



**GOLDFIELDS NULLARBOR RANGELANDS  
BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC.**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2021 – 2022 FINANCIAL YEAR**

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## **A. INTRODUCTION**

The Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc. (GNRBA) is a non-profit Incorporated Association. It trades as the GNRBA and operates using the Pest Rate, matching Government Funds, and allocated Royalties for Regions (R4R) funds. Additionally, it continually attracts and acquits special purpose grants.

The GNRBA formally became operational on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011. At this time, it took over the APB Zone 9 operations. Since then, the GNRBA has continued to evolve as an organisation and has learnt the necessity of flexibility to reflect the needs of its members.

The GNRBA is unique in rangeland management across Western Australia. It has a huge area to service and works hard to provide a quality service to ratepayers. It is now well recognised as being a leader amongst the Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBG's) in WA.

The GNRBA is overseen by a Committee of Management (CoM) and operates under the structure of the GNRBA Constitution. Committee meetings are held face to face or via a video conferencing platform quarterly.

**Table 1: 2021/22 Committee of Management**

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Location</b> | <b>Joined</b> | <b>Term End</b> |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Justin Stevens | Mt Veters       | 2019          | 2022            |
| Brett Day      | Gunnadorah      | 2019          | 2022            |
| David McQuie   | Bulga Downs     | 2020          | 2023            |
| Trevor Schutz  | Laverton Downs  | 2020          | 2023            |
| Carol Hodshon  | Atley           | 2020          | 2023            |
| Nigel Wessels  | DBCA            | 2021          | 2024            |
| Brendan Jones  | Mt Monger       | 2021          | 2024            |
| Brett Lewis    | Yakabindie      | 2021          | 2024            |

The GNRBA was managed day to day by Michelle Donaldson as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Amanda Day as Executive Assistant, until June 30, 2022, when Michelle Donaldson left the GNRBA, and Amanda Day was appointed as Chief Executive Officer. The Executive Assistant position is vacant with Ross Wood in a part time capacity as Financial Officer, Erin Gorter as Project Officer, and Teen Ryan as the S7 licensee and Licensed Pest Management Technician (LPMT) and LPMT co-ordinator. Mike Hutson Accountants continues to oversee the Association's finances which, can be a complicated process due to the number of grant funding sources.

The appointment of an Executive Assistant (EA) will take place in 2022-2023, to provide the CEO with executive support for the many and varied projects, compliance requirements and on ground operations.

The GNRBA is the formally recognised Biosecurity Group for this region and as such is authorised to set the pest rate applicable to pastoral leases. This rate is matched by State Government monies. This allows the GNRBA to effectively double pastoralist's rates to assist with pest control. It is important to note that the role of the GNRBA is to assist pastoralists to control pests and weeds. It is not able to, nor is it to, replace pastoralists' control efforts.

The GNRBA partners with Shires and other organisations such as Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and Rangelands Natural Resource Management (RNRM), to leverage funds and further increase its ability to provide services.

The GNRBA CEO sits on the board of the Industry Funding Scheme (Sheep and Goats) which provides additional insight into Industry and Government funding structures and gives the opportunity to have input into industry on a broader scale and build networks.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), formally DPaW, is an Associate Member of the GNRBA. It is this responsibility of the State Government department to manage Wild Dogs and pests on Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) and DBCA estate. To achieve this, DBCA engages the GNRBA to undertake Wild Dog control in the region on relevant country.

Importantly, the GNRBA continues to engage with Aboriginal owned Pastoral Lease holders Windidda, Pinjin and Adelong Stations to achieve more integrated pest programs. The GNRBA has also established a good working relationship with Aboriginal native title holders including Spinifex, Birriliburu, Ngadju and Matu people.

During the 2021/22 financial year \$100,000 funding through the Royalties for Regions program was again made available to the group. This funding has been used to support LPMT work on the Nullarbor. These funds can only be used for Wild Dog control alongside and including small stock properties. This funding has again been renewed for 2022/23, to support the appointment of the Nullarbor LPMT activities. GNRBA has no confirmation this funding will continue in 2023/24. The GNRBA continues to correspond and apply for future replacement funding.

The CEO has been working closely with the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) receiving support with Large Feral Herbivore Trap Yards Program placing LFH Withnell Panel Trap Yards on eight stations adjoining the UCL and native title interfaces.

