

## DPRFS Final Report Purpose

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The purpose of this Final Report is to summarise the Recognised Biosecurity Group's (RBG) achievements during 2024-25, including the activities undertaken and funding expended for purposes as detailed in the RBG's Funding Agreement.

If you received a variation during the 12-month funding period, the associated changes to activities and/or budget have been incorporated into the relevant fields throughout this final report. No separate reporting on variations is required.

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Yes

## Funded Activities Budget

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### Funded Activities

The table below details the activities outlined in your DPRFS Application Form and/or Funding Agreement.

Please provide an Activity Update and include any additional activities undertaken, which were not detailed in your DPRFS Application Form or Funding Agreement.

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If you have undertaken additional activities or had a variation approved for revised funded activities, please add rows as required.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity Measure</b>	<b>Final Activity Update</b>
What are you doing?	What did you measure and how did you measure it?	Final update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/control measures, number of pests controlled, etc)

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<p>Communications &amp; Community Engagement included in Governance and Administration</p>	<p>Delivery of various communications including information days, governance workshops, financial advice to members, Annual General Meeting with guest speakers, school educational presentations, hosting stalls at local events, including the Nullarbor Muster, provision of trap training and injector training sessions, and distribution of seasonal newsletters.</p>	<p>GNRBA funded the CEO to attend the Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference in Sydney in July 2024 to bring attention to the impact of camel on GNRBA lands and eastern UCL. The camel was not on the agenda over there at all. We now have contacts to push the issue nationally. GNRBA continues to work with DBCA, DPIRD, RNRM and many other groups to spread the word of Declared Pest issues in the GNRBA and greater UCL regions. Some contact has been initiated with native title groups and traditional owners for land access and joint venture (camel aerial program east of Wiluna). These negotiations, communications and joint ventures take time, trust and consistent messaging for collaboration and return operations. All programs and initiated programs take much time, money and patience with effective communication - no lies- no secrets to work effectively. We are the medium between pastoralists, mining groups, traditional owners, shires, pest management technicians, government groups, consultants and many other valuable connections. Local visits to shires, ranger groups, other areas RBG's, government agencies is part of the CEO role. We held a very successful AGM and Field Day October 31st and November 1st, 2024. This had over 100 participants and valuable speakers from DPLH, RNRM, DPIRD and many other collaborators. We held a Complete Pastoral Toolbox Day on an aboriginal station Morapoi in November. This was mending bridges</p>
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and bringing Richard Marver (drones, pasture management, soil erosion, plant fodder recognition), Richard Brake (all detail succession, financial, and more) Louise O'Neill (all Mental Wellbeing, how to cope, opportunity to speak privately - of which 6 people cherished that opportunity) CEO GNRBA refreshed people with the GNRBA plan and why they pay the DPR - what GNRBA Administration costs - what we actually do). We hold another one of these days on the Nullarbor in April 2025. We attend workshops with mining groups to discuss pest management, we issue a seasonal Newsletter, we provide information and confidence to community groups. We work with the Eucla Police and Dundas Shire to complete wild dog management in the isolated community supervised by the Eucla Police. Proud of that collaboration. We have been recognised by the National Established Weed Priorities application to have onion weed (*Asphdelus fistulosus*) approved as an impact weed on the Nullarbor. Much work into that over 10 years and we are at the next step. It may not be selected but the data is now stored for the future. The ongoing work with Northern Star Mining for wild dog management on their unique mallee fowl environmental site is collaborative and groundbreaking. Consistent communications with children's groups, shire GVROC meetings, mining companies and more keeps attention on declared pests and what GNRBA can do to assist in programs and WHY. GNRBA joined with Birrilibu-

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		<p>ru and K farmer to assist with a large aerial camel shoot Northeast of Wiluna. The interaction between GNRBA, K Farmer, DSS, and Shire resulted in a successful co-ordinated program. GNRBA held a stall at the Nullarbor Muster at Rawlinna. We were answering queries and handing out information to over 1100 town and non-pastoral attendees including the national leader of One Nation Pauline Hanson. In June 2025 GNRBA purchased a new Dual Cab Hilux 4WD for GNRBA use</p>
<p>Plant Pest Program</p>	<p>Declared plant pests including Cactus, Parkinsonia, Bathurst Burr and Onion Weed.</p> <p>Measures include site visits to monitor and spray plant pests and record successful application.</p>	<p>We have had visits to the weeds and cactus sites and more drone footage of the areas impacted. Regular communications with the impacted shires and stations as to the opportunity to run programs for weeds and pest plants. We offer an increased opportunity to pastoralists for the weed subsidy. They can collect glyphosate from GNRBA to the value of \$1000 per station. We have not accounted for this here so will be on track for EOFY with these costs. We inject large Coral cactus in the Laverton area before EOFY as well. Much work has been done by the LPMT to aerial map the cactus infestations with our drone and mapping program. We used this technology in our trips out to the Nullarbor to map the extensive increase in onion weed spread on the fragile ecosystem. There were over 100 site visits and plant reports in the course of the year with work to continue into 2025-2026.</p>

