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GNRBA WINTER UPDATE – NOTE FROM YOUR CEO.

July/August 2024 GNRBA CEO went to Sydney for the Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference. The conference was well organised with emphasis on methodologies and AI for future pest management. Unfortunately, camels were not an agenda item. Large Feral Herbivore were well promoted by the GNRBA CEO to conference attendees. Prior to this there was little understanding of the work undertaken by Rangeland Biosecurity Groups in WA with LFH.

CEO sitting on the Sheep and Goat IFS continues our footprint with Wild Dog Management in WA, whilst our organisation is instrumental with stakeholder engagement and voicing an opinion to outside organisations with what we do in Goldfields Nullarbor Biosecurity and Declared Pest Management.

2024 GNRBA AGM

It is happening again. Shaping up to be an exciting event with the AGM and Industry Speakers at the Goldfields Function Centre plus the Pastoralist Dinner with RFDS Auction on Day 1 Thursday 31st October. Followed by a hands-on Field Day at Mt Vettters Station on Friday 1st November. Speakers include MLA, PLB, DPLH, Tracey Kreplins, Narelle Dybing, PGA, Richard Marver, Paul Buckman RNRM, Enoch Bergman.

Day 2 includes a necropsy of a wild dog, drones with Contour Consulting, veterinary work, suppliers, presenters and more. You cannot miss it. Further information and program out soon. To register ceo@gnrba.com.au



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CoM MEETING

Your Committee of Management Committee Meetings was held Monday 30.09.2024. Previous meetings on 19th July and 2nd August. Your committee discussed the LFH Exceptional Circumstances funding, the Birriliburu LFH Management with stakeholders; Planning for the future of Wild Dog, LFH, cactus and weeds, Governance. Your CoM are working hard, and all dedicated to the GNRBA 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 of Community Information and Awareness, Representative of pastoralists concerns for Community Consultation, Coordinate GNRBA Approved LPMTs , Assisting pastoralists in having a voice of concerns at State and National level, Work on projects to sustain the environment such as invasive weed species, 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.



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WEEDS CACTUS:

GNRBA CHEMICAL SUBSIDY TO \$1,000 for weeds

Glyphosate and spray equipment available from GNRBA Bait Facility. Do not forget to apply for this subsidy or collect chemical to that value – new form on the www.gnrba.com.au website.

Mexican Poppy

Mexican Poppy has been spotted at Nurina east of Rawlinna on the Trans Line. Please take note of this weed and its location. If seen contact GNRBA CEO. Details of plant attached.

Cactus Monitoring

Cactus monitoring, area recognition and plant co-ordinates are being established with the use of the GNRBA Mavic 3 drone flown by LPMT Neil White.



WILD DOG MANAGEMENT

LICENSED PEST MANAGEMENT TECHNICIAN'S (LPMT's) are available.

On a subsidised daily rate. If you require a trap training day in your location 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.

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. CPE are available with training and proving to be an effective tool in wild dog management with the correct lures.

GROUND BAITING PLANNING 2024 and COLLECTION:

Eastern Districts Pet Foods Andrew Parker will undertake a wild dog bait delivery September- October. 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.

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 GNRBA Bait Facility. There are quantities of onion bag baits in the freezers. 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 vehicles in a public place. Receivers need to have completed their 1080 training available online and certificate downloaded and sent to the CEO GNRBA CEO and LPMT not always in Kalgoorlie but can arrange days to suit you with prior arrangement.

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DBCA- Spring Baiting for DBCA is underway in all DBCA lands in the Goldfields. Undertaken by LPMT Neil White. Letters have been sent to all stakeholders to build awareness of the program.

RCP's: 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 or S7.**

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.

Any person wishing to be a permit holder or user of a RP (1080, PAPP & Strychnine) must meet the minimal landholder requirements and complete training. It is self-enrolment and each individual must have a separate email address for identification purposes. Link for the online training: <https://progi.dpird.wa.gov.au/login/index.php>

External log in tipsheet to assist you to navigate the training site
agric.wa.gov.au/sites/gateway/files/Tip_sheet_Progi_training_external_user_.pdf



Neil White

1080 TAFE INJECTOR and LPMT TRAINING

Ben Maslen is the only trainer for LPMT in WA. He is based in Carnarvon TAFE 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. GNRBA continues to ask Ben to conduct a course in the GNRBA area.



