

# CARNARVON RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC.



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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **About the Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association**

The CRBA is a not for profit association formed under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*, providing declared pest control services for land managers throughout Shark Bay, Carnarvon, Exmouth, Murchison, and Upper Gascoyne Shires. The associations' primary purpose is the control of declared pests using funding from Declared Pest Rates paid by landholders on pastoral stations. These Declared Pest Rates funds are matched dollar for dollar by the WA Government to reflect the public benefit of controlling declared pest animals and weeds. The association is formally recognised by the Hon Minister for Agriculture and Food as a recognised biosecurity group (RBG).

### **Membership of the Association**

Full membership of the Association is open only to ratepayers within the area subject to rule 19(3) of the groups constitution, and full membership is automatically bestowed upon the individual or entity in whose name the relevant Declared Pest Rate assessment is issued, provided also that the relevant assessment is paid in full within 12 months of its issue date.

The association is managed by a committee of volunteers who spend a considerable amount of their time in managing the operations and compliance of the CRBA.

### **Committee of management members (as at 30 June 2019)**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Member Station/organisation</b>	<b>Term Expiry</b>
Chair	Justin Steadman	Wooramel Station	26 October 2022
Vice-Chair	Tim Higham	Meedo Station	26 October 2022
Secretary / Treasurer	Aggie Forrester	Winning Station	29 November 2020
Member	Harry McKeogh	Carey Downs Station	5 December 2021
Member	Jim Dorrell	Mia Mia Station	26 October 2020
Member	Sandy McTaggart	Mt Narryer Station	26 October 2020
Member	Leonie McLeod	Warroora Station	26 October 2020
Member	Cameron Tubby	Wahroonga Station	26 October 2022
Member	Roger Davies	Eudamullah Station	26 October 2022
Associate Member	Gavan Mullan	Dept Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)	29 November 2020
Associate Member	John McCleary	Shire of Upper Gascoyne	29 March 2020

### **How the group is funded**

The association's main source of funding is from declared pest rates paid by pastoral lease holders that are matched equally by the State Government. Additional grant income has been received this financial year from Royalties for Regions (R4R) with 2019/2020 seeing the end of this agreement; State NRM and Rangelands NRM. The CRBA has also received donations from the Shires of Murchison and Shark Bay.

The CRBA distributed funds to the Shire of Upper Gascoyne for wild dog control, with the Shire adding approximately \$120,000 in additional funds towards wild dog control within the Shire of Upper Gascoyne area. 2019/20 see the final year of this agreement, with the Shire of Upper Gascoyne returning its biosecurity operations to the CRBA.

The CRBA has specific obligations under the BAM Act regarding the transfer of funds from the Declared Pest Account, which are detailed in sections 170 of the BAM Act. When available the group also attracts funds from other sources such as Federal and State Government, although over recent years access to additional funding has become more difficult and harder to obtain.

## **2. CRBA AIMS AND AREA OF OPERATIONS**

### **Aims**

The Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association (CRBA) aligned its aims directly to its objects in the group's constitution. These are:

- Foster the *control of declared pests* throughout the Area, via the formulation, implementation, and review of appropriate *management plans* and programs.
- Encourage *integration, coordination, and general collaboration* of all Area stakeholders in pest management matters.
- Promote the adoption of *sound biosecurity practices* throughout the Area.

### **High priority declared pests**

**Wild dogs** - continue to have a major impact across the region, particularly for some areas boarding Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) and Reserves, along with those properties in the north of the CRBA region.

Whilst movements were slow at the start of the year, the population exploded across the group in the second half of 2019/2020. Not only do wild dogs cause direct stock losses, they also cause losses through maiming and the high costs associated with controlling them.

**Weeds of National Significance (WONS) including Mesquite and Parkinsonia** - There are currently twelve pastoral leases, two areas of UCL and a reserve around Carnarvon townsite with known infestations. These infestations are mostly found along the Gascoyne, Lyons, and Murchison Rivers