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<p>Large Feral Herbivore Program</p>	<p>Large feral herbivores including feral camels, horses and donkeys.</p> <p>Measures include the numbers of animal culled through organised culls and/or aerial shoots and landholder feedback on the stakeholder cull/shoot success.</p>	<p>GNRBA injected \$15,000 towards a DSS and aboriginal lands aerial shoot east of Wiluna. 1800 camel were removed as a joint venture which was an economical and successful partnership for GNRBA. Effective communication and monitoring were instrumental in this. The aboriginal groups are not keen to publicise their Post Activity Report, so we have not included here. We plan to join this collaborative activity financially later in 2025 for an ongoing commitment to pastoral and aboriginal lands pest management. GNRBA offer an Exceptional Circumstances subsidy of \$8,000 per the 10 -12 fringe desert pastoralists who are heavily impacted by mobs of 50 - 200 large feral herbivore for them to repair fencing, cull and monitor camel in particular. This is effective for GNRBA to implement a management plan without the risk associated with an inhouse aerial shoot. The cost for five days can exceed \$110,000 and this subsidy is a simpler more effective way. Pastoralists must commit the equal amount in time and in-kind detail to acquit. GNRB also offers an ammunition subsidy to stations effected by LFH. This is not taken up by everybody. GNRBA removes up to 1800 camel just for the harvesting of feral camel for wild dog 1080 baits. Pastoralists will remove at least a further 2000 from the population with their culls as reported to GNRBA with numbers included in the Annual Report if pastoralists report to GNRBA quarterly. Large feral herbivore is an expensive pest to have in large num-</p>
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		<p>bers and GNRBA are keen to commit even more funds into that space in 2025-2026. We find that the State Government and Federal Government need more management in this space as the camels are intruding from across state borders and may in time impact the State Barrier fence which is one of WA largest structure assets. We have held them at bay, but the line is becoming compromised. many administration hours go into the management and research of LFH, mainly camels.</p>
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<p>Wild Dog Program</p>	<p>Activities include monitoring, baiting and trapping of wild dogs.</p> <p>Measures include the number of baits laid, animals trapped or culled and feedback from landholders and Licenced Pest Management Technicians on the success of the program.</p>	<p>GNRBA held a successful wild dog trap training day at Minara Station for the large Minara Group Holdings. We plan another trap day before end of June. Wild dog baits this year have been available to all pastoralists and especially delivered to the goldfields and Nullarbor as weather permits November and March/ April. Our LPMT Neil White has been busy assisting with bait laying and trapping on stations that request assistance. On ground dogging is leaning towards being the preferred method of wild dog management in the GNRBA area. Wild Dog management and baits are a major part of the wild dog programs within the GNRBA including the use of thermal rifle scopes, GNRBA drones, CPE units, camera trap monitoring, training and more. GNRBA procured a new freezer-chiller for storage of wild dog baits as the need has arisen to replace an old unit. Aerial baiting has ceased as a major impact operation led by GNRBA. Individual stations may aerial bait but the risk alongside the availability suitably qualified pilots, aircraft and bombardiers plus insurance costs and heightened risk has held GNRBA back as a group activity. The GNRBA Wild Dog Bait Supplier has produced 170,000 wild dog baits this far into 2024-2025. At the end of 2024-2025 approx. 250,000 baits produced but work being done to ascertain whether more dogging hours are needed to replace some bait allocations. Increased use of CPE is seeing results from known wild dog uptake. Wild Dog pack sizes</p>
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		are increasing and mainly due to the inability of GNRBA to successfully access crown lands outside of the pastoral stations with concerns over native Title requirements. These bait allocations, on the lowest take-up figures presented by Tracey Kreplins could take out over 1,000 wild dogs plus. We see significant wild dog tracks and sitings even with these baits. If we did nothing, were not strategic in our wild dog program, or had less activity the wild dog numbers and impact would be catastrophic. By the end of this year 2024-2025 we have seen the effects of the non-crown land and DBCA lands baiting program result in a large increase of wild dogs in packs increased.
Subsidy into LFH Budget	Ammunition subsidy for pastoralists as required.	GNRBA offers these ammunition subsidies to support pastoralist in the management of LFH pests. Unfortunately, the firearms reform changes proposed have reduced the applications due the uncertainty of what firearms will be allowed for use into 2025. Wild Camel are increasing in number in the desert and infiltrating the pastoral leases in our area in numbers over 50 per mob. Pastoralists need tools to manage these pests.

**Optional - Supporting Information**

You may provide supporting information that demonstrates the delivery of funded activities

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Supporting information may include minutes from meetings, photographs, social media posts etc. Please note the Annual Report upload is requested below.

## Budget (GST Exclusive)

The table below details the anticipated expenditure included in the budget section of your DPRFS Application Form.

Please complete the **Actual Expenditure** column to detail the actual values which have been expended on funded activities.

Please only include funding from the Declared Pest Rate and State matched funding.

**All amounts should be GST exclusive.**

Please **do not add commas** to figures - e.g., type \$1000 not \$1,000 - this will ensure your figures for each table total correctly.

Funded Activity	Anticipated Expenditure (Ex GST)	Actual Expenditure (Ex GST)
Name of program, e.g. Wild Dog Program.	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.
Administration & Governance	\$372,684.00	\$473,828.33
Pest Plant Program	\$30,000.00	\$29,695.00
Wild Dog Program	\$445,000.00	\$345,368.00
Large Feral Herbivore Program	\$55,000.00	\$53,235.00

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## Budget Totals

The values below are auto calculated based on the values entered in the Budget Table.

<b>Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$902,684.00	<b>Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$902,126.33
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## Annual Report & Independent Financial Audit

The **Final Report** consists of this report as well as the following supporting information:

- **Organisation's Annual Report, and**
- **Independently Audited Financial Report**

Refer to your funding agreement or Sections 6-7 of the DPRFS Administrative Guidelines (or successor guidelines) for full requirements.

### Provide supporting documents

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Supporting information Audited Financial Statements

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Supporting information Annual Report

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Further supporting information

## RBG Website

<http://www.gnrba.com.au>

Must be a URL.

Optional - Include link to your website to provide more information on your group's work and broader impact

## Unspent DPR Funding

Please provide information about **all** DPA unspent funds your RBG holds as of 30 June 2025.

**This includes where indicated:**

- Any DPA funds received in 2024-25 that were not expended by year end, and
- Any unspent DPA funds carried forward from previous financial years that remain on hand.

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Unspent funding includes any DPA funds held by the RBG which have not been expended. All unspent DPA funds held by the RBG must be classified in the following ways which are applicable:

- (i) **Accrued expenses** – funds associated with a cost for goods or services that were provided or delivered **before** 30 June but were not paid before 30 June;
- (ii) **Planned unspent funds** – funds the RBG knew would remain unspent and were **explicitly** included in the following year’s DPRFS application, budget and operational plan;
- (iii) **Reserved DPA funds** – only to be used where prior approval has been granted by DPIRD for a specific or strategic purpose where funds need to be purposefully carried over multiple years – these funds are intentionally retained for an approved future strategic activity;
- (iv) **Unplanned unspent funds** – funds that do not fall into one of the above categories are considered unplanned.

Refer to the most recent DPRFS Administrative Guidelines **Section 1 - Managing Declared Pest Account Funding - Unspent Funds: Categories, Reporting and Use** for full details.

The values reported here must match the amount reported in your Independently Audited Financial Statements and DPA cash reconciliation.

## **Unspent DPR - Current Year**

**What, if any, is the total value of CURRENT YEAR unspent DPA funds from 2024-25**

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\$7,731.67

Must be a dollar amount.

This refers only to DPA funds from current year activity as shown on the Income Statement and should not include funds leftover from other sources. If no current year unspent funds, insert \$0.

**If applicable, please explain what the current year unspent funds relate to**

Hint: For example, which activities did not proceed or were only partially completed or expenses were accrued

## **Unspent DPA funds - ACCUMULATED**

**What, if any, is the total ACCUMULATED amount of Unspent DPA funds your RBG has on hand as at 30 June 2025\***

\$7,731.67

Must be a dollar amount.

This should include all unspent DPA funds from 2024-25 plus any DPA funds from prior years that your RBG has on hand. This amount should be equal to or more than the amount listed above and should be clearly identified in the closing DPA cash balance in your financial statements. If no accumulated unspent funds, insert \$0.