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LARGE FERAL HERBIVORE MANAGEMENT

Collaborations and Planning:

GNRBA is currently working with DSS, Birrilliburu IPA and the stakeholders in an organised LFH shoot. Involvement with reliable partner programs can bring a shoot on desert fringes to fruition. The shoot will be conducted in October 2024 under collaborative direction.

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.

GNRBA are open to proposals from pastoralists for funding to undertake their own or collaborative LFH programs.

LPMT and Bait Supplier Andrew Parker is consistently managing LFH. Concern over the future of the firearms regulations has GNRBA stocking up on your wild dog baits pre-proposed Firearms law changes in 2025.



PROJECTS AND FUNDING UPDATE

Onion Weed (*Asphodelus fistulosus*) Small Community Grant 2023-2024

The current Onion Weed State NRM Grant has been acquitted with a recent drone survey of the areas previously flown on the trans Line area. The boundaries of the infestation of Nullarbor onion weed have increased significantly with a recent trip to the Eyre Highway, 90 Mile Straight areas. Significant onion weed is present in places it did not thrive 12 months ago. The CEO is looking for a future grant and project for GNRBA to work with stakeholders to drive the understandings for onion weed management in the fragile ecosystem of the Nullarbor Plain, firstly searching to have the weed recognised as an impact weed.

Cactus Management has no current grant, but GNRBA continues to undertake strategic cactus management with a designated co-ordinator LPMT for mapping with the Mavic 3 Enterprise drone.

WA Wild Dog Action Plan, BAM Act, Firearms Act and many other important changes are occurring within our jurisdiction of pest management in the Goldfields Nullarbor. 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.

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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.

A Pastoral Toolbox Grant has been awarded to GNRBA by FRRR to undertake two workshops, to include Richard Marver Contour Consulting, Richard Brake, Brake Consulting, and Louise O'Neill Farm Life Fitness. This valuable learning will enable pastoralists to make valuable decisions on rangeland management and business, health support. The first of these Pastoral Toolbox days will be at Morapoi Station Kookynie on November 13th followed by a Nullarbor workshop in March on the Nullarbor. GNRBA will send out a program with more information shortly,

2024 GNRBA AGM, Pastoralist Dinner and Field Days

31st October – 1st November

Goldfields Function Centre & Mt Veters Station RSVP by 18.10.2024

A Pastoral Toolbox Wednesday 13th November – Morapoi Station Kookynie RSVP by 8th November for careering and accommodation.

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<https://wilddogplan.org.au>

<https://weeds.org.au>

LINK FOR FARBOT NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

https://farmbot.com.au/on-farm-connectivity-program-round-2/?utm_medium=OFCP&utm_source=Referral&utm_campaign=GNRBA

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Mexican Poppy (*Argemone ochroleuca*) is an annual erect prickly annual herb to 1.5 m tall, with a stout- tap-root mottles grey-green and cream leaves, with pale yellow to cream flowers.

It reproduces by seed with a single plant able to produce 30, 000 seeds, spread by water, contaminated soils, agricultural produce, machinery and vehicles.

It is common around mainland Australia from Temperate to arid regions, most common in Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia, but is widespread throughout much of Australia.

It is extremely poisonous to humans and animals, but instances of stock poisoning are rare due to it being unpalatable to stock.

It establishes readily on wasteland and overgrazed pastures, sandy seasonally dry creek lines, especially where competition from other species is minimal.

Impacts some crops such as sugarcane, cereals and vegetables, in arid grazing areas especial sandy distributed areas.

Good pasture management is effective in reducing the impact and preventing the invasion of Mexican Poppy.