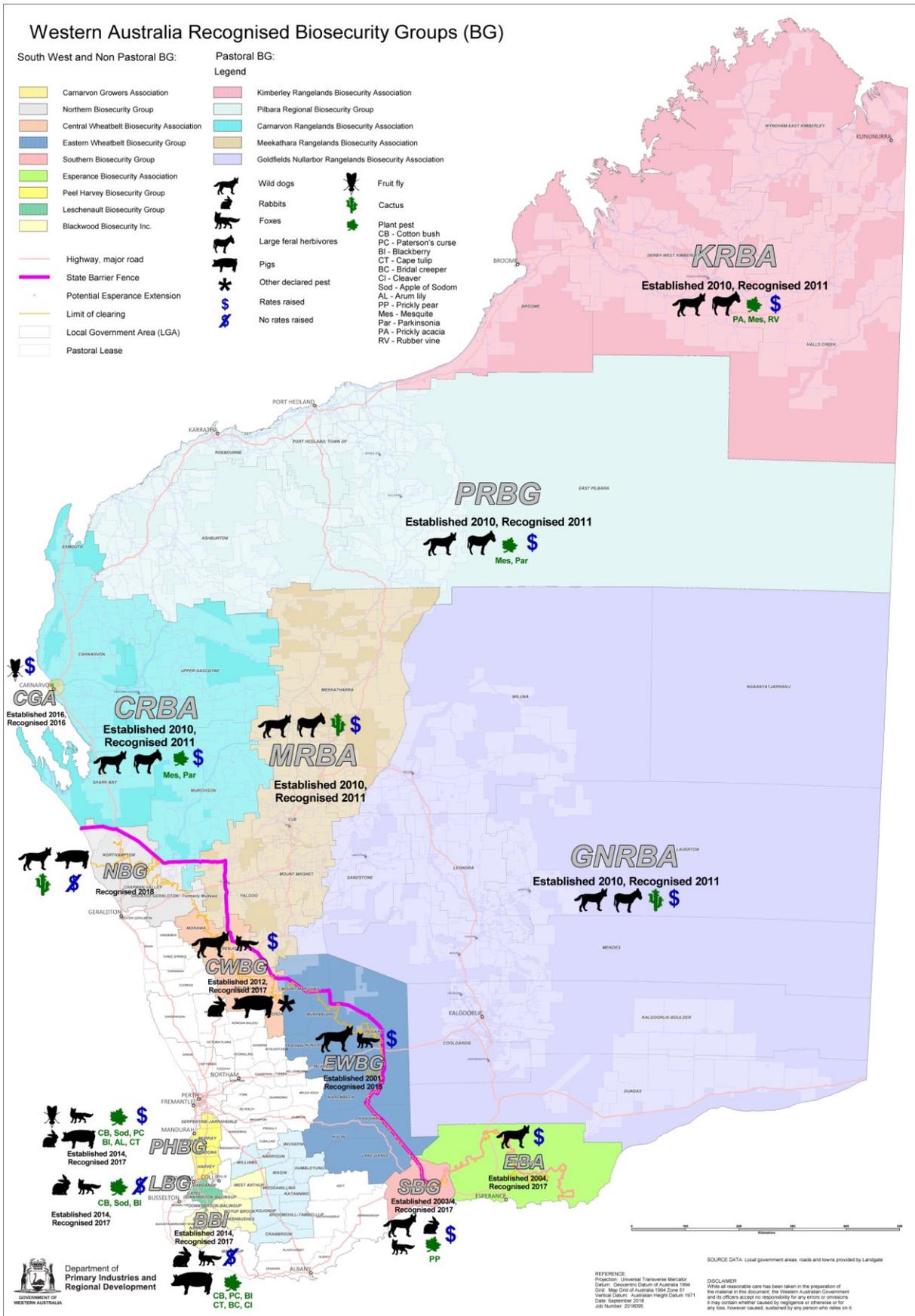
Additionally, the partnerships with local shires such as Menzies, Leonora, Coolgardie, Dundas, Laverton, City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder and Wiluna has continued this year with their ongoing support for cactus control work and LFH program planning.

The GNRBA works closely with and alongside the DPIRD Invasive Species team and acknowledges the considerable help and advice provided by the Department in all facets of our operation. This has been of great mutual benefit to both organisations.

The GNRBA CEO continues to engage and support other RBG's and works to better understand the complexities of Native Title possession and engage with Traditional Owners (TO's) on issues such as camel control, weeds, and baiting.

The GNRBA continues to engage with Cactus Hunters to identify, map and administer management methods on invasive declared cactus in the GNRBA region.

**B. Table 2. Recognised Biosecurity Group Land Tenure**



### **C. GNRBA AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- Initiate, promote and foster the control of declared animal and plant pests
- Encourage all persons to adopt sound biosecurity practices
- Prevent land and biodiversity degradation to protect our resources
- Foster sustainable development & production
- Act as the “Voice” for landholders (pastoralists and others) in the region

### **D. CORE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2021 – 2022**

#### **I. Baiting Operations**

GNRBA purchased and delivered/ received some 209,690 pre prepared wild dog baits from two suppliers at a cost of \$216,183. These were delivered to our Kalgoorlie freezer and/or direct to properties. A total of 2800kg of prepared fresh meat was supplied by a third supplier. This enabled the Sandstone area to complete two baiting’s in winter which is the seasonal conditions suitable to prevent large numbers of bungarra from taking 1080 baits in the summer. This activity was co-ordinated with the support of a GNRBA Approved LPMT. The GNRBA organised 2 sponsored ground baiting’s across the Goldfields Nullarbor during 2021/22 as per the 2021-2027 Strategic Plan. Eastern Districts Pet Foods was able to undertake a delivery run in April/ May 2022 to the Eyre Highway and Northern Goldfields. Wild Dog baits, onion bag and cryovac are always available at the South Kalgoorlie GNRBA Chiller Facility and have been collected by many stations as required. Having baits available for when large numbers of wild dog are impacting area is important to the success of their programs. The freezer unit at the yard was further compromised at the end of 2021 and removed from commission. GNRBA are in the process of replacing the refrigeration unit to enable this to be recommissioned. The second unit operates as a chiller. It has been equipped with a Farmbot and camera, the camera can be remotely operated to display a photo of the thermometer for remote monitoring and peace of mind. The GNRBA recognises the difficulties around making baits and delivering to stations. The Committee is mindful of its responsibilities and the limitations whilst facilitating the distribution of 1080 baits. There has been immense work placed into the best way to manage this operation.

The GNRBA continues to encourage Pastoralists to become more strategic in their bait laying, baiting either known dog areas or where evidence is present. The aim of this is to be more targeted with the use of baits, saving money on bait production and freeing these funds up to invest into more LPMT’s on the ground.