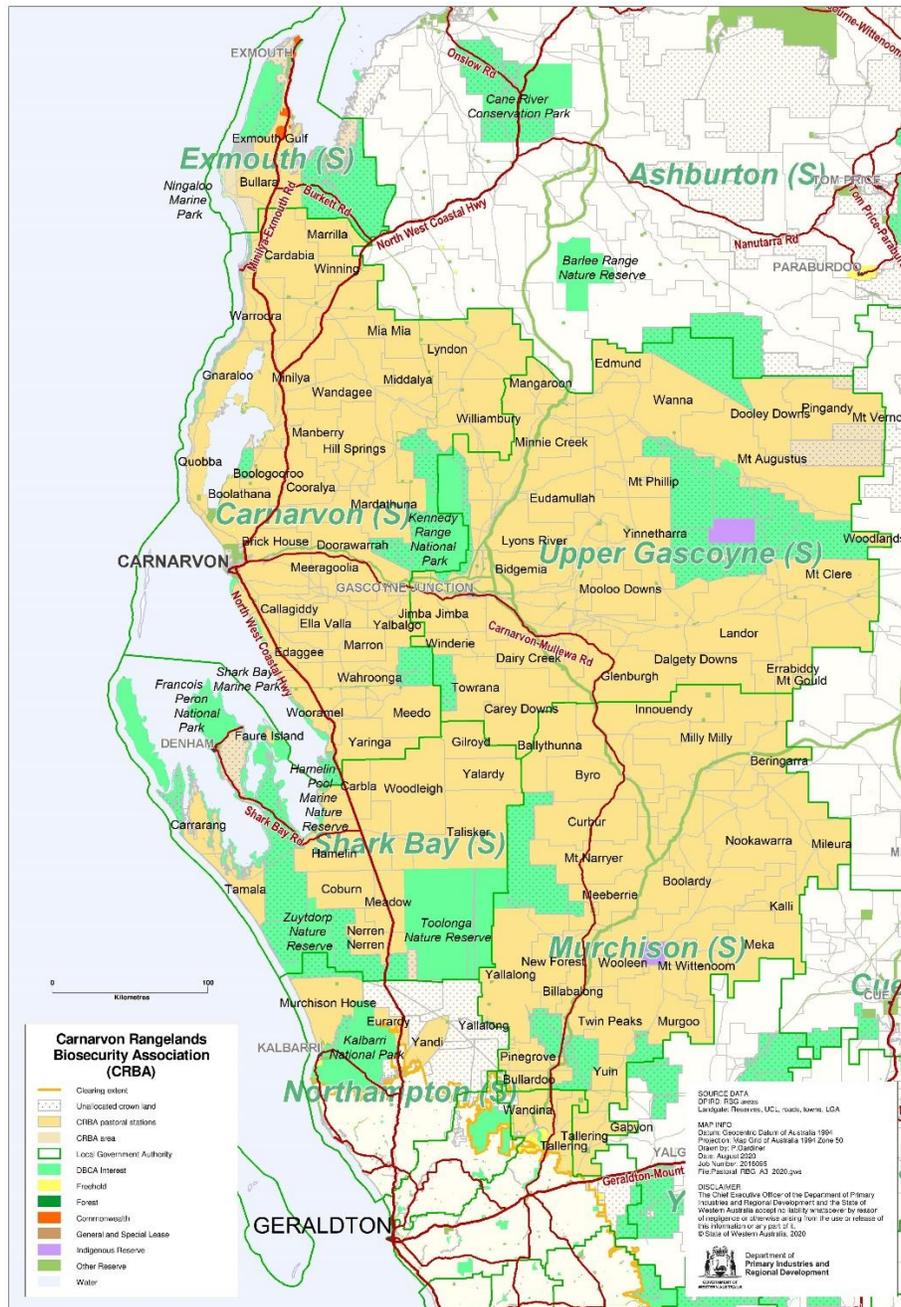
**Large Feral Herbivores (LFH) including Donkeys and Camels** – are of growing concern across the region with known populations within the Shires of Carnarvon, Murchison, and Upper Gascoyne. At present they are found on approximately twenty-seven pastoral leases and some DBCA managed land within our region. LFH have been sighted as far south as the Murchison Region Vermin Cell (MRVC) fence.

**Coral Coast Cactus** – continues to be a weed that pastoralists and CRBA Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) around the region are finding. The CRBA is lucky that several known large infestations had considerable work undertaken by the Lyndon LCDC and are now a source of the biological control (cochineal) which is being used to treat new infestations as we become aware.

## Area of operation

The CRBA area of operation takes in the Shires of Carnarvon, Exmouth, Shark Bay, Murchison and Upper Gascoyne. Additional pastoral properties below the state barrier fence within the Shire of Northampton and City of Greater Geraldton (locality of Mullewa) are included in the CRBA area of operation. There are over 90 pastoral leases with around 25% being small stock carrying properties; multiple Exclusive Native Title properties, making up approximately 7.5% (more than 1 million hectares) and approximately 21% of land that is managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

The population for the CRBA area is approximately 9,500, with this number and numbers across the CRBA region increasing exponentially during the tourism season. Our largest town is Carnarvon, with a population of approximately 5,500 residents. Carnarvon is the regional service centre for the whole Gascoyne-Murchison area.



### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

#### **Activities:**

- Since the committee voted to fund Restricted Chemical Permits for rate payers, there has been a notable increase in the number of valid permits. Our Executive Officer is now kept abreast of landholder and management changes, which has allowed quicker processing of permits to allow continuity of service across the region.
- March 2020 saw the CRBA approached by the Shire of Upper Gascoyne requesting management return to the committee. This saw a Memorandum of Understanding established. This agreement was signed in June 2020 and included a shire relevant budget to show how the CRBA planned to utilise the funding to be received from them. The agreement will commence in the 2020/21 year.
- Regional community wild dog ground baiting was coordinated in October 2019 and May 2020. The October community baiting saw aerial baiting operations taking place across the Murchison and Upper Gascoyne Shires along with the Kennedy Ranges National Park.
- Shires that have shown and committed to supporting the RBG:
  - Shire of Upper Gascoyne – contributing a significant amount of additional money and resources towards biosecurity matters within their shire area.
  - Shire of Shark Bay – provided a \$5,000 contribution to the CRBA to assist our operations within the region.
  - Shire of Murchison - \$30,000 which was utilised for Large Feral Herbivore (LFH) control and additional group time for Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMT) across the shire's operation area.

