



GOLDFIELDS NULLARBOR RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

2022 – 2023 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 1st 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: 2022/23 Committee of Management

Name	Location	Joined	Term End
Trevor Schutz	Laverton Downs	2020	2023
David McQuie	Bulga Downs	2020	2023
Carol Hodshon	Atley	2020	2023
Nigel Wessels	DBCA	2021	2024
Brendan Jones	Mt Monger	2021	2024
Brett Lewis	Yakabindie	2021	2024
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). Nicole Porteous joined in November 2022 as Executive Assistant, until leaving in June 2023. Ross Wood in a part time capacity as Financial Officer, Teen Ryan as the S7 licensee and Licensed Pest Management Technician (LPMT) and LPMT co-ordinator. Neil White is part time LPMT, on call contractor, Cactus Program Co-Ordinator 2023-2024, and holder of DBCA RP Permits. Neil White is undergoing training to operate the GNRBA Drone undertaking drone cactus site mapping as well as wild dog management on DBCA lands.

Erin Gorter stepped back from her role as Project Officer in early 2023 which leaves the CEO holding this position. Mike Hutson Accountants continued to oversee the Association's finances until early 2023 then retired and GNRBA have Patrick Thatcher Accountant overseeing the accounts, preparing the BAS and Financial Reports for Audit by Auditors W.D Dawson, which, can be a complicated process due to the number of grant funding sources.

The appointment of an Assistant and Project Officer in 2023-2024 could provide the CEO with support for the many and varied projects, compliance requirements and on ground operations.

The GNRBA office in Charlotte Street Kalgoorlie was vacated in this period with the establishment of a new GNRBA office at Suite 9, Vosper House Dugan Street Kalgoorlie. An office that can hold Committee of Management meetings and save 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 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), 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 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is an Associate Member of the GNRBA. It is this responsibility of this State Government department to manage Wild Dogs and Declared 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. In 2023 RP permits required ownership outside of DBCA. GNRBA engaged Neil White LPMT (Primary Industry Contracting) to undertake these works and he now holds the RP permits for DBCA Goldfields lands. GNRBA have a MOU and Operational Plan with DBCA for works undertaken.

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 2022/23 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 2023- 2025, to support the appointment of the Nullarbor LPMT activities. The opportunity to have this agreement renewed for a longer period gives GNRBA confidence in works on the Nullarbor until 2025. The GNRBA continues to work effectively in this space with plans for future funding.

The CEO maintains contact with the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) and Ten Deserts with discussion of Large Feral Herbivore Programs. Much work has been completed in 2022-2023 to reconsider works done in this space by all stakeholders. Attempts to draw Federal and State government support into a collaborative program and review of current practise is still underway.

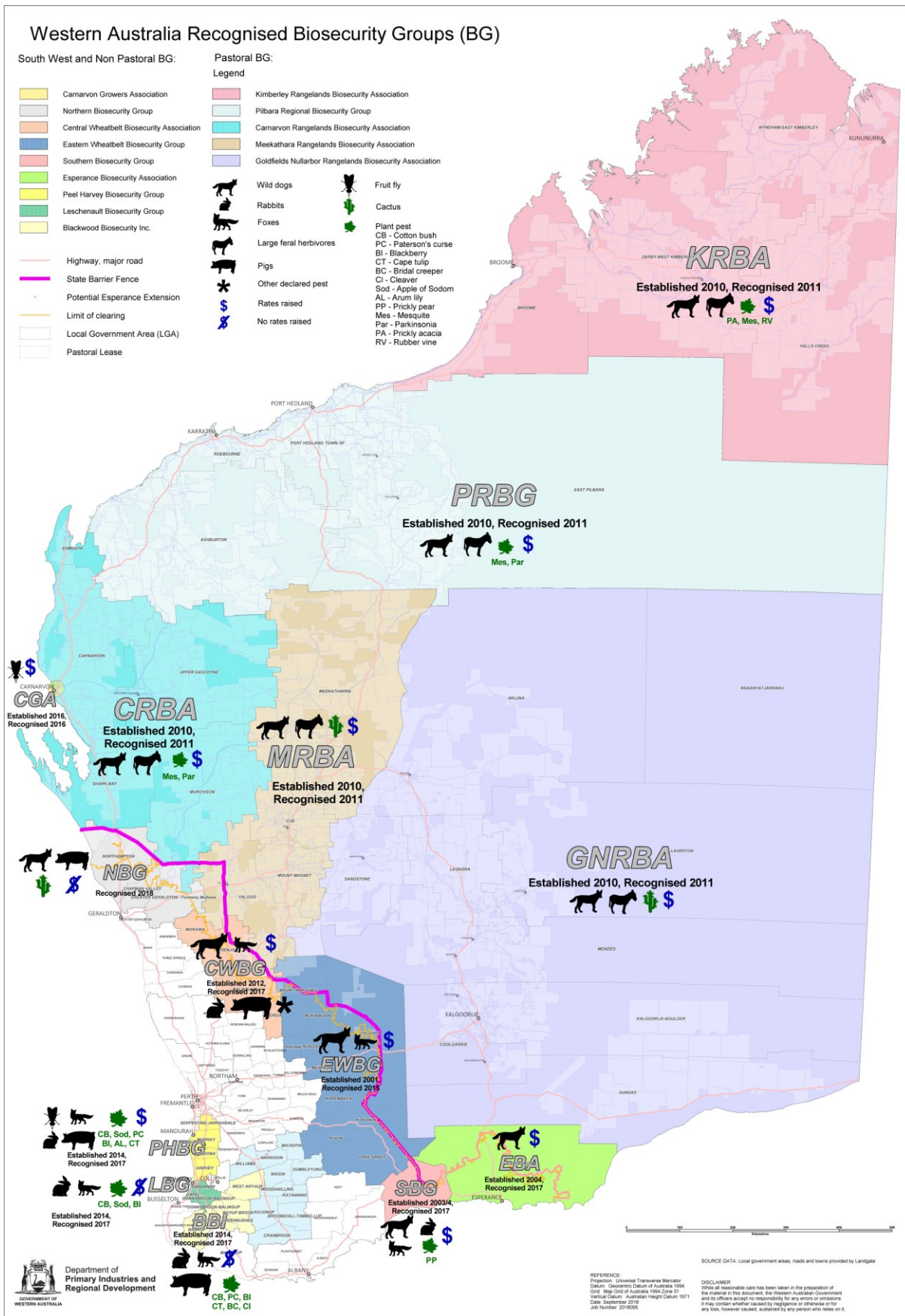
Additionally, the partnerships with local shires such as Menzies, Leonora, Coolgardie, Dundas, Laverton, City of Kalgoorlie/Boulder, and Wiluna has continued this year with their ongoing support for cactus control work and LFH. More work is required to formalise all partnerships into 2024-2025.