Eastern District Pet Food, the predominant GNRBA bait supplier, provides an efficient operation that not only produces a clean, consistent, compliant, and quality product, it also frees members up, for days at a time, to undertake other station duties. The suppliers are having difficulty accessing camel for meat supply having to travel large areas to find camel. The cryovac bait product is available all year round. The quality is consistent, the packaging and storage options are convenient and the product fresher. Cryovac baits are in good supply if you would like to try them moving forward. Online training for the safe handling of 1080 is available through DPIRD’s website.

The GNRBA is acutely aware that any failure to adhere to protocols may lead to the loss of 1080 as a management tool. As such, the GNRBA is maintaining a public awareness campaign through media and public notices and encourages pastoralists to be vigilant regarding advising neighbours of baiting activities and adhering to the requirements of 1080 usage, including appropriate signage.

## II. Wild Dog Operations

Wild Dogs continued to impact on pastoral activities across the Goldfields Nullarbor region throughout 2021/2022. During this period, reported stock deaths from Wild Dog attacks have continued to effect confidence in the GNRBA effort and pastoralist enterprises. Reported Wild Dog activity in 2021/22 occurred across the entire GNRBA area.

There has been no re-entry into small stock production by Pastoralists due to a lack of confidence in the ability for the region to consistently control Wild Dogs and eagles. Except for some parts of the Nullarbor with appropriate Wild Dog fencing, Pastoralists maintain cattle enterprises in response to the Wild Dog impact. Clearly exclusion fencing is essential for the survival of small stock in the region. Nullarbor stations experiencing exceptional sheep loss due to wild dogs have undertaken a significant replacement of wild dog fencing as well as appointment of the Snr LPMT to aid in the recommission of wild dog free pastoral areas. The work conducted has seen lamb numbers increase and bring life back to the Nullarbor small stock holdings.

Known dog kills by either trapping or shooting is easy to report (a quantitative measurement) as there is evidence by the means of a carcass. Dog kills, as a result of baiting, is not as easy to report on. It is a qualitative measurement, the only reliable indicator currently available to pastoralists to reflect the success of a co-ordinated baiting program is the lack of evidence of on ground activity such as wild dog tracks, scratching's, scats and a reduction in known stock attacks. An increase in dog numbers particularly in the Kalgoorlie pastoral region has been reported in 2022 but with baits available on demand the evidence of wild dog presence is not alleviated but suppressed. A decrease in wild dog activity/evidence was also reported directly following the two baiting programs.

The GNRBA request dog kill numbers quarterly from all pastoral members. Not all members respond and therefore the figure in Table 3 is not reflective of the entire GNRBA region, but the Association continues to highlight the importance of this information and station numbers reporting in continues to grow.

**Table 2: Known Dog Kills 2021-2022**

| Known Dog Kills | Method       |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 190             | Trapped/Shot |

Ongoing issues with the inconsistent supply and efficacy of strychnine encouraged the GNRBA to proceed with the importation process of the product directly from India. The GNRBA S7 retailer, Teen Ryan, has taken receipt of the first consignment of 99.8% efficacy product, which will bring ease of mind to both members and the organisation. The product is being prepared by Teen Ryan and will be available to pastoralists at end 2022. The process for importation of the strychnine from India by GNRBA was ground-breaking and acknowledged as a major breakthrough by other RBG's and stakeholders. The process took three years from inception to product receipt.

Teen Ryan has been instrumental in the ongoing management and mentoring of LPMT for the region. LPMT are valued by the GNRBA. Contract fees have recently undertaken a comprehensive review and are in line with national LPMT contracts. Currently Neil White LPMT is fully qualified and operating in varying capacity across the Goldfields. LPMT Rob Fraser is working within the Leonora area. Both operate under contract rate directly to the pastoralist or can be contracted from GNRBA. There is availability of other fully qualified LPMT for pastoralist use who can be contract. See GNRBA for full list.

Canid Pest Injectors have been embraced as a successful tool by some pastoralists. GNRBA will be upskilling pastoralists in 2023 to the safe application of this tool.

Several non-target deaths have been reported this year. Procedures have been introduced by the GNRBA in response to these reports to ensure the incidents are not repeated. Where necessary, incidents are investigated by DPIRD, DBCA and Dept of Health to ensure protocols have been adhered to. It is essential that 1080 handling online training has been undertaken by

users and the GNRBA wishes to ensure that 1080 protocols are followed. It is a requirement that all public entrances to properties are adequately signed. The GNRBA have stencils and signs available upon request.

It must be realised that there are many in the community that simply do not care or acknowledge that we need 1080. It is one of the few remaining tools to deal with Wild Dogs and must be used wisely and within guidelines.

### III. Aerial Baiting

There was not an aerial baiting program in 2021-2022. Whilst aerial baiting is an important tool of the GNRBA the safety requirements of the process have held up any further activity. Increasingly, these aerial baiting’s require more and more effort to ensure compliance and to obtain effective results. At this point extra baits and the availability of LPMT will be the focus for 2023.

### IV. West Australian Wild Dog Action Plan and R4R Funding

A long term, equitable funding structure to replace R4R funding has not been decided upon by DPIRD. WA Wild Dog Action Plan recently met with GNRBA and have a representative at the 2022 GNRBA AGM.

The replacement of data loggers by Feral Scan for Wild Dog auditing has become an effective tool.

### V. Large Feral Herbivore (LFH) Control

The GNRBA had planned a Large Feral Herbivore Helicopter Shoot with the Wiluna Shire, Desert Support Services (DSS), Tarlka Matuwa Piarku Aboriginal Corporation (TMPAC) and pastoralists for November 2022. Due to anomalies with DPIRD shooters, changed practise, inconsistent LFH numbers, the shoot has been postponed until GNRBA Committee of Management can identify an effective LFH control program in early 2023 or when LFH numbers are sufficient.