### **BREAKDOWN OF ACCUMULATED UNSPENT DPA FUNDS:**

Of the total **ACCUMULATED** unspent DPA funds on hand at 30 June 2025, please show how this amount is split across the categories below. Leave any category blank that does not apply to your RBG:

#### **Accrued Expenses/Accounts Payable**

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Must be a dollar amount.

DPA expenses incurred before 30 June, but not paid before 30 June

#### Planned Unspent Funds - included in 2025/26 Application

Must be a dollar amount.

DPA funds that were explicitly included in your approved 2025/26 DPRFS application budget and operational plan (must equal the amount submitted). Contact DPRFS team if you are unsure whether these funds were included in your submitted budget or the amount included.

#### Reserved Funds (DPIRD pre-approval required) - Final Reports that classify funds as Reserved without prior DPIRD approval will not be accepted and will be returned for correct classification

Must be a dollar amount.

Must have been discussed and approved by DPIRD before submission of the final report. Reserved funds will not be deducted from the second DPA transfer.

#### Unplanned Unspent Funds

\$7,731.67

Must be a dollar amount.

Any remaining unplanned unspent funds not classified in the above categories must be reported here.

#### IMPORTANT:

If an RBG wishes to use **unplanned unspent** DPA funds from 2024-25 in the new financial year for any activities not included in the approved forward-year budget and operational plan, a variation must be submitted and approved by DPIRD before the funds are used.

Refer to the most recent Administrative Guidelines **Section 1** for full details.

## Certification Declaration

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### Declaration

This section must be completed by the Chairperson, or appropriate delegate, on behalf of the Recipient organisation.

Once this form is submitted via SmartyGrants, it will be deemed as authorised by the below signatory, despite no signature provided.

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that:

- The information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete.
- If any personal details of a third party are included, the third party has been made aware of, and given their permission for, those details to appear in this Final Report.

**I Agree \***

Yes

**RBG Name**

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Name of Entity as listed in official documentation such as ABR, ACNC or ATO

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**Position \***

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**Date \***

02/02/2026

Must be a date.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025



Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands  
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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: 2024/25 Committee of Management**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Joined</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Nicholas Forrester	Kanandah	2024	2027
Maddison Jones	Mt Monger	2024	2027
Cindy Miller	DBCA	2024	2027
Carol Hodshon	Atley	2023	2026
David McQuie	Bulga Downs	2023	2026
Trevor Schutz	Laverton Downs	2023	2026
Brett Day	Gunnadorah	2022	2025
Justin Stevens	Mt Vettors	2022	2025

The GNRBA is managed day to day by Amanda Day as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Ross Wood in a part time capacity as Financial Officer, Teen Ryan as Licensed Pest Management Technician (LPMT) and LPMT mainly for the Nullarbor. Neil White is S7 Licence holder, LPMT Goldfields, Cactus Program Co-Ordinator 2024-2025, and holder of DBCA RP Permits. Neil White operates the GNRBA Mavic 3 Enterprise Drone undertaking cactus site mapping as well as wild dog management on DBCA lands. Monique van Vliet as p/t Assistant and Website plus Facebook Management.

Abbotts Accountant overseeing the accounts, preparing the Financial Reports for Audit by Auditors W.D Dawson.

The appointment of a Project Officer in 2025-2026 could provide the CEO with support for the many and varied projects, compliance requirements and on ground operations.

The GNRBA office at Suite 9, Vosper House Dugan Street Kalgoorlie has worked well sharing the facility with other established businesses. The ability to hold Committee of Management meetings on site saves costs.

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 use

Declared Pest Account funds 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 cannot, 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), State Natural Resource Management 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 CEO sits on the RBG Advisory Group to deliver firsthand insights into remote rangeland pest management.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is an Associate Member of the GNRBA. It is the responsibility of this State Government department to manage Wild Dogs and Declared Pests on Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) and DBCA estate. At this point the contract with DBCAS/ GNRBA to provide wild dog management baiting has lapsed with liaison need by DBCA on new Determined Native Title. It is a priority to GNRBA to work with DBCA to reinstate wild dog management on UCL and DBCA estate.

Importantly, the GNRBA continues to engage with Aboriginal owned Pastoral Lease holders to achieve more integrated pest programs. The GNRBA is keen to establish a good working relationship with Native Title holders including Spinifex, Birriliburu, Ngadju, Mirning, Matu and all Native title holders in the Goldfields area.

During the 2024/25 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 to be used for Wild Dog control on lands impacting and including small stock properties. This funding is in place until June 2026, to support the Nullarbor LPMT activities. GNRBA is working with the WA Wild Dog Action Plan team to ensure these funds are available to GNRBA 2026 onwards. The GNRBA needs to consider plans for future funding if funding sources change.

The CEO maintains contact with the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) and DSS with discussion of Large Feral Herbivore Programs. Much work has been completed in 2024- 2025 to reconsider works done in this space by all stakeholders, placing GNRBA as a major stakeholder in LFH Management. Attempts to draw Federal and State government support into a collaborative program and review of current practise is still underway. GNRBA are hopefully that a unified group can study, monitor and engage with camel management in Australia. There is an urgent need to showcase the effect of large feral herbivore on the fragile environments of the Goldfields Nullarbor as well as assets such as fences and water points.

Additionally, the partnerships with local shires such as Menzies, Leonora, Coolgardie, Dundas, Laverton, Sandstone, City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder, and Wiluna have continued this year with their ongoing support for GNRBA and its programs. GNRBA are committed to these collaborations, and more work is required to formalise all partnerships into 2025-2026. GNRBA was invited to present at a GVROC meeting this year and formed connections with the various Shire CEO's and presidents.

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 the need to engage with Traditional Owners (TO's) on issues such as camel control, weeds, and baiting.