#### **Achievements:**

- Welcomed two new LPMT contractors to the group.
- Saw an increase in the data collected from landholders across the region. This data included control methods undertaken and reporting of biosecurity matters such as weeds.
- LPMT contractors across the region started collecting DNA samples from controlled wild dogs as part of research being undertaken by Tracey Kreplins, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). These samples will help the CRBA form a picture of animal movements, not just across the region but within the state.
- Commencement of State National Resource Management (NRM) grant for the management of Weeds of National Significance (WONS). This is a small three-year program which will see WONS controlled along the Lyons, Gascoyne, and Murchison Rivers in pre-determined locations.
- Commencement of Rangelands NRM funding for assistance in the management of predators which affect known turtle nesting sites on Gnaraloo Station. This funding was for an additional ten LPMT days to assist the land manager in control of these animals on the pastoral lease.
- Continuation of the Rangelands NRM funding for LFH control, with 2020/21 being the final year.
- The CRBA was awarded Dry Seasons LFH funding from DPIRD. This funding is for programs that will be undertaken in the 2020/21 year.

**What is working well:**

- CBRA communication to its constituents has greatly improved in the last year with the implementation of its bi-annual newsletter. This newsletter is sent in both electronic and paper format and provides members with current information on all biosecurity related matters.
- Email updates to members, when required throughout the year on important biosecurity matters, such as sharing of the Biosecurity Blitz.
- COVID saw the need to implement alternative ways for meetings to be undertaken with the committee and other volunteers. Zoom was utilised for these meetings and proved to be an effective mechanism to hold a meeting with no travel required by our members. This is extremely beneficial given the size of the CRBA area.
- The CRBA continues to meet the increasing governance requirements of RBGs.

**Areas of concerns:**

- Access by the CRBA LPMTs onto lands under the management of the government continues to be a major concern. Krystie has been working through these issues including permits to allow LPMT access. This issue continues to be problematic with those responsible for management not seeing the same issues around pest animals as the CRBA committee and surrounding landholders. This issue is still to be resolved.
- Six positions are coming up for renewal for the CRBA committee. These need to be filled to allow for those that have held the voluntary seat for some time to step away, and fresh energetic faces to become involved.
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) has a large number of land tenure changes across the CRBA moving forward. This will see a large amount of UCL changed to National Parks/Reserves by the end of 2020.
- The timeliness and accuracy of quarterly financial statements from DPIRD for our Declared Pest Rate income, continues to be challenging for the CRBA. The lack of promptness in forwarding them and communication of delays has caused undue stress to the CRBA committee and Executive Officer as it tries to manage an up to date and current financial outlook for the group.
- LFH control by pastoralists with helicopters continues to be a concern and is a focus point of discussions with relevant key stakeholders moving forward.
- DPIRD management of Declared Pest Account funding – timeliness of rates notices going out, chasing of payments and the fact that RBGs are expected to services properties with no confirmation that they are meeting their obligations under the BAM Act to pay their rates.
- The budgeted payment rate for the 2019/20 year was 85%, however the group has reported only an 83.13%.
- Prompt (or lack thereof) communication from DPIRD regarding RBG related issues, including governance requirements.
- Financial support moving forward for RBGs surrounding the increase in administration and governance required.
- DBCA Reserve/National Park (CALM Act land) access issues and them meeting their obligations under the BAM act.
- Exclusive Possession Native Title properties and the issues surrounding access for biosecurity (and management of it as a whole).
- The CRBA region has seen a significant number of changes to landholders/managers across the region this year, these changes whilst bring new ideas to the region result in a shortfall in trained pastoralists who can participate in control activities. The CRBAs capacity to fund training for these new members is concerning.
- Lack of compliance of both public and private landholders/managers under the BAM Act.

### **Day to Day**

- Striking a balance between LPMTs and clients to service in each specific area. The CRBA continues to work with its landholders to ensure an understanding of our aims and each individual's responsibility in the management of pests, particularly wild dogs across the region.
- With the loss of four LPMT contractors within the region at the end of 2019/20, succession planning is a continued concern.
- Managing changes in LPMTs across the region results in coverage/servicing shortfalls. The CRBA is limited when it comes to attracting new LPMT contractors due to our remote working locations and funds available to encourage contractors (and maintain current ones) within the budget constraints.

### **Summary**

The business of the CRBA continues to run smoothly with systems in place to help keep it operating proficiently. Communication between the CRBA and its members continues to be a focus, with a hope that communication received from key stakeholders to the CRBA will be received in a timelier fashion.