The GNRBA request LFH kill numbers quarterly from all pastoral members. Not all members respond and therefore the figures in the bottom column of Table 4 is not reflective of the entire GNRBA region but the Association continues to highlight the importance of this information and station numbers reporting continues to grow.

Numbers of camel kills reported by bait meat harvesters ensures continued support of LFH control measures undertaken by GNRBA with little wastage and product utilised on pastoral properties for Wild Dog control.

**Table 4. LFH 2020/2021 Shoot Summary and Breakdown**

| Timing | Method                | Location              | Number  | Camel |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------|-----------------------|
| Autumn | Bait harvesting       | Goldfields/ Nullarbor | 320 LFH | 320   | Includes winter baits |
| Spring | Bait Harvesting       | Goldfields/ Nullarbor | 340 LFH | 340   | Included winter baits |
| Annual | Pastoralist reporting | Entire GNRBA Tenure   | 300 LFH | 750   | Reported numbers      |

This brings the total of known LFH kills for 2021-2022 to 1410 known with pastoralists continuing programs for pet meat outside of these numbers. This accurate information helps the Association measure effectiveness of programs and report effectively.

The GNRBA continues to work collaboratively with Shires, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (DBCA), Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) and Pastoralist’s to design strategies to support a viable long term LFH Management Plan.

An Ammunition Allowance of up to \$500/per property is available for those properties on UCL interface facing extreme hardship. For more information contact the GNRBA CEO.

## **VI. Weed Control**

The GNRBA continues to manage several cactus projects across the landscape, attracting partnerships with Shires, DBCA and pastoralists across various tenure. The biological control work undertaken on several cactus species and co-ordinated by the GNRBA has gained the organisation significant credibility and exposure within the community.

GNRBA will pay attention to the cochineal nursery and further cochineal breeding program to attend several large-scale infestations in the Mt Ida/ Menzies area in 2022/2023.

The organisation has purchased and trialling Graslan (Tebuthiuron) granules for the control of isolated cactus plants. This will be available in 5kg tubs for use in the Goldfields Nullarbor.

Making pastoralists and the community aware of this devastating weed and the impact it has on the landscape is a priority for the GNRBA and cannot be underestimated. More information regarding cactus work will be found in the 'Grants & Project' section.

The GNRBA manages a weed chemical subsidy process that reimburses pastoralists up to \$500/property for dealing with declared weeds such as Bathurst Burr. To apply for this assistance please contact the CEO.

Further biological control work on Bathurst Burr has been halted due to the appropriate control agent not currently available in Australia.

Rangelands NRM and GNRBA have collaboratively approached CSIRO in view of a biological control being trialled in our region. CSIRO are working with GNRBA to send samples of onion weed to France for DNA testing. GNRBA has just won a State NRM Community Stewardship Grant for further work in the quest to manage Onion Weed (*Asphodelus fistulosus*).

The GNRBA continues to gather information regarding weeds to develop a workable Weed Management Plan. This is essential when applying for funding and assistance. GNRBA are on track to bring the Weed Management Plan to the website in 2022-2023.

## **VII. Newsletters & Website**

The GNRBA continues to keep all members up to date regarding all current activities with quarterly newsletters which are distributed both electronically and mailed hardcopies.

Additionally, the GNRBA website has received a major overhaul this year and carries all current information, forms, and acquitted project information. More updates to come beginning 2023.

## **VIII. Committee of Management (CoM)**

The GNRBA Committee of Management meet quarterly to maintain CEO direction, ensure governance compliance and to discuss any issues that may be relevant at a board level.

## **IX. Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBG's)**

Relationships between the GNRBA and the other Pastoral RBG's is strong, and the sharing of information and ideas continues to support and assist Pastoral RBG's to evolve and improve their overall efficiencies. GNRBA is an active participant in meetings and ongoing correspondence between all groups in the Rangelands region.

## **X. Restricted Chemical Product Permits (RCP Permits)**

The GNRBA continues to assist pastoralists with their Restricted Chemical Product (RCP) Permit applications and amendments. This is done through financial support (payment for the permits and amendments) and assisting in the lodging process. This is

an enormous task undertaken by the GNRBA but greatly assists members to maintain compliance. The renewal of all GNRBA members RCP permits is underway and will be complete by the end of 2021, a compliance process undertaken every 5 years and takes a number of months to complete.

## **XI. Policies and Procedures**

The development of the GNRBA policies and procedures has been a steady process over the last 2 years. These practises ensuring a safe working environment and governance compliance. Work has been undertaken for a Risk Management Plan that is instrumental for the safety of the organisation.

### **E. GRANTS AND PROJECTS 2021-2022**

#### Baiting on the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (DBCA) lands (Funding: DBCA)

The GNRBA has entered into an agreement with DBCA Kalgoorlie to undertake all current baiting runs on DBCA lands in the Kalgoorlie area of responsibility. This is a direct result of the GNRBA's financial efficiencies, on ground expertise and the results obtained from the above grant ('Ensuring future capacity for the skilled management of Wild Dogs in WA Regions'), ensuring the availability of skilled LPMT's. This year two more areas have ben added to the agreement.

#### Researching Biological Options for managing Onion Weed on the Nullarbor (Funding: Rangelands NRM WA & Nullarbor Eyre Highway Land Conservation District Committee (NEHLCDC))

This project continues with the focus on working with an Environmental Officer to create an environmental impact review. The EIR is required to apply to CSIRO for support to trial a biological rust control agent for onion weed (botanical name) Negotiations are currently underway with RNRM to ensure continued support for weed management and provide valuable funding for GNRBA through additional activities such as the AGM and Annual Field Days.