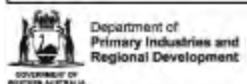
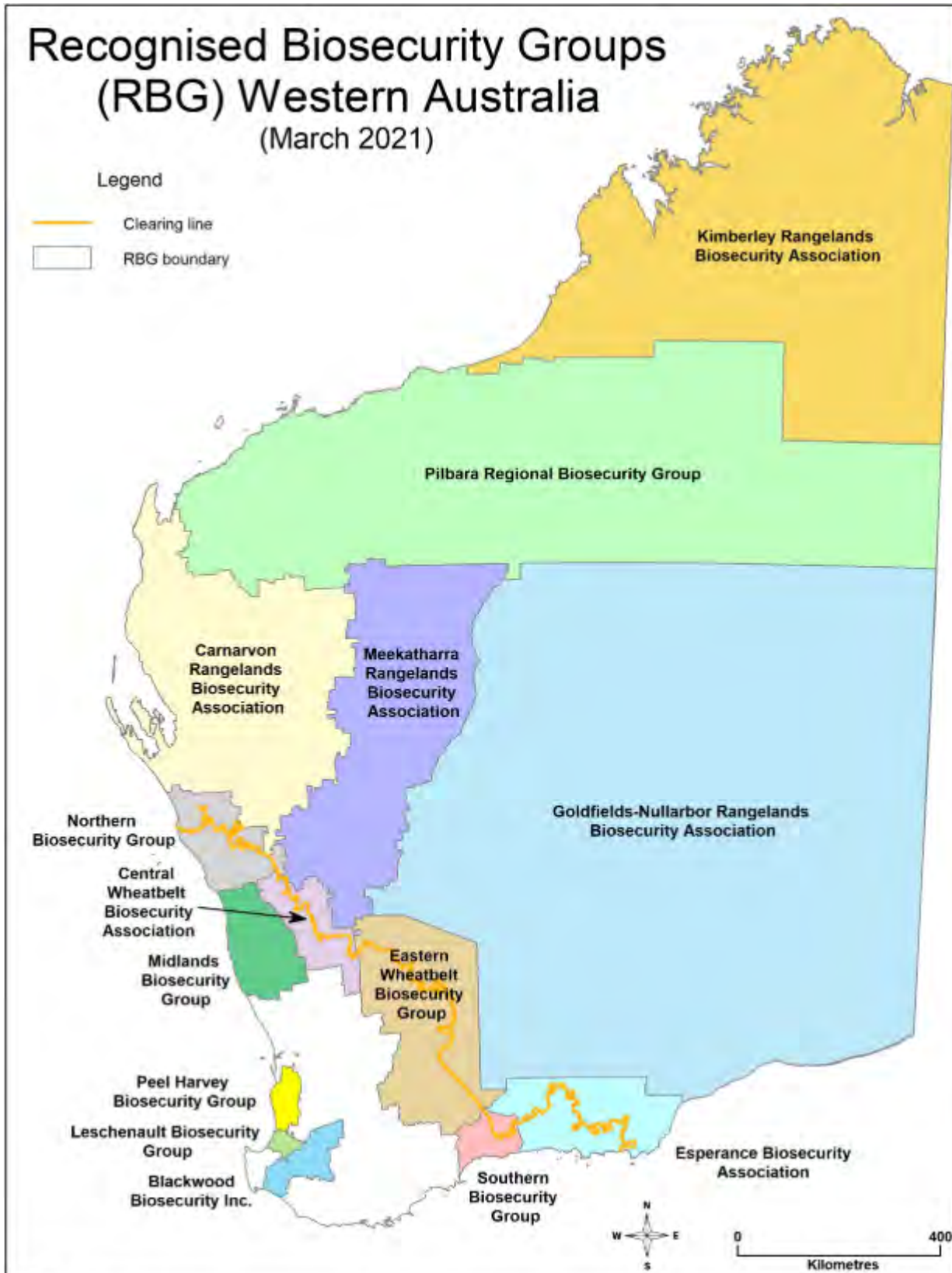
The GNRBA supports and applauds the work the Cactus Hunters undertake as dedicated volunteers to identify, map and administer management methods on invasive declared cactus in the GNRBA region.

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

# Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBG) Western Australia (March 2021)

## Legend

-  Clearing line
-  RBG boundary



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## A. 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
- Provide representation for landholders (pastoralists and others) in the region.

## **B. CORE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2024 – 2025**

### **B. Baiting Operations**

GNRBA purchased and delivered/ received pre prepared wild dog baits and prepared fresh meat from three suppliers at a cost of \$262,502. These were delivered to our Kalgoorlie freezer and/or direct to properties. A total of 2304kg of prepared fresh meat supplied enabled the Sandstone area to complete two injecting rack days in winter when conditions are suitable to avoid the 1080 bait predation by large numbers of bungarra in the summer. This activity was co-ordinated with the support of a GNRBA Approved LPMT. The GNRBA organised two sponsored ground bait deliveries across the Goldfields Nullarbor during 2024/25 as per the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. Eastern Districts Pet Foods were able to undertake delivery runs in 2024 and 2025 to the Eyre Highway and Northern Goldfields. Weather, breakdowns and co-ordination of the runs resulted in runs being late but achieved. 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 the area is important to the success of these programs. The two freezer units at the yard provide an effective frozen bait storage. Each unit is equipped with a Farmbot and camera. The camera provides a daily photo of the thermometer for remote satellite/ solar monitoring and peace of mind. Just this year the ability with this monitoring to immediately access an issue with the freezers has saved considerable money in lost baits and clean up. The GNRBA recognises the difficulties around making baits and delivering to stations. The Committee is mindful of responsibilities and the co-ordination 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. The protection of 1080 as the only S7 available for baiting is vital. GNRBA are reviewing the GNRBA Wild Dog Management Plan with a new 2025-2030 approved by the GNRBA Committee.

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. Eastern District Pet Food has a contract to supply and deliver baits with GNRBA utilising feral camel meat from approved areas and stations. The suppliers often have difficulty accessing camel for meat supply, having to travel large areas to find camel. The dried onion bag baits and cryovac bait product is available all year round. The quality is consistent, and the packaging and storage options are convenient. Online training for the safe handling of 1080 is available through DPIRD's website with links on the GNRBA 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, signage 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 Dog activity continued to impact on pastoral activities across the entire Goldfields Nullarbor region throughout 2024/2025. It is interesting to note that GNRBA strategic baiting and increased LPMT presence reduce numbers considerably with less scratching, observations, tracks after the programs are undertaken.

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 LPMT to aid in the recommission of wild dog managed pastoral areas. When fencing work is conducted and maintained lamb numbers increase and bring life back to the Nullarbor small stock holdings. Wild dog numbers in cattle areas have increased this year but strategic baiting and trapping can manage dogs in fewer packs and reduce production loss of cattle from calf attacks. We have camera footage of calf attacks by wild dog if numbers increase.

Known dog kills by either trapping or shooting are easy to report (a quantitative measurement) as there is evidence by the means of a carcass. Dog kills, because of baiting, is not as easy to report on. Research by Tracey Kreplins DPIRD indicates uptake of wild dog baits in our area as a percentage. GNRBA could be at 1% uptake and possibly removing over 2000 wild dog but even if the wild dog baits remove 400 wild dogs combined with the numbers taken out by pastoralists and LPMT the area could be reducing numbers at least by 800 wild dog per year. The only reliable indicator currently available to pastoralists to reflect the success of a co-ordinated baiting program is the reduced evidence of on ground activity such as wild dog tracks, scratching's, scats, and an increase in cattle/ sheep marking numbers, weaning numbers and ewes/ cows returning with live lambs/ calves at mustering. An increase in dog numbers particularly in the Kalgoorlie pastoral region had been reported early in 2024. Limited ability to access DBCA lands and UCL has encourage more movement of wild dog and impact on pastoral land. Wild Dogs are more prevalent in lands close to towns and mining camps. A decrease in wild dog evidence was reported following the two baiting programs. The winter program (two strategic baiting events using fresh meat supplied to LPMT and Sandstone pastoralists) in the Sandstone area has once again proved effective, eliminating the huge loss of baits by bungarra predation as was evident in summer baiting.