As is the nature of the CRBA's role, there is always a balance in attempting to meet all stakeholder requirements/expectations and achieving the best possible outcomes given the budgetary boundaries, compliance and area being serviced. The ever changing and competitive nature of grants within the biosecurity sector means that meeting and exceeding stakeholder expectations will be further restricted moving into future years.

I would like to thank the CRBA committee members, LPMT coordinators and Bait Rack coordinators for their contributions towards the smooth running of the group over the past year. Without their assistance the group's achievements would not be what they are.

I would also like to recognise the support and participation received from key-stakeholders of the CRBA, including the Shires of Murchison, Shark Bay and Upper Gascoyne; DBCA, DPIRD and Rangelands NRM.

We continue to support our LPMT contractors in their day to day activities and thank them for their good work.

Thankyou

**Justin Steadman**  
**CHAIRPERSON**  
**Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc.**

## 4. CRBA OPERATIONS 2019/2020

The CRBA has a Declared Pest Account into which the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is responsible, via the Office of State Revenue (OSR) to issue rates notices annually to all pastoral leases within the CRBA region. DPIRD then provide the CRBA with the Government's matching dollar for dollar contribution.

2019/2020 was the final year for the Royalties for Regions agreement with DPIRD, for establishing enhanced wild dog control operations on government managed lands and neighbouring small stock pastoral properties in the Southern Rangelands. The CRBA has submitted a plan for the extension of this project but to date have yet to hear a response on how declared pest control will be managed on these properties.

There continues to be large and ever-changing complexities around the required administration and governance of the CRBA and its declared pest rates. The increased requirements see diversion of funds for on ground activities moved towards the funding of the CRBA Executive Officer (EO). An integral part of ensuring the CRBA meets these obligations. Our EO spends considerable time trying to resolve many issues that arise throughout the year relating to things such as: DBCA access; Restricted Chemical Permits (RCPS), management of the Declared Pest Account funds and the monitoring and reporting requirements.

### Wild Dog Control

Declared Pest Account Program activities and expenditure included:

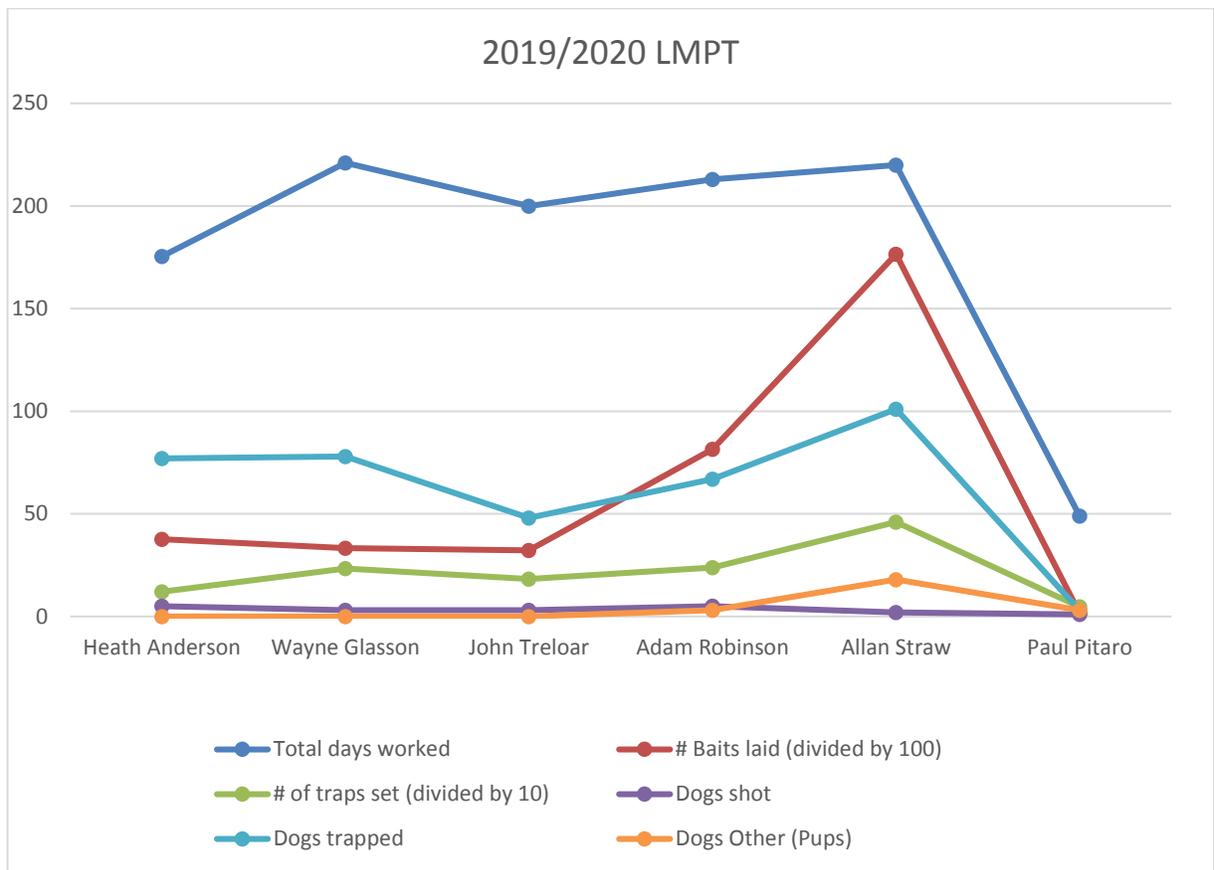
- Two combined baiting programs (Autumn and Spring):
  - Autumn baiting program included 2.5 tonnes of bait meat supplied to CRBA chillers, more than 20,000 baits created at community bait racks and distributed by landholders;
  - Spring baiting program included 6.8 tonnes of bait meat supplied to CRBA chillers, more than 95,000 baits created at community bait racks and distributed by landholders;
  - Additional bait meat left in chillers has then been available for landholders and LPMTs to utilise, as needed throughout the year;
- One aerial baiting program held in the Murchison during spring;
- One aerial baiting program, coordinated with DBCA in the Kennedy Range National Park during spring, with DBCA funding the cost of baits and plane; and the CRBA provided the LPMT bombardier;
- Contracting Licenced Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) for local wild dog trapping, baiting, and shooting functions;
- Payment of \$139,500 to the Shire of Upper Gascoyne for local wild dog management, with the Shire of Upper Gascoyne contributing approximately \$120,000 of Shire rates. The Shire of Upper Gascoyne used these funds for aerial and ground baiting, contracting two LPMTs for local wild dog trapping, baiting, and shooting functions.
- Payment of \$8,259.40 to the Meekatharra RBG for wild dog control activities managed by them on Mt Clere station, as requested by the landholder.