Acquittal: 30/09/2022

#### Self-Mustering Trap Yard Pilot (Funding: DPIRD)

The GNRBA received funding in April 2021 to trial trap yards to manage camel numbers throughout the Goldfields/Nullarbor region. Eight pastoral stations along the desert interface are taking part in the project, some yards designed to trap camels and others designed to exclude camels. The monitoring period took place from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Information received from this project has been more than expected. While there was not intense camel activity at the time of the monitoring the GNRBA have an opportunity to further utilise these yards for further LFH funding opportunities.

The CEO was able to travel to view all of these yards on station before the grant acquittal. Information on the process of this project is available to members and will be placed on the GNRBA website after the AGM.



Acquitted: 30/04/2022

Wild dog and vertebrate pest training project (Funding: AWI) AWI has supplied funding for the ongoing trial work of the Ezy2c units. Initial trial work is now complete and highlighted several issues with the units. It is the hope of the GNRBA that with

continued development of the units these issues will be overcome and the use of these units will become commercially available to GNRBA members. The units are used by one LPMT and pastoralist group who are further developing them into a more consistent and useful tool.

Acquittal: 30/06/2022

#### DPIRD Western Australia Wild Dog trials

There are several projects on-going in WA regarding wild dogs. The GNRBA is taking part in much of this and continues to contribute significant time to the maintenance of cameras to detect bait take up by species, bait take up of different baits, bait matrices, bait laying rate (i.e., 40 baits/km), non-target interference and samples for genetic analysis to investigate dingo purity and gene flow. GNRBA LPMT Teen Ryan continues to work with Tracey Kreplins and Jim Miller to trap and collar wild dog in the Nullarbor. One collared dog on the Nullarbor is providing invaluable wild dog data to the team.

For detailed information regarding this work please contact Tracey Kreplins at DPIRD.

#### August Information Days

There were two GNRBA Information Days at Wiluna and Leonora Shire offices in August 2022. Assisted by Sandy Parker of Eastern Districts Pet Foods the new CEO delivered information on GNRBA, plans moving forward, and where GNRBA is situated. It was a week's worth of information gathering from all parties. Many thanks to all those who participated, helped, sponsored, and supported. The two days attracted over 30 people and was supported by Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance by Community Engagement in Wild Dog Control. Catering Sponsored by National Emergency Management.

## **F. ACTIVITIES**

#### Mining company support

The GNRBA Inc has been garnering support from Mining companies in the area with their increased willingness to become involved in pest control programs. Not only will their involvement greatly assist the GNRBA in providing a more comprehensive service, it will also support their OH&S protocols and provide a safer recreational space for their employees. Additionally, weed control and quarantine issues from earthmoving plant and equipment are issues the GNRBA considers very important. It is a focus of the CEO to continue to work hard on the development of such partnerships in 2022/2023.

#### Kalgoorlie Pastoral Alliance – Cell Fence

The Kalgoorlie Pastoral Alliance Pty Ltd Project to build a Biosecurity fence around the Kalgoorlie Pastoral stations is quietly progressing.

Ross Wood is the coordinator of the project and the GNRBA continues to support and participate in discussions regarding the KPA project.

#### CEO Travels

The Committee of Management encourages the CEO to travel throughout the region to observe the landscape and engage with members.

Amanda Day spent several days on the Nullarbor in January 2022 obtaining data on onion weed from sites developed over the previous 12 months. This information and chemical trials helped to secure the interest of CSIRO to the point where we now can send samples to France with the view of future biological testing. This trip enabled the inspection of Self Mustering Trap Yards on the Nullarbor.

During February 2022 Amanda and committee member Trevor Schutz completed a 4-day trip of the Northern Goldfields incorporating 10 pastoral stations, meeting members at home and giving them the opportunity to discuss topics of choice relevant to the GNRBA. The visits coincided with viewing Self Mustering Trap Yard trial sites on Cunyu, Granite Peak, Carnegie, Prenti Downs, Banjawarn and Laverton Downs.

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#### **G. FINANCES**

Finance arrangements are managed day to day by the Financial Officer, Ross Wood and overseen by the Treasurer, Justin Stevens. The GNRBA uses Mike Hutson Accounting to manage accounting and cross check banking, and W.F. Dawson and Associates for Auditing purposes.

The GNRBA has managed funding and expenditure of \$773,376 this financial year using its traditional rate base and matched funding to leverage R4R funding, grants and Shire contributions. The significantly reduced funding for this period has resulted in a tough year for projects and on ground operations. The GNRBA are encouraged that 2022/2023 funding will see a marginal increase for 2022/2023.

Without substantial sponsorship and external funding outside of the Declared Pest Funding, GNRBA would not be able to offer Field Day, Pastoralist Dinner, Information Days, LPMT work and similar. GNRBA thank all organisations that value the Goldfields Nullarbor and its pastoralists to provide this worthy support.

The 2021/22 Financial statements have been audited and will, as usual, be used to acquit GNRBA funding.

The GNRBA continues to press for a Biosecurity Levy on all Shire rates to better fund its work into the future. This way Pastoralists will not be the only ones paying for everyone's usage of the rangelands. Grants have been a tool for assisting the GNRBA to achieve credibility and runs on the board. We need to continue to focus on being an effective service provider to ensure our funding delivers what pastoralists need. This is a far better business plan than working with grants which are administratively costly and not necessarily benefitting.