The GNRBA request dog kill numbers quarterly from all pastoral members. Not all members respond and therefore the figure in Table 2 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. Even with these programs in place, wild dogs are prevalent in the region.

**Table 2: Known Wild Dog Kills 2024-2025**

Known Wild Dog Kills	Method
410	Trapped/Shot

LPMT are valued by the GNRBA. LPMT Teen Ryan is instrumental in the ongoing management of S7, LPMT mentoring and Goldfields Nullarbor Wild Dog Management. Neil White, LPMT is fully qualified, S7 holder and operating in varying capacity across the Goldfields. GNRBA LPMT operate under contract rate and can be contracted through GNRBA. There is availability of other fully qualified LPMT for pastoralist use under contract. See GNRBA for full list.

Canid Pest Injectors have been embraced as a successful tool by LPMT. They are a safe way of setting 1080 in areas where there is much human activity. Trap training schools can be undertaken by Neil White in the Goldfields if a group of eight are keen to be part of this. The 2024 Trap Training attendees have trapped more than 26 wild dogs with the support of GNRBA.

**No** non-target deaths have been reported to GNRBA this year. Procedures have been introduced by the GNRBA in response to previous reports to ensure the incidents are not repeated. Where necessary, incidents are investigated by DPIRD, DBCA and Department of Health to ensure protocols have been adhered to. It is essential that 1080 handling online training has been undertaken by all users and it is essential 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. GNRBA realise that there are many people in the community that simply do not 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 2024-2025. 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 qualified people and added risk to GNRBA committee to ensure compliance and to obtain effective results. At this point extra baits and the availability of LPMT will be the focus for 2025 – 2026. Aerial operations are held back by cost and the necessity to name the operating aircraft crew on RP Permits plus reporting, compliance and risks.

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

A long term, equitable funding structure to maintain the R4R funding has not been addressed by government. All RBG's are awaiting the outcome of the draft BaM Act which may be released the 2025-2026 Financial Year. Considerable consultation, workshops, planning and submissions have been made by GNRBA alongside other RBG's to deliver information to the Minister and the review panel for the renewal of this BaM Act. It is worrying to GNRBA that no clear indication of funding into 2026-2030 has been guaranteed. GNRBA has been able to secure R4R funding until June 2026. Feral Scan for Wild Dog auditing has become an effective tool used by LPMT. Please consider signing into this program to record sightings, or more of wild dog and other pests in our area.

### **V. Large Feral Herbivore (LFH) Management**

The GNRBA has supported in October 2024, the collaborative aerial LFH Shoot in the Birriliburu area with Shires and Traditional Owner – Ranger groups. 1850 feral camels taken out in the activity at a cost of \$8.10 per head of GNRBA funding. An effective contribution that enables GNRBA be involved in an organised professional program in the areas outside pastoral lands. GNRBA encourages the GNRBA CEO to follow up State, Federal and local LFH Management Plans and work with other groups by providing funding on aerial programs that stand alongside GNRBA pastoral lands. The pet meat harvesting and removal of camel by pastoralists and LPMT accounts for well over 2000 head removed from pastoral and pastoral fringe areas.

GNRBA continues to offer an Ammunition Subsidy of \$500 per station per year, as well as opportunity for LPMT support of a ground shoot in cases of emergency response to large sudden impact of LFH numbers. This 2024-2025 GNRBA released funds for fringe pastoral stations to apply for funding from GNRBA to assist in the management of a sudden influx of LFH numbers. Two stations took advantage of this Emergency Response funding. It is expected to extend the invitation to similar funding at times of Exceptional Increase in Numbers and GNRBA has made funding available for immediate Emergency Response assistance.

The GNRBA request LFH sighting and removed numbers quarterly from all pastoral members. Not all members respond and therefore the figures in the bottom column of Table 4 are not reflective of the entire GNRBA region. The GNRBA continues to highlight the importance of this information and stations reporting numbers. The GNRBA funding and attention by those in research of large feral herbivore impact require actual numbers of impact animals or the impact does not reach the people who have opportunity to assist us with funding and expertise.

Feral donkey and Feral horse numbers increase in the Lake Carnegie National Park region. There is an area where GNRBA have no jurisdiction but are keen to work with DPIRD and DBCA to achieve outcomes for feral LFH management of that area in 2026. Donkey numbers have been larger than expected in the Leonora, Sandstone region. Local pastoralists and the Shire of Leonora recognise the risk of these animals becoming a larger feral management issue.

Numbers of camel kills and sightings 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 management.

#### **Table 4. LFH 2023/2024 Cull Summary and Breakdown**

Timing	Method	Location	Number	Camel	
Autumn	Bait harvesting	Goldfields/ Nullarbor	340 LFH	340	Includes winter baits
Spring	Bait Harvesting	Goldfields/ Nullarbor	340 LFH	340	Included winter baits
Annual	Pastoralist reporting	Entire GNRBA Tenure	3000 LFH	2800 plus	Reported numbers

This brings the total of known LFH kills for 2024-2025 to 3680 known with pastoralists continuing programs for pet meat outside of these numbers. This accurate information helps the GNRBA measure effectiveness of programs and report effectively. The increased numbers reflect how quickly LFH can increase and impact mainly camel migrating west.

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.

## 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. Biological control has been compromised by contractors spraying sites or holding little confidence in the long-term management by cochineal. Cochineal have been destroyed in the process. Cochineal still active in the Laverton Windarra site on Coral Cactus but the cochineal is not destroying the plants and there has been invigoration of the plants recently.

GNRBA will pay attention to reinvigorating the cochineal nursery and further cochineal breeding program to attend several large-scale infestations in the Mt Ida/ Menzies/ Tarmoola/ Wiluna areas in 2025/2026. Instigative work, application of chemical granules, and drone mapping has been affected in 2024-2025. GNRBA have been alarmed to see cactus sites that were virtually contained then re-invigorate. The plant stems formed a hard resin appearance and kept the plant alive after spraying, cochineal and more. Some infestation treated for over 10 years re-established. GNRBA are looking at other control methods to prevent this occurring again which include spraying to reduce the capacity of these older plants to reestablish and drop cladodes. Cactus Hunters continue with valuable mapping and site recording of cactus in the Leonora area.

Making pastoralists and the community more 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 [www.gnrba.com.au](http://www.gnrba.com.au) website. Cactus has been a focus for field days and regular media promotions of GNRBA.

The GNRBA manages a weed chemical subsidy process that reimburses pastoralists up to \$1000/property for dealing with declared weeds such as Bathurst Burr. This has recently been increased by GNRBA who hold chemical and spraying equipment at the South Kalgoorlie Bait Facility. Weed management by pastoralists is encouraged with these subsidy options.

Further biological control work on Bathurst Burr has been halted due to the biologic being currently unavailable in Australia. Research into prior practice and work in other states is being undertaken. Our pastoralists have noted that a bug has attacked the Bathurst Burr plant on the Nullarbor. GNRBA are exploring the options to transfer this bug to new locations.

Options to develop programs for further work in the quest to manage Onion Weed (*Asphodelus fistulosus*) are being explored. See at [www.gnrba.com.au/onion-weed](http://www.gnrba.com.au/onion-weed)

The GNRBA continues to gather information regarding weeds to develop a workable Weed Management Plan. This is essential when applying for funding and assistance.

## **VII. Newsletters, Website and Media**

The GNRBA endeavours to keep all members up to date regarding current activities with quarterly newsletters which are distributed both electronically and mailed hardcopies. Sponsorship is regularly obtained to cover newsletter costs. The GNRBA website has received a major overhaul in 2024-2025 to contain all forms and information required for GNRBA activity. There has been a branch out into social media Facebook where you will find a GNRBA page. Kalgoorlie Miner has a ¼ page GNRBA updates and information section that runs the first Thursday of the month. GNRBA CEO has attended GVROC meeting, various community events, the Nullarbor Muster and more bringing awareness of GNRBA activity and the importance of pest management and feral herbivore impact.

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

The GNRBA Committee of Management meet at least quarterly to maintain CEO direction, ensure governance compliance and to discuss any issues that may be relevant at a board level either face to face at the Kalgoorlie GNRBA or teleconference for cost effectiveness.

## **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. GNRBA has a seat on the RBG Advisory Group. GNRBA is an active participant in meetings and ongoing correspondence between all groups. GNRBA has undergone considerable consulting work with the review of the BAM Act in 2023 - 2025. The changes to this Act have direct impact on the RBG's and require careful consideration to which GNRBA has been essential in providing information. GNRBA is consistently supporting pastoralists and the GNRBA region in all the increasingly debilitating issues surrounding the application of past management and issues around the pastoral industry.

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

The GNRBA continues to assist pastoralists with their Restricted Product (RP) 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 and amendment of over 110 RP permit in a compliance process is undertaken every 5 years with regular amendment due to station employee turnover and station ownership changes.

## **XI. Policies and Procedures**

The development and amendment of the GNRBA policies and procedures is a constant. This practise ensures a safe working environment and governance compliance. A Risk Management Plan that is instrumental for the safety of the organisation has been adopted by the Committee of Management.

### **C. GRANTS AND PROJECTS 2024-2025**

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

The GNRBA, until end 2024, held an agreement with DBCA Kalgoorlie to undertake all baiting runs on DBCA lands in the Goldfields area of responsibility. GNRBA engaged LPMT to perform two or three wild dog management action plans per year and undertakes administration of the work. Currently GNRBA LPMT holds the RP permits for all the sites. GNRBA provided wild dog baits, planning and management for DBCA. Unfortunately, DBCA has not yet been able to renew these contracts with the uncertainty of approvals of wild dog management from Determined Native Title regions that overlap the DBCA locations. GNRBA has a working relationship with DPLH Aboriginal Heritage Kalgoorlie and DBCA to understand the process to move forward with wild dog management on DBCA and UCL lands.

Peeling Back the Layers of Nullarbor Onion Weed Biological Control (Funding: STATE NRM) Acquitted in 2024 this grant has been instrumental in research GNRBA has undertaken with onion weed. GNRBA submitted a considerable amount of

information to have the weed recognised as an impact weed on the fragile ecosystem of the Goldfields Nullarbor. Unfortunately, it was not chosen but GNRBA has the information stored at a national level and will continue with consistent interaction with the weeds industry to make a breakthrough. The spread of onion weed is now extensive. GNRBA plans to commit funding in 2025-2027 for recognition and research in collaboration with Native Title holders on the Nullarbor. Rangelands NRM continues to work with GNRBA for onion weed research and development and provide valuable support for GNRBA through additional activities such as the AGM and Annual Field Days.

#### \Western Australia Wild Dog Studies (Funding: DPIRD, WAWDAP and GNRBA)

There are several projects on-going in the GNRBA region regarding wild dogs. The GNRBA is involved and continues to contribute significant time to the maintenance of cameras. GNRBA LPMT Teen Ryan continues to work with Tracey Kreplins and her team on the Nullarbor as required.

#### DPIRD WAWDAP 2023-2025 Grant

The \$67,000 grant Technologically Advanced Wild Dogs of the Goldfields Nullarbor has acquitted. This grant enabled the two GNRBA LPMT to place cameras in strategic places, conduct drone surveillance work, use night vision/species recognition to monitor and manage wild dog. This has revealed large numbers of wild dog in specific areas but has resulted in strategic management in targeted places. Identifying the wild dog camera pictures is a time-consuming job when confronted with thousands of images over short periods. On the Nullarbor the drone purchased as to small for the project capabilities, but the scope has opened more opportunity for night work. The grant has now been acquitted.

#### FRRR (Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal) Pastoral Toolbox Grant

Through Australian Government Future Drought Fund in 2024-2025 saw Pastoral Toolbox Days at Morapoi Station and Kanandah Station. These brought community together for drought resilience planning around finance, landscape and wellness. This grant was for \$20,000 plus matched GNRBA funding. Successful in information delivered and information sourced. Now acquitted.

#### DSS LFH Program 2024

GNRBA was involved in the DSS Large Feral Herbivore Aerial Shoot on the Biririliburu location northeast of Wiluna. Working with traditional owners and led by an experienced ground and aerial crew over 1800 camel were removed. GNRBA contributed \$15,000 to the project and have committed to a further \$20,000 for a similar exercise in October 2025.

#### GNRBA Exceptional Circumstances LFH Project

This project provided GNRBA funds to fringe pastoralist who are heavily impacted by a sudden influx of LFH. Pastoralists need to match the contribution in kind. This has proven helpful to the camel sudden infestations and continues in 2025-2026 if applied for to the GNRBA.

#### Other Important Partnerships

Northern Star has an opportunity for GNRBA to be involved in Wild Dog and Feral Cat management in NSR environmental management leases, particularly for mallee fowl. GNRBA search for collaboration with mining companies and their environmental – pest management programs.

## **D. ACTIVITIES**

### **Nullarbor Muster**

Nullarbor Muster was held in April 2025. Attended by CEO and Neil White LPMT over two days where many interested people visited the stand or spoke to the GNRBA team, with little negative repose to the programs. One Nation Pauline Hansan alongside her team acknowledged the GNRBA space with interest in all GNRBA does.