### LPMT Summary

Contains combined figures from 6 CRBA contracted LPMTs:

Total days worked	1,078.50
Number of baits laid	36,269
Number of traps set	1,281
Number of dogs destroyed - Shot	19
Number of dogs destroyed - Trapped	374
Number of dogs destroyed - Other	24
Number of reported small stock kills by wild dogs	32
Number of reported wild dog complaints by landowners	57

*Note: figures do not include the results from the two Shire of Upper Gascoyne contracted LPMTs.*



The CRBA relies heavily on pastoral lease holders playing active roles in the management of declared pests and plants on their own stations. The group continues to rely on its members and key stake holders to participate in preparing wild dog meat baits at Community Baiting Events, distribute dried prepared baits across their properties, trap/shoot wild dogs and also to show interest in and support the LPMTs that operate on their properties.

During the 2019/2020 the CRBA saw an increase in the information reported by landholders and the committee continues to work on easier, more innovated ways to gather data to ensure an accurate picture region wide. We received information relating to wild dog control from 8 pastoral landholders with the total number of dogs controlled being 29.

The CRBA would also like to recognise the Shire of Murchison who continues to actively encourage people within their Shire to control dogs via internal initiatives. From their records 333 donkeys, 17 camels and 42 dogs have been controlled across their Shire area throughout the year.

## **Volunteer Summary**

The CRBA relies on volunteers within the community to assist with various roles/activities that are required to ensure the smooth running of our operation. These roles include:

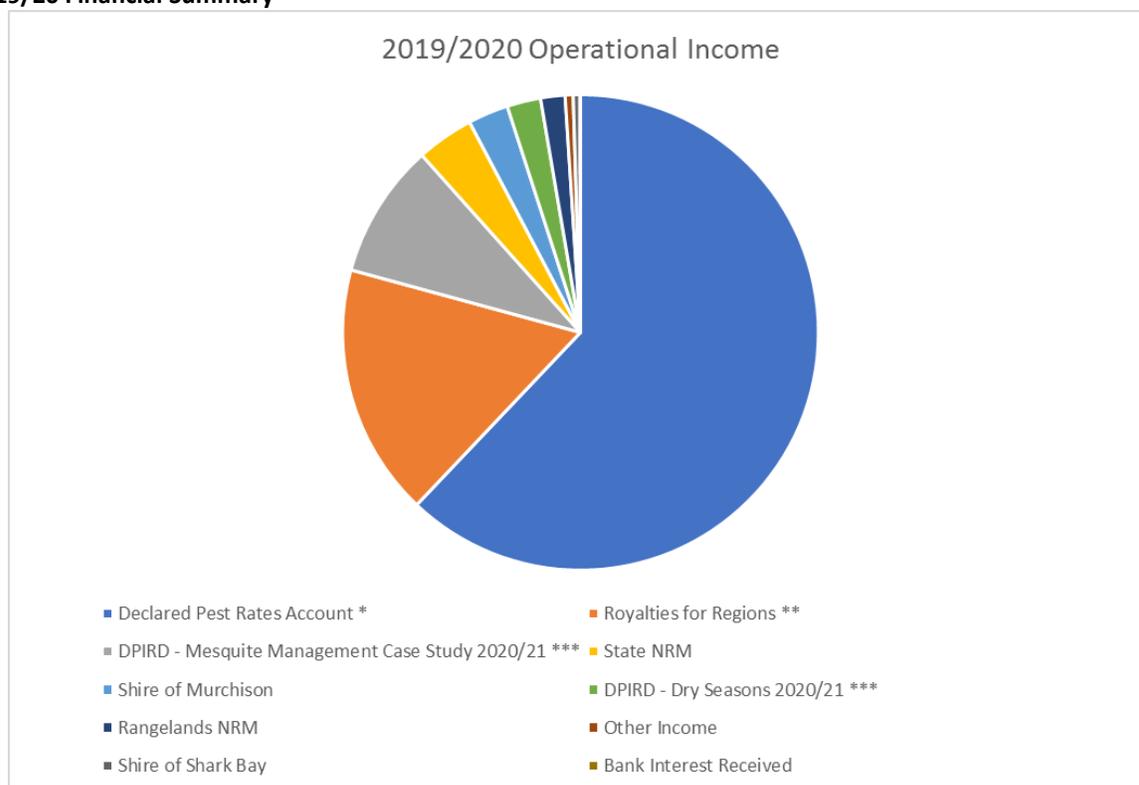
- Participation on the Management Committee;
- Time and fuel commitments by members to attend training days, workshops, industry and government meetings and liaisons;
- Local Rack Coordinators – who coordinate local pastoralists to attend bait preparations racks to inject, dry and bag meat baits ready for baiting programs;
- LPMT Coordinators – local pastoralists who are responsible for supervising and guiding local LPMTs who operate across a defined network of pastoral properties;
- Assistance with wild dog aerial baiting programs, including helping with loading baits and fuel into the contracted charter plane, as well as taking on the roles of navigator and/or bombardier during aerial baiting flights to ensure baits are dropped in areas of need on rough terrain that cannot be accessed for ground baiting;
- Negotiating and developing partnerships with WALGA and DBCA; and
- Pastoral stations that make airstrips available for the aerial baiting plane to use, along with providing meals and overnight accommodation for the charter plane pilot during aerial baiting programs.

The CRBA continues to work with DBCA to gain support, assistance, and access for LPMTs to undertake control of declared pests on their land tenures. Without this supportive relationship with DBCA the management of pests across the region would be difficult as a significant amount of land would be inaccessible to the CRBA.

The CRBA also appreciates the ongoing role of S7 Retailer Shane Aylmore of Carnarvon Pest Control/Ella Valla Station. Shane via an S7 Retailer Licence stores and distributes wild dog control chemical as an unpaid, voluntary service to CRBA pastoral stations and LPMTs in accordance with RCP permits and LPMT Licence conditions.

Further appreciation from the CRBA needs to go to the Shires of Carnarvon, Murchison and Upper Gascoyne for the storage and ongoing running costs of the CRBA bait meat freezers within their depots.

## 2019/20 Financial Summary



### 2019/2020 Operational Income (excluding GST):

Declared Pest Rates Account *	\$	678,636.02
Royalties for Regions **	\$	187,500.00
DPIRD - Mesquite Management Case Study 2020/21 ***	\$	100,000.00
State NRM	\$	42,550.00
Shire of Murchison	\$	30,000.00
DPIRD - Dry Seasons 2020/21 ***	\$	25,000.00
Rangelands NRM	\$	18,100.00
Other Income	\$	5,978.75
Shire of Shark Bay	\$	5,000.00
Bank Interest Received	\$	316.88
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,093,081.65</b>

\* DPA income breakdown is as follows:

DPIRD matching CF appropriation	\$	341,635.35
Declared Pest Rate paid by Pastoralists (83.13% payment rate for 2019/20 - no payments made on historical outstanding debits)	\$	290,500.67
CRBA drawdown of reserve funds held by DPIRD	\$	46,500.00
	<b>\$</b>	<b>678,636.02</b>

\*\* R4R Funding covers 1.5 FTE at current LPMT contractor rates, all other cost (equipment, chemicals, insurances, ammunition, administration & management) are funding by the CRBA.

\*\*\* DPIRD requested invoices be submitted for these 2020/21 project in 2019/20, all funds have been carried over for these grants