#### **H. CONCLUSION**

The 2021-2022 year has seen the group continue to evolve and maintain its financial and operational independence. The GNRBA Committee of Management adopts a proactive approach to securing funding to assist pastoralists and land managers in the region. This has resulted in securing additional funding through R4R project, Rangelands NRM WA and various other State Government Grants.

Staffing structure has changed significantly as a result of governance requirements but has also benefitted the organisation. The GNRBA is in a strong position regarding operating support, as the CEO projects into the role with confident Committee, Financial Officer, and Project Officer support. A network of past CEO and professional peoples to advise if necessary. The GNRBA is no longer reliant on one individual and will continue to operate smoothly into the future as individuals transition in and out of the organization. The appointment of an Executive Assistant in 2022/2023 will ensure this continuance.

The GNRBA is very conscious of the administrative costs involved in operating an organisation such as this and works hard to use funds available as efficiently as possible. There is still, and will continue to be, processes regarding provision of Operational Plans, Annual Reports such as this, a successful external audit and much governance that the GNRBA has to comply with to access the matched government funding.

Wild Dog activity over the region continues to be managed utilising all tools available such as baits, trapping and shooting. The GNRBA continues to work hard to bring more resources to the table to help maintain Wild Dog numbers at a manageable level in the Association's area of operations.

Native Title determinations continue to have a significant impact on the GNRBA's abilities to operate in UCL. It is essential the Association continues to engage and develop relationships with Native Title holders in all areas. This is a timely and expensive process; however it is important for continued effective Biosecurity management in this region.

The GNRBA continues to deliver quality results to the livestock industry within the Goldfields Nullarbor and does so through the:

- Continual development of the following GNRBA Plans:
  - 2022 – 2027 GNRBA Strategic Plan.
  - Wild Dog Management Plan
  - Large Feral Herbivore Management Plan
  - Risk Management Plan
  - Weed Management Plan
  
- Encouragement of members to participate on the Committee of Management and to use their abilities and networks to build the GNRBA effectiveness.

In partnership with relevant Shires very good results continue to be realised using biological control methods on various cactus species in the Shires of Leonora, Menzies, Laverton and Coolgardie.

In conjunction with the implementation of a LFH aerial shoot program, the GNRBA is working with relevant stakeholders to develop a long-term camel management strategy. Working onto 2023 with this process.

The GNRBA recognises the benefits resulting from actively engaging with the Department of Biosecurity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and having Nigel Wessels (DBCA Regional manager) on the Committee of Management is essential to maximise these benefits.

I would like to thank the Committee of Management for their support and leadership whilst recognising the value and time they provide this organisation on behalf of all members.

The GNRBA continues to evolve and proves to be a strong leader in the RBG space. It will be the focus of the Association to increase resources, build on relationships and the continued development of clear management and business plans moving into the 2022-2023 financial and operating year.

Amanda Day



Chief Executive Officer

13th October 2022





## GNRBA AGM Chairman's Report 2022

Welcome and thank you all for attending our GNRBA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

The GNRBA continues to grow and evolve as an association which contributes to the organisation being recognised as a leader in our field of expertise. This is achieved with a small but dedicated team of individuals consisting of the Chief Executive Officer Amanda Day, Financial Officer Ross Wood, Project Officer Erin Gorter, S7 and Senior Licensed Pest Management Technician Teen Ryan and the GNRBA committee of management.

Our outgoing CEO, Michelle Donaldson, left GNRBA in a strong position in June 2022. Michelle took over the CEO position from Ross Wood in 2019 and helped bring the organisation to yet another level of professionalism. A well-planned succession with Amanda Day taking on the CEO role on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, brings GNRBA another chapter.

Additionally, our continued growth would not be possible without the Partnerships sought and nurtured throughout the year with the likes of Local and State Government Departments, various service providers and numerous consultants. We would not be as successful in our endeavours without the input from these people.

The fundamental challenges for the GNRBA are the area of responsibility (933,000 sq km), land tenure (Pastoral, mining, Native Title & UCL), the very different fundamental objectives of land and lease owners and finally, the limited funding available in which to implement effective pest management programs.

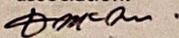
The majority of GNRBA funding is received through the set Declared Pest Rate, which is matched by State Government, culminating in the 'Declared Pest Account'. In addition to this, funding from other sources includes, but are not limited to, State and Local Governments, State NRM, Rangelands NRM, Industry and Business and support from other like-minded individuals and groups. Sponsorship and interest in the 2022 AGM and Field Days enables GNRBA to provide this event to members without the use of DPA funds.

The GNRBA has again had a very busy year with the large majority of our funding going into Wild Dog Control, Large Feral Herbivores and Cactus. I would also like to mention the time and financial contributions that many pastoralists put into the biosecurity efforts in the Rangelands. The GNRBA objective is to support pastoralists in the management of pests on Pastoral lands and it is acknowledged and appreciated the contribution many of our members make to ensuring to the best of our ability, our most notorious pests are kept at manageable levels.

All projects for the 2021 -2022 year are on schedule and are at various stages of acquittal. For a comprehensive run down on all projects and activities undertaken by the GNRBA please refer to the Annual Report which will be available in hard copy at the AGM and will be emailed to all members by the end of November.

GNRBA has developed a professional Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 which focuses on the core activities of the GNRBA, being Wild Dog, Large Feral Herbivore, Cactus, and Weeds. Measurements of these activities is an integral part of the GNRBA operations. We are further developing our WHS Plan and Weed Management Plan 2022-2026.

Again, I would like to thank all those that are present and all those that have assisted the GNRBA this year and in previous years to maintain the high standards that we and others have come to expect from a professional association.