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

D. CORE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2022 – 2023

I. Baiting Operations

GNRBA purchased and delivered/ received pre prepared wild dog baits and prepared fresh meat from three suppliers at a cost of \$265,245. These were delivered to our Kalgoorlie freezer and/or direct to properties. A total of 2600kg of prepared fresh meat was supplied which 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 two sponsored ground baiting's across the Goldfields Nullarbor during 2022/23 as per the 2021-2027 Strategic Plan. Eastern Districts Pet Foods was able to undertake delivery runs in 2022 and 2023 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 compromised at the end of 2021 and removed from commission. GNRBA replaced the refrigeration unit at end of 2022, and it provides an effective freezer for bait storage. The second unit still operates as a chiller which has been equipped with a Farmbot and camera. The camera provides a daily 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. Eastern District Pet Food has a contract to supply and deliver baits with GNRBA until end 2026. The suppliers often have 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 fresh. 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 Dog activity continued to impact on pastoral activities across the entire Goldfields Nullarbor region throughout 2022/2023. It is interesting to note that GNRBA strategic baiting and LPMT presence reduce numbers considerably.

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 managed pastoral areas. The work conducted has seen 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 keep the dogs in management with fewer packs or calf attacks.

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, because of baiting, is not as easy to report on. 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 a reduction in known stock attacks. An increase in dog numbers particularly in the Kalgoorlie pastoral region had been reported early in 2022/2023 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 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 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 2022-2023

Known Dog Kills	Method
210	Trapped/Shot

LPMT are valued by the GNRBA. SNR 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 and operating in varying capacity across the Goldfields. LPMT Rob Fraser is working within the Leonora area. LPMT operate under contract rate directly to the pastoralist or 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 some pastoralists. GNRBA will be upskilling pastoralists in 2023 – 2024 to the safe application of this tool. A trapping school will be undertaken before end of 2023 with Neil White in the Leonora area.

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 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 2022-2023. 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 – 2024. Aerial operations are held back by the necessity to name the operating aircraft crew on RP Permits.

IV. West Australian Wild Dog Action Plan and R4R Funding

A long term, equitable funding structure to replace R4R funding has not been addressed by government. WA Wild Dog Action Plan recently conducted a Wild Dog Symposium at Mellenbye Station including CEOs of the Biosecurity Groups, LPMT and Delegates from all RBG areas. GNRBA has been able to secure R4R funding until end 2025. Feral Scan for Wild Dog auditing has become an effective tool used by LPMT. GNRBA CEO and FO attended the March 2023 National Wild Dog Symposium in Armidale NSW to voice the Goldfields Nullarbor Wild Dog activities and concerns.

V. Large Feral Herbivore (LFH) Control

The GNRBA has considered the collaborative LFH Shoot in the Wiluna area with Shires and Traditional Owner – Ranger groups. It has been decided to utilise GNRBA CEO to follow up State, Federal and local LFH Management Plans but hold off on a LFH Aerial Shoot at this point. GNRBA is concerned at increased costs and logistics of a shoot which has been reliant on GNRBA management for the past 10 plus years. 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.

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 are not reflective of the entire GNRBA region. 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 2022/2023 Cull 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	750 LFH	300	Reported numbers

This brings the total of known LFH kills for 2022-2023 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.

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. Cochineal have been destroyed in the process. Cochineal still active in the Laverton Windarