the Goldfields and Nullarbor in the radar of government Nationally and State. The focus shifts more every year for the GNRBA to be the voice for pastoralists in the Goldfields Nullarbor. The BAM Act review input from pastoralists in this area is imperative to the consistency of this organisation and the management of YOUR declared pest funds. It maybe until 2027 that any significant changes to the Act appear but be mindful it could be impactful if there is change. In the meantime, GNRBA is recognised as the only assistance to your declared pest management in the area with pest management with many great programs in place.



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2023 GNRBA AGM This was a huge success sponsorship and funding ensured the event was run without cost to GNRBA membership. The event had engaging speakers across many subjects both days, a well-attended AGM, Pastoralists Dinner and Mt Vettors Field Day. An exciting Dinner Auction raised \$14,350 for the RFDS with a Munda Reds Bull auctioned for \$7,000. Sponsors included Waratah, Elders, Southern Wire, DECHRA, Datamars, Morgans Feeds, Zoetis, Farmbot, Rangelands NRM, PLB, Penns Transport, Circle H Helicopters, Foster and Co, Elance National Australia Bank, FFI Net Zero Holdings, Acutech Pipe, Edjudina Station, Munda Reds and more.

Please support these businesses that support Goldfields Nullarbor Pastoralists.

CoM MEETING Your next Committee of Management Committee Meetings on Friday 19.07.2024. Changes are that Brett Lewis Committee is incredibly busy so stepped off the Committee. The CoM were able, within Constitution, to appoint Nicholas Forrester to the CoM, until the AGM where he can stand for election. Welcome Nicholas. This year your CoM members able to re-elect at the AGM will be Brendan Jones, Nigel Wessels and Nicholas Forrester. This year 2023-2024 there have been five CoM Meetings and an Exceptional Circumstances LFH Meeting. Your CoM are working hard, and all dedicated to the region's best interests.

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, Pest Management – baiting supply, CPE supply, discounted trapping purchases and LMPT assistance.
- Large Feral Herbivore Management Local Plan, WA Lands Pest Management with Stakeholders, National Camel Management Planning.

INCREASE IN GNRBA CHEMICAL SUBSIDY TO \$1,000

It was brought to the attention of the CoM that the \$500 chemical subsidy needed attention. GNRBA are pleased to announce that there is \$1,000 available per year to stations for the use on Declared Weeds i.e., Bathurst Burr. Contact CEO for a claim form or pick up Roundup Ultramax and Slivan spray units at cost price from GNRBA Facility in Kalgoorlie.



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

On a subsidised daily rate. There will be a Trap Training Day at Minara in June or July. If you require similar it is 1.5 days with Neil White LPMT. Each day can have up to 8 participants to run effectively. Trap Boxes with traps and all trap gear available for purchase once you have training and online strychnine training.



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LPMT NEWS Neil White and Teen Ryan are busy with DBCA baiting, wild dog management on Nullarbor and parts of the Goldfields. Contact CEO if you require their services on your station.



N. White Photo

GNRBA ACTIVITIES

DBCA- GNRBA have a MOU with DBCA to complete a wild dog baiting program on DBCA Lands twice per year. LPMT Neil White holds the RP permits and works on those lands to a set baiting map. It is noted that other people enter these lands and shoot LFH or drive on wet roads. Our MOU allows the LPMT to carry a firearm but not shoot feral animals unless for animal welfare reasons. If accessing DBCA land, please be aware of this and liaise with your local DBCA for access.

CPE's - The GNRBA have CPE units and capsules available for distribution. These units are being used by the LPMT and proving to be a useful tool. CPE tools are available to assist to set. You can learn how to set these units correctly from our LPMT. There will be LPMT activity opportunity to train pastoralists. It is important to set them correctly and avoid the risk of activating the 1080. Dare to be Aware and Listen to you LPMT.

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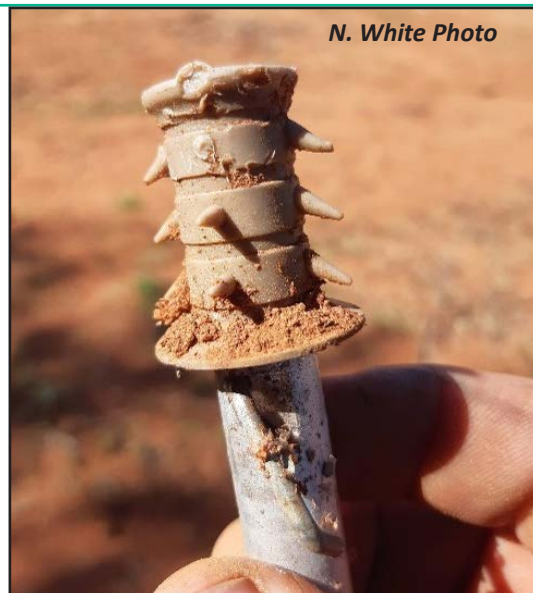
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RCP's We are still in the process of RP renewal. RP permit changes have occurred, and we need to ensure the application correct. Aerial work i.e., pilots and bombardiers are not applicable on permits anymore unless these service providers can be named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

No Permit No Baits.

GROUND BAITING PLANNING 2024 and COLLECTION:

Andrew Parker will be conducting a bait delivery run on behalf of GNRBA as soon as possible June. Please contact CEO if you have not received an email pertaining to this. Sandy Parker will coordinate the run. Ensure you have bait racks or a suitable location for bait delivery. Preferably not homesteads or locations accessed by pet dogs, children, visitors, travellers or similar. These are an S7 and as per your permits for S7 need to be handled in an appropriate manner on collection or delivery. The last delivery was February 2024.

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 baits in the chiller and freezer. You are required to have a secured locked box or similar, to collect. No enclosed vehicles or unsecure boxes please. Once you have collected head straight home as it is unsafe to have on the back of utes in a public place. GNRBA CEO and LPMT not always in Kalgoorlie but can arrange days to suit you with prior warning.

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 completed Strychnine/ 1080 On-line Training.

Link to 1080 and Strychnine Code of Practice

https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/~media/Files/Corporate/general-documents/medicines-and-poisons/Word/Code-of-Practice-1080-PAPP-Strychnine.doc?_gl=1*1odiz35*_ga*MzU0MDkwM DguMTY2Mjk3MzYwNA..*_ga_D9219JDJGK*MTcxNjQyMTE2MS4xLjEuMTcxNjQyMTE3OC4wLjA



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1080 TAFE INJECTOR and LPMT TRAINING

CEO is currently awaiting Ben's timeline for this important Injector 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. Ben is the only trainer in WA. Based in Carnarvon with a tight schedule. If you are keen to undertake LPMT Training it is recommended to make the time to book into the Carnarvon course.

LARGE FERAL HERBIVORE MANAGEMENT

In January 2024, it had been brought to GNRBA attention that stations were under impact of a sudden influx of camel from the Gibson and Great Victoria catchment areas. GNRBA acted as quickly as possible to assist pastoralists on fringe stations with an Exceptional Circumstances, one of payment to assist. GNRBA Committee of Management listened to and acted upon data, requests, explanation of increased numbers to effect this Exceptional Circumstances assistance. GNRBA Committee of Management elected to offer 10 x fringe pastoral stations access to funding with acquittal June 30, 2024. These pastoralists to match funds and use the funding in accordance with the Best Practice LFH Management.

GNRBA Aerial LFH Shoot involvement and work is currently postponed until reliable partners programs can form a collaboration. GNRBA have engaged the CEO to work with and input stakeholders to co-ordinate a GNRBA, Central WA and National Camel/ LFH Plan.

[Western Australian Large Feral Herbivore Strategy 2020–2025 | Agriculture and Food](#)

GNRBA Committee of Management support impacted pastoralists as follows:

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.

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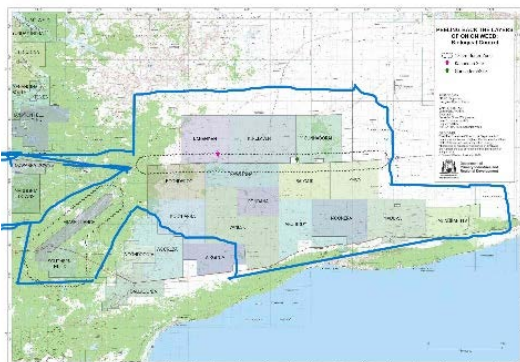
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PROJECTS AND FUNDING UPDATE

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 Gnrba commissioned an Environment Impact review on the Nullarbor. Onion weed leaf samples were sent to CSIRO Perth and onion weed seeds to CSIRO Montpellier France with the arrangement to CSIRO have a opportunity to develop a biologic- a rust- to trial for management of onion weed. Recent report back from CSIRO is that the onion weed failed to make the Declared species list from WA to the federal government in 2023-2024. All CSIRO research on this weed has been halted. Gnrba is strong in its 10-year assault on the weed and recognised as the only organisation in WA fighting for recognition of this weed that has a strong pastoral and environmental impact. Gnrba need to further prove to the Australian government that this control of onion weed is a necessary inclusion on the Declared Weed list. 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 most pastoral properties. Approx 100km north of the Trans Line and west to spots near the Trans Access Line at Cowarna. Gnrba engaged Rangelands NRM to assist with drone mapping photography and to train pastoralists with drones for continued map development.



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Cactus Management has no current grant, but GNRBA continues to undertake strategic cactus management with a designated co-ordinator for mapping with the Mavic 3 Enterprise drone 2024-2025. Mapping and community support is essential. Graslon granules are available for infestations with larger infestations being species identified to release cochineal into the field. Shires, pastoralists, and mining companies have been in discussion with GNRBA as to best practise workplans. GNRBA initiated a Shire Workshop in Leonora early in 2024 to plan forward strategies.

WA Wild Dog Action Plan is in stages of rewrite for 2025-2030. Many changes are happening in this space especially with the proposed changes to the WA BAM Act. Please support GNRBA, your organisation, for the only additional pest management to what you as pastoralists oversee yourselves in the effort to ensure GNRBA pastoralists are recognised in these Acts and Plans. The meetings, zooms, conversations attended by GNRBA ensure you are recognised for what we need in the Rangelands of WA and that funding continues.

Technologically Advanced Wild Dog of the Goldfields and Nullarbor is a project under WA Wild Dog Action Plan R & D. It is for 2023-2025. GNRBA were able to purchase a drone for monitoring wild dogs in scrub areas, a thermal scope for night shooting, thermal binoculars for distance species identification and cameras, howlers for further study of wild dog activity and numbers on ground. LPMT will continue the work of Tracey Kreplins with these cameras and increased research alongside their current wild dog management work.

In Progress: A grant submission is in progress around workshops to include Richard Marver Contour Contracting and Richard Brake Brake Consulting. This valuable learning will enable pastoralists to make valuable decisions on rangeland management. Grants require careful consideration before application as the cost of time spent applying and input from GNRBA financially to match most grant funding is considerable.

DPLH and PLB - Proposed new standard condition of pastoral leases - WA DPLH - Citizen Space .

2024 GNRBA AGM, Pastoralist Dinner and Field Days 31st October – 1st November – Goldfields Function Centre and Mt Vettors Station

<https://wilddogplan.org.au>

**NATIONAL
WILD DOG
ACTION PLAN**





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AGRIBUSINESS

- Rural Property Finance
- Seasonal Funding
- Crop & Livestock Finance
- Plant & Equipment Finance

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- Small Business & Commercial Lending
- Working Capital & Cashflow Solutions

PERSONAL FINANCE

- First Home Owners
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- Investment Home Loans
- Refinance



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