  
David McQuie

Chairman Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association

## GNRBA AGM Treasurers Report

30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

I am pleased to present the Financial Report for the GNRBA year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

With the GNRBA and our accountant Mike Hutson located in the same building our Financial Officer Ross Wood has been able to work closely with Mike again this last year to improve the accountability of the GNRBA and I can report that our auditors WF Dawson & Associates have audited and signed off on the GNRBA's books along with the COM.

This Financial Report reflects our position on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The GNRBA has three accounts with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 held \$649,991.00 in those accounts.

Our operation managed \$773,376.49 of funding in the 2021/2022 financial year which was significantly less than last year.

Of this \$519,289 was Declared Pest Funding.

The balance was grants such as R4R Wild Dog Funding, DBCA fee for service income, Shire Funding, Fee for Service (LPMT's) income and other grants subject to acquittals.

Importantly the surplus in the DPA account was nil as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. The surplus in our other two accounts is unspent funds from projects and retained profits from activities. Externally to the GNRBA accounts we have \$68,482 held in our DPA account at DPIRD as a buffer. The buffer we have built, and expansion of our income base is allowing us to continue most of our services in the current year.

Matched dollar funding for our Declared Pest account rates is an important plank of our business model and as such we all need to be mindful that it is valued. Last year for example, was financially challenging after our core DPA funding was slashed by 34% due to changes in the valuation of properties so we are mindful that changes in government policy or rulings of the day can impact our business rapidly.

Funding for the AGM, promotion and much of our administration is externally funded which allows the bulk of DPA matched funds to be spent on operations. This gathering of external funds is time consuming and can come with complex acquittal processes, so we continue to work with government toward a more general Biosecurity Levy adopted state-wide that captures other users across the GNRBA's area.

Our audited accounts must and will be submitted to DPIRD with our Annual Report by end of this month along with a separate audit for Royalties for Regions funding. The processes of getting DPA funding are complex and require Operational Plans to be submitted nearly one year ahead of funding. Our Royalties for Regions funding for management of wild dogs has been successfully negotiated by our CEO for this 2022-2023 year. It, like many of our grants is not guaranteed into the future.

Justin Stevens \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer GNRBA Inc 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

# FINANCIAL REPORT

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## Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### Basis of Preparation

The Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Ass Inc prepared the financial statements of the association on the basis that the association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Ass Inc determined are appropriate to meet the purposes of preparation. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

#### (a) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost. All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets. Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a revaluation reserve in shareholders' equity.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Ass Inc to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

#### (b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

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**GOLDFIELDS NULLARBOR RLANDS BIOSECURITY Ass Inc ABN 16 281 950 022**

**T/AS GNRBA**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

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**(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

**Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.**

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**T/AS GOLDFIELDS NULLARBOR RANGELANDS BIOSECUR**  
**Detailed Profit and Loss Statement DPA**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

|  | 2022           | 2021           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | \$             | \$             |
| <b>Income</b>                                  |                |                |
| Gross Receipts                                 |                |                |
| Gross Income - gnrba                           | 657,725        | 942,325        |
|  | <u>657,725</u> | <u>942,325</u> |
| Total income                                   | <u>657,725</u> | <u>942,325</u> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                |                |                |
| <b>Accounting</b>                              |                |                |
| Accountancy - GNRBA - admin                    | 6,402          | 5,748          |
|  | <u>6,402</u>   | <u>5,748</u>   |
| <b>Advertising</b>                             |                |                |
| Advertising & Promotion - gnrba                | 1,398          | 651            |
|  | <u>1,398</u>   | <u>651</u>     |
| <b>Aircraft Hire</b>                           |                |                |
| Aircraft Hire - GNRBA                          |                | 6,173          |
|  |                | <u>6,173</u>   |
| <b>Avgas &amp; Fuel</b>                        |                |                |
| Avgas & Fuel - GRNBA                           | 600            | 1,578          |
|  | <u>600</u>     | <u>1,578</u>   |
| <b>Bank fees &amp; Charges</b>                 |                |                |
| Bank Fees And Charges - gnrba                  | 149            | 138            |
|  | <u>149</u>     | <u>138</u>     |
| <b>Conference/seminar costs</b>                |                |                |
| Conferences & Seminars - GRNBA                 | 26,485         | 9,252          |
|  | <u>26,485</u>  | <u>9,252</u>   |
| <b>Consultants fees</b>                        |                |                |
| Consultant Fees - GNRBA                        | 21,221         | 14,537         |
|  | <u>21,221</u>  | <u>14,537</u>  |
| <b>Contract payments</b>                       |                |                |
| Contract Payments - gnrba                      | 31,021         | 51,515         |
|  | <u>31,021</u>  | <u>51,515</u>  |
| <b>Contract Payments - Executive Assistant</b> |                |                |
| Contract Payments - EA - GNRBA                 | 83,067         | 21,346         |
|  | <u>83,067</u>  | <u>21,346</u>  |
| <b>Contract Payments - Financial Officer</b>   |                |                |
| Contract Payments - Financial Officer          | 49,400         | 64,600         |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