### **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, but it will also support their OH&S protocols and provide a safer workspace for their employees. It is a focus of the CEO to continue to further development of such partnerships in 2025/2026.

### **Shires**

CEO has delivered an address at a GVROC meeting and Shires are interested in further discussion to involve their shires with the GNRBA programs. Planning to commitment by both parties to join forces against pest and support programs. Cactus work in known shire and mining areas will be assisted with management by GNRBA LPMT using cochineal, site detection using a drone and granular chemical application depending on site size.

### **CEO Travels**

The Committee of Management encourages the CEO to travel throughout the region to observe the landscape and engage with members. Thanks to all those who participate, help, sponsor, and support.

July 2024 to the 19th Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference in Sydney where GNRBA was the only entity concerned about camel. Many more people know of the impact of this pest in pastoral regions and central Australia

Trips to Perth for RBG/ DPIRD conference and BAM Act review as well as WA Wild Dog Action Plan redevelopment have been important for the RBG future.

2024/2025 work with Shires to establish the planning of collaborative work GNRBA can undertake within its shires.

Local and pastoral runs to engage with stakeholders and members of GNRBA.

### **FINANCES**

Finance arrangements are managed day to day by the Financial Officer, Ross Wood and overseen by the Treasurer, Justin Stevens. The GNRBA uses Patrick Thatcher- Abbotts Chartered Accountants and W.F. Dawson and Associates for Auditing purposes.

The GNRBA has managed funding and expenditure, as included in this financial year, using its traditional rate base and matched funding to leverage R4R funding, grants, and Shire contributions. The GNRBA are encouraged that 2025/2026 funding will see a marginal increase from 2024/2025.

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 2024/2025 Financial statements have been audited and will, as usual, be used to acquit GNRBA funding.

### **E. CONCLUSION**

The 2024-2025 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, WAWDAP, FRRR and setting up GNRBA Grant account to simplify the Exceptional Circumstances immediate Emergency Response to LFH occurrences.

The GNRBA is in a strong position regarding operating support with 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 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 must 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 that GNRBA 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 -2025-2030
  - Large Feral Herbivore Management Plan – 2025-2030
  - Risk Management Plan – in place
  - Weed Management Plan -developed and to be adopted 2025-2030
- Encouragement of members to participate on the Committee of Management and to use their abilities and networks to build and support the GNRBA effectively.
- Thanks to all those people who participate, help, sponsor, and support GNRBA with regular communication and confidence in the organization.

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.

GNRBA is working with relevant stakeholders to develop a long-term camel management strategy outside of GNRBA area. Working onto 2025 with this process.

The GNRBA recognises the benefits resulting from actively engaging with the Department of Biosecurity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and having a DBCA representative on the Committee of Management as an Associate Member 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 is the focus of the Association to increase resources, build on relationships and the continued development of clear management and business plans moving into the 2025-2026 financial and operating year.

**Amanda Day Chief Executive Officer 16 October 2025**



**GNRBA AGM Chairman's Report 2025**

Welcome all to the GNRBA 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Many thanks for attending the event that signifies the growth and evolution of the GNRBA. The small and dedicated team consists of Chief Executive Officer Amanda Day, Financial Officer Ross Wood, LPMT Teen Ryan, S7 Licence Holder and LPMT Neil White and the GNRBA Committee of Management.

GNRBA growth would not be possible without the partnerships sought and nurtured with Local and State government departments, various service providers, consultants, interested persons and the membership of GNRBA. The response to the call out for presenters and speakers at GNRBA events alongside sponsorship and funding displays confidence in the direction of the organisation. Without the input of these people GNRBA would not be as successful in endeavours.

Fundamental challenges of the GNRBA are the area of responsibility (933,000sq. km), land tenure (Pastoral, mining, native title), the diverse objectives of land and lease owners, and the uncertain and limited funding available with which to implement and create effective pest management programs.

The majority of GNRBA funding is received through the Declared Pest Rate, which is matched by State Government, and is sourced from the Declared Pest Account twice a year. Funding from other sources includes but not limited to, State and Local government, Rangelands NRM, industry and business with support from many groups, companies, and individuals. Sponsorship and interest in the 2025 AGM and Field Days enables GNRBA to bring this event to members without the significant use of DPA funds.

As GNRBA Chair, I would particularly like to acknowledge GNRBA pastoralists for their time, financial contribution, and support, they put into the biosecurity efforts in the Rangelands. The Objectives and Strategic Plan of the GNRBA have been reviewed to assist pastoralists in the management of pests on pastoral lands. This enables members and GNRBA to ensure, to the best of our ability, our most notorious pests are managed.

Projects of GNRBA include the FRRR – Drought Hub Pastoral Toolbox Days at Morapoi and Kanandah. The WAWDAP R4R Technologically Advanced Wild Dogs of the Goldfields and Nullarbor was instrumental in thermal rifle scope work, drones in the LPMT space and larger numbers of field cameras to learn more about wild dogs and their behaviours. Projects increasingly require matched funding from GNRBA therefore are helpful but must be managed within GNRBA budget.

GNRBA is instrumental in standing up for the Goldfields Nullarbor pastoralists with industry and organisation interactions which includes attendance at seminars to promote our region and the efforts GNRBA undertakes to keep our area on the radar of industry. Our leadership encourages GNRBA to be included into all state and national pest management discussions, understanding the need to be recognised, be a leader in the field and to be at the forefront of new technology and methodologies.

Efforts to have *Asphodelus fistulosus* (Onion Weed) recognised as an impact weed on the fragile ecosystem of the Nullarbor, to further efforts for a biological control is still being pursued nationally.

Developing relationships with organisations proposing camel management throughout the arid regions of Australia is an important part of GNRBA work alongside consistent monitoring of other LFH within the GNRBA region.

Again, I would like to thank all those present and all those who 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 2025**

I am pleased to present the Treasurers' report for the GNRBA financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The GNRBA day to day finances are managed by our Financial Officer Ross Wood, Ross works closely with our accountant Patrick Thatcher of Abbotts Chartered Accountants, our auditor WF Dawson & associates and our CEO Amanda Day. Ross assists the COM and reports to us regularly at meetings and as required.

I am pleased to report that books have been audited and the Committee of Management (COM) has been able to sign off on this process.

This Financial Report reflects our position on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **Assets**

GNRBA has five accounts with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 held **\$988,138** in various bank accounts. \$988,138

We had Current Tax Assets (GST) of \$ 535

Nullarbor Eyre Highway Land Conservation District Committee /GNRBA Weed project \$ 20,000

Trade and other Receivables \$ 4,508

Depreciated Property, Plant and Equipment \$ 95,370

**Net Assets** **\$1,108,551**

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### **Equity**

General Reserve \$ 430,916

Total Undistributed Income from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 \$ 677,635

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**\$1,108,551**

Our operation managed \$1,220,713 of funding.