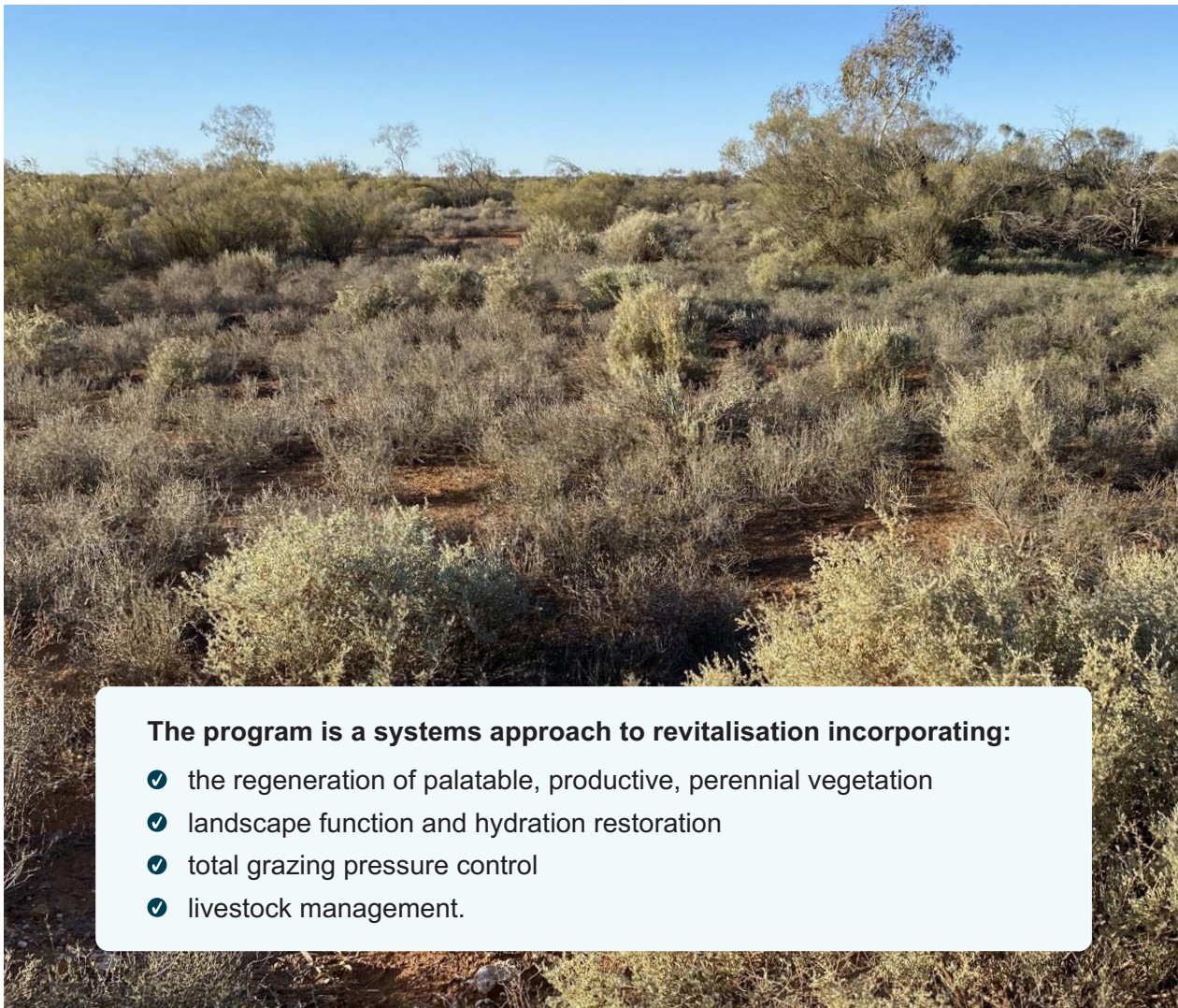


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Southern Rangelands Revitalisation

The Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Program (SRRP) is a State Government investment supporting pastoral lease holders in WA to improve rangelands condition and land productivity which overtime, will lead to improved livestock profitability.



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