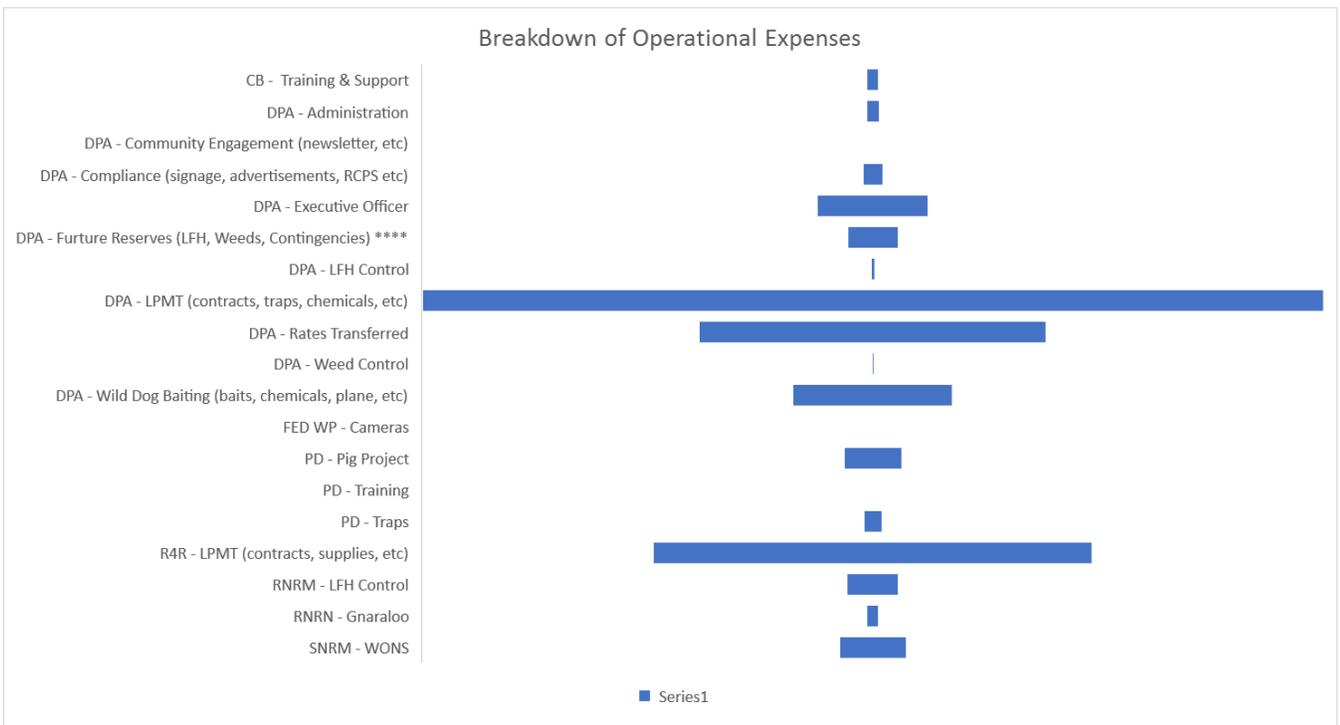


**Operating Expenses (excluding GST):**

Declared Pest Rates Account	\$	520,008.87
Royalties for Regions	\$	187,060.60
DPA - Shire of Upper Gascoyne	\$	139,850.00
Drought Pest	\$	34,742.24
State NRM	\$	28,850.00
Rangelands NRM	\$	28,190.00
DPA - Future Reserves (LFH, Weeds, Contingency) ****	\$	22,000.00
DPA - Meekatharra RBG	\$	8,259.40
Capacity Building	\$	5,592.19
Federal White Paper - Capacity Building	\$	32.65
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>974,585.95</b>
Surplus for 2019/2020	\$	118,495.70

\*\*\*\* This figure has been internally transferred from our main operating account to the CRBA Reserve/Contingency account and therefore do not show in our financial audited figures as an expense

ALL CRBA Surpluses are committed to ongoing projects and programs.



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CB – Capacity Building, DPA – Declared Pest Account, FED WP – Federal White Paper, PD – Pest Drought, R4R – Royalties for Regions, RNRM – Rangelands NRM, SNRM – State NRM.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

DPIRD advised in May 2020 that interim funding for twelve months would be provided to replace the R4R funding that concluded on 30 June 2020. The CRBA is still awaiting an outcome for the funding proposal submitted in August 2019.

Without a confirmed equivalent form of replacement funding, the CRBA will have to reduce its budget spending in a manner that will reverse the achievements and ground made over the last 5 years. Lack of replacement funding will also see a considerable amount of land under the management of DBCA receive little to no on ground activities.

With no suitable alternative the CRBA will rely heavily on carryover funds and reserves to prop up budgetary obligations and maintain an acceptable level of service to stakeholders within the area.

## **Project Summaries**

### **State NRM WONS - Mesquite**

Utilising funding awarded by National Resource Management Community Stewardship Grants 2019 an aerial survey was undertaken in March 2019, over three days we were able to update the last river survey for Mesquite & Parkinsonia which was completed in 2009. GPS data collected and collated is being utilised to assist with the planning of on groundwork that will be undertaken over the remaining two-years of the program.

Phase One of the project took place in May 2019 on Billabong Station. As part of this project each property involved was asked to provide a support person to provide assistance with spraying, not only did Billabong provide this support they also supplied 500 litres of diesel and accommodation for on site contractors. Contributions such as these shows landholder commitment towards the management of these invasive, declared weeds.

Monitoring sites were established in Phase One as part of the program which saw a total of 590 Mesquite trees and 1,252 Parkinsonia trees being treating, covering more than ,4500 hectares of land.

### **Rangelands NRM for Small Predator Grant - Gnaraloo**

The CRBA was approached September 2019 to provide assistance on Gnaraloo Station during the Turtle Breeding season. That being October 2019 – April 2020, funding was provided for 10 additional days.