Of this \$804,000 was DPA funds.

The Balance was grants such as R4R Wild Dog Funding, DBCA Fee for Service, Fee for Service (LPMT's) and other grants that are subject to various acquittals.

- Our c/f funds for 2023/24 as shown above are \$97,384. The surplus is unspent funds from projects and retained profits from activities.

Matched "dollar for dollar" funding from the State Government 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.

Current Government considerations may see the GNRBA competing for DPA funding with other organizations.

We are ever mindful that 2021-22 was financially challenging as our core DPA funding was slashed by some 34% by a change in the valuation of properties that State Revenue used to calculate the declared pest rate.

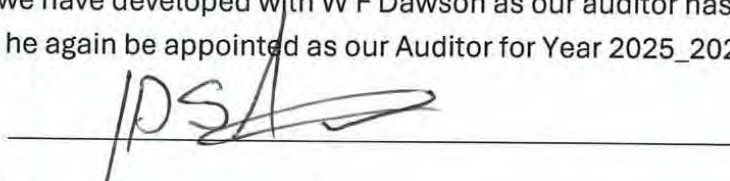
The prudent financial buffer we have built, and expansion of our income base will allow us to continue to provide most of our services into the future in the event of a significant hiccup as occurred in 2021 -22

The funding for the AGM, promotion and indeed 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 subject to many vagaries and we continue to work toward a more general Biosecurity Levy adopted Statewide.

The processes of securing DPA funding are complex and require Operational Plans to be submitted through Smarty Grant processes nearly one year ahead of funding. Our Royalties for Regions funding for management of wild dogs in UCL alongside small stock has been successfully negotiated by our CEO for this year 2025-2026. Like many of our grants, it is not guaranteed.

The relationship we have developed with W F Dawson as our auditor has significant value and I recommend that he again be appointed as our Auditor for Year 2025\_2026.

Justin Stevens

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Treasurer GNRBA Inc. 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025



# Financial Statements

Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Ass Inc

ABN 16 281 950 022

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Prepared by Abbotts Pty Ltd



## Statement of Financial Position

### Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Ass Inc As at 30 June 2025

	NOTES	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
CBA #2959		78,378	56,498
CBA #3888		28,737	54,038
CBA #9118		151,379	501,808
CBA TD #6008		329,644	316,219
CBA TD #6903		400,000	-
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>		<b>988,138</b>	<b>928,563</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
GST		44	25,845
Sub Grant Weed & Wiluna Shire		20,000	20,000
Trade and Other Receivables		4,508	-
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>		<b>24,551</b>	<b>45,845</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,012,690</b>	<b>974,408</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
<b>Plant and Equipment and Vehicles</b>			
Plant & Equipment - at cost		48,825	47,877
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(19,417)	(11,117)
Motor vehicles - at cost (2890)		65,511	-
Less: Accumulated depreciation (2895)		(494)	-
<b>Total Plant and Equipment and Vehicles</b>		<b>94,425</b>	<b>36,760</b>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>94,425</b>	<b>36,760</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,107,115</b>	<b>1,011,167</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>1,107,115</b>	<b>1,011,167</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Undistributed Income</b>			
CFWD Undistributed Income		580,251	450,445
Current Undistributed Income		95,947	129,807
<b>Total Undistributed Income</b>		<b>676,199</b>	<b>580,251</b>
Reserves		430,916	430,916
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>1,107,115</b>	<b>1,011,167</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Ass Inc For the year ended 30 June 2025

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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 accrual 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:

#### 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. Increase 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 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 assets, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the items 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.

#### 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.

#### 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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## Detailed Operating Statement DPA

### Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Ass Inc For the year ended 30 June 2025

	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
<b>Income</b>		
Declared Pest Rate Income (DPA)	804,000	-
Income under Voluntary Agreements	-	746,894
Interest Received	7,174	19,265
Management Fees	-	10,000
Rebates and Refunds	-	1,799
Service Fees Earned	-	2,100
Sponsorship	-	250
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>811,174</b>	<b>780,308</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accounting Fees	15,738	17,064
Advertising & Promotion	6,795	8,091
Ammunition Large Herbivore Rebates	441	4,930
Audit fees	4,000	-
Avgas & Fuel	-	1,818
Bank Fees & Charges	167	197
Bookkeeping Fees	1,020	-
Casual Labour	-	11,200
Conference & Seminars	9,737	12,324
Consultant Fees	21,764	3,510
Contr, s/contr and commisn	31,000	-
Contract Payments	58,229	29,086
Contract Payments - CEO	108,830	95,255
Contract Payments - Financial Officer	64,800	56,000
Contract Payments - Weed - GNRBA	-	1,000
Depreciation	8,794	1,609
Electricity	317	-
Entertainment	-	561
Freight & Cartage	-	5,961
Insurance	18,041	14,939
Kalgoorlie Office Rental	15,527	11,554
LPMT Fuel	-	32
M/V car - Rego/Insurance	3,219	-
M/V Car - Fuel & Oil	27,255	26,814
M/V Commercial - Reg/Insurance	-	103
Management Fees	90,000	-
Materials & Supplies	17,087	11,500
Meat Tender	262,502	273,839
Postage	-	61
Printing & Stationery	2,782	1,675
Repairs & Maintenance	4,650	6,546

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	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Subcontractors LFH Wiluna Agreement	-	40,000
Subscriptions & Licenses	12,812	8,122
Superannuation	2,594	-
Superannuation - CEO	12,740	11,014
Superannuation - Financial Officer	7,452	6,368
Telephone	400	1,200
Training	18,350	3,200
Travel & Accommodation	2,625	5,834
Weed Equipment	-	9,219
Weed Poison Subsidies	6,116	1,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>835,783</b>	<b>681,624</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>(24,609)</b>	<b>98,684</b>

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## Statement by Members of the Committee

Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Ass Inc  
For the year ended 30 June 2025

### Committee's Report

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this 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 2025 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)

Date     /     /

**Justin Stevens** (Treasurer)

Date     /     /

# W F DAWSON & ASSOCIATES

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 2025.

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 statements present fairly the operating results of **GNRBA** for the 2024/2025 financial year and its financial position at 30 June 2025.

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Signature of Auditor:  
Name of Auditor:

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**WARREN FRANCIS DAWSON**

18 September 2025

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

### DECLARED PEST ACCOUNT

#### Scope

I have audited the financial statements of **GNRBA (Declared Pest Account)** which has been classified as a non-general purpose account, for the year ended 30 June 2025.

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

#### Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly the operating results of **GNRBA (Declared Pest Control)** for the 2024/2025 financial year.

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