**T/AS GOLDFIELDS NULLARBOR RANGELANDS BIOSECUR****Detailed Profit and Loss Statement****For the year ended 30 June 2022**

|                                       | 2022    | 2021    |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                       | \$      | \$      |
|                                       | 49,400  | 64,600  |
| Contract Executive - Superannuation   |         |         |
| Executive Officer - Superannuation    | 25,454  | 23,445  |
|                                       | 25,454  | 23,445  |
| Contract Payments - Executive Officer |         |         |
| Contract Payments - Executive Officer | 70,199  | 110,214 |
|                                       | 70,199  | 110,214 |
| Electricity                           |         |         |
| Electricity - gnrba                   | 4,457   | 4,686   |
|                                       | 4,457   | 4,686   |
| Couriers and Taxi                     |         |         |
| Couriers and Taxi - GNRBA             | 2,364   | 626     |
|                                       | 2,364   | 626     |
| LPMT Fuel                             |         |         |
| LPMT Fuel - GNRBA                     | 857     | 85      |
|                                       | 857     | 85      |
| Insurance                             |         |         |
| Insurance - GNRBA                     | 17,621  | 20,092  |
|                                       | 17,621  | 20,092  |
| Materials & supplies                  |         |         |
| Materials - gnrba                     | 63,395  | 13,219  |
|                                       | 63,395  | 13,219  |
| Meat Tender                           |         |         |
| Meat Tender - GNRBA                   | 216,183 | 285,204 |
|                                       | 216,183 | 285,204 |
| Printing & stationery                 |         |         |
| Printing & Stationery - GRNBA         | 5,143   | 7,411   |
|                                       | 5,143   | 7,411   |
| Project Management - Admin            |         |         |
| Rent on land & buildings              |         |         |
| Kalgoorlie Office Rental              | 10,447  | 10,365  |
|                                       | 10,447  | 10,365  |
| Security                              |         |         |
| Security - GNRBA                      | 2,110   |         |
|                                       | 2,110   |         |
| Subscriptions                         |         |         |
| Subscriptions & Licences - GRNBA      | 5,851   | 2,451   |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



**T/AS GOLDFIELDS NULLARBOR RANGELANDS BIOSECUR**

**Detailed Profit and Loss Statement**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

|   | 2022    | 2021    |
|---|---------|---------|
|   | \$      | \$      |
|   | 5,851   | 2,451   |
| Telephone   |         |         |
| Telephone Charges - GRNBA                             | 240     | 488     |
|   | 240     | 488     |
| Travel, accom & conference                            |         |         |
| Travel & Accommodation Expenses - GNRBA               | 2,607   | 5,846   |
|   | 2,607   | 5,846   |
| Travel & Accom. - Executive Officer                   |         |         |
| Travel & Accom-Executive Officer - GRNBA              | 2,577   | 2,043   |
|   | 2,577   | 2,043   |
| Total expenses  | 649,248 | 661,714 |
| Net Profit from Ordinary Activities before income tax | 8,477   | 280,611 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**GOLDFIELDS NULLARBOR RLANDS BIOSECURITY ASS Inc ABN 16 281 950 022**

**Trading As GNRBA**

**Detailed Operating Statement R4R Wild Dog Action Plan**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

|   | <b>2022</b>          | <b>2021</b>         |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
|   | \$                   | \$                  |
| <b>Income</b>                                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Gross Receipts - Royalty for Regions</b>   | 105,600              | 93,750              |
| <b>Total income</b>                           | <u>105,600</u>       | <u>93,750</u>       |
| <b>Expenses</b>                               |                      |                     |
| <b>Aircraft Hire - R4R</b>                    |                      | 21,696              |
| <b>Avgas &amp; Fuel - R4R</b>                 |                      | 362                 |
| <b>Bank fees &amp; Charges - gnrba - R4R</b>  | 120                  | 120                 |
| <b>Contract Payments - gnrba R4R</b>          | 62,600               | 42,700              |
| <b>LPMT Fuel - GNRBA R4R</b>                  | 7,331                | 4,499               |
| <b>Materials &amp; Supplies - gnrba , R4R</b> | 314                  | 82                  |
| <b>Meat Tender - R4R</b>                      |                      | 15,096              |
| <b>Project Management - Admin, R4R</b>        | 10,000               |                     |
| <b>Subscriptions &amp; Licenses - R4R</b>     | 186                  |                     |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                         | <u>80,551</u>        | <u>84,555</u>       |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>                      | <u><b>25,049</b></u> | <u><b>9,195</b></u> |

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc**



**Statement by Members of the Committee**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

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The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the Operating Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended at that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

**David McQuie**

Chairperson

**Justin Stevens**

Treasurer

# W F DAWSON & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants



Chartered  
Accountants

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GOLDFIELDS - NULLARBOR RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC. (GNRBA)

### Scope

I have audited the financial statement of **GNRBA** which has been classified as a non general purpose account, for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The Association's committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements. The information the statements contain and the accounting policies used are determined by the committee so as to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members.

I disclaim any assumption of responsibility, for any reliance on this report or these accounts, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than for which they were prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether these accounts are free of material misstatements. My audit procedures include an examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts shown in these accounts. These tests have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, these accounts are fairly presented.

My audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on this basis.

### Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statement present fairly the operating results of **GNRBA** for the 2021/2022 financial year and its financial position at 30 June 2022.

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Signature of Auditor:

Name of Auditor:

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WARREN FRANCIS DAWSON

23 September 2022

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
GOLDFIELDS - NULLARBOR RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC.  
(GNRBA)**

**Royalty for Regions**

**Scope**

I have audited the financial statement of **GNRBA ( Royalty for Regions)** which has been classified as a non general purpose account, for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The Association's committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements. The information the statements contain and the accounting policies used are determined by the committee so as to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members.

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My audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on this basis.

**Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial statement present fairly the operating results of **GNRBA ( Royalty of Regions)** for the 2021/2022 financial year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W F Dawson'.

**Signature of Auditor:  
Name of Auditor:**

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**WARREN FRANCIS DAWSON**

**23 September 2022**

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## GNRBA AGM/ Field Days 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022



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