The CRBA provided additional traps and chemicals to the Licensed Pest Management Technician (LPMT) Adam Robinson. These additional 10 days of funding saw Adam work a total of 18 days on Gnaraloo Station during the past 7 months. Over this time our contracted LPMT laid baits and set traps across the entire pastoral lease.

Over the course of the time spent on this pastoral lease the CRBA LPMT noted that wild dog numbers remained consistent but there was a dramatic increase in feral cat activity. Information collated and collected during the program was shared with not only Rangelands NRM but also with DBCA – Exmouth who are responsible for the UCL/Reserve in the area.

### **Rangelands NRM Large Feral Herbivores**

November 2019 saw a cull undertaken utilising funding provided by Rangelands NRM for Large Feral Herbivore control in the northern part of the CRBA region. This program was extremely successful with positive feedback received from all involved.

Work was undertaken over three days and covered eight pastoral properties. A total of 565 LFH were controlled during the 30.1-hour program.

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 03/11/2020

**Justin Steadman, Chairman, Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association**

## **5. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CARNARVON RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC**

**ABN 98 325 203 509**

**Financial Statements  
For the year ended 30 June 2020**

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**Members' Declaration**

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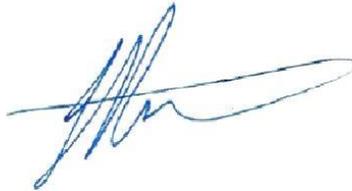
The Board of Management of the association declares that:

1. the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and:
  - (a) give a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
2. in the Managements opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the members.

Dated: 24 August 2020

CRBA Chariman      Justin Steadman



## **CARNARVON RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC**

**ABN 98 325 203 509**

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

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#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

##### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of CARNARVON RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, the Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020, a summary of significant accounting policies and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2020 and [of] its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

##### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### **Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of Associations Incorporation Act 2015. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

##### **Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report**

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

**CARNARVON RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC**

**ABN 98 325 203 509**

**Independent Auditor's Report**

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**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

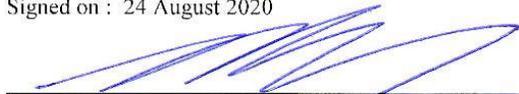
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Signed on : 24 August 2020



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Kevin Cassidy, IPA Institute of Public Accountants  
Westwood Accountants  
Geraldton

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020
		\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Bank account 6577		196,225
Bank account 6486		172,169
Bank account 4964		68,928
		<u>437,323</u>
<b>Current Tax Assets</b>		
GST clearing		12,049
		<u>12,049</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>449,372</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>449,372</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>449,372</u>
<b>Members' Funds</b>		
<b>Reserves</b>		
Accumulated funds		308,867
Surplus for year		140,505
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<u>449,372</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**CARNARVON RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC**

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**Income & Expenditure Statement**

**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

	2020
	\$
<b>Income</b>	
DBCA - Baiting	726
DBCA - Other	703
DPIRD - DPA CRBA held funds	46,500
DPIRD - DPA matching \$	341,635
DPIRD - DPA rates	290,501
DPIRD - Large feral herbivore control	25,000
DPIRD - Mesquite Management Case Study	100,000
DPIRD - State NRM office grant	42,550
DPIRD - Wild dog action plan R4R	187,500
Rangelands NRM	18,100
Shire contributions	35,000
Interest received	317
Other income	4,550
Total income	<u>1,093,082</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Accountancy	545
Audit fees	4,000
CB 16/17 - CRBA training & support	5,592
DPA - 1080 baiting	3,107
DPA - Aircraft hire	4,698
DPA - Bait	61,669
DPA - Baiting advertising	700
DPA - Baiting supplies	867
DPA - Executive support	47,793
DPA - Herbicide & oats	2,492
DPA - LFH control	2,159
DPA - LPMT	374,096
DPA - Meekatharra RBA (Mt Clere)	8,259
DPA - Meetings	1,171
DPA - RCP	1,139
DPA - S7 licence renewals	741
DPA - Signage	6,500

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**Income & Expenditure Statement**

**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

	2020
	\$
DPA - SPOT	1,979
DPA - Strychnine	4,571
DPA - Upper Gascoyne	139,850
Fed WP - Cameras	32
Insurance	1,774
Pest Drought - LPMT training	1,235
Pest Drought - Pig project	25,080
Pest Drought - Traps	8,427
R4R - LPMT Adam Robinson	34,622
R4R - LPMT Heath Anderson	38,039
R4R - LPMT Allan Straw	114,400
Rangelands NRM Donkey - Ammunition	2,340
Rangelands NRM Donkey - Helicopter hire	16,750
Rangelands NRM donkey - Misc items	1,250
Rangelands NRM Donkey - Wager per day	2,250
Rangelands NRM Gnaraloo - LPMT	5,600
WONS - Executive officer	4,750
WONS - Helicopter	9,700
WONS - Herbicide	7,150
WONS - LPMT Weed specialist	7,250
Total expenses	<u>952,577</u>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities	<u>                    </u>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b><u>140,505</u></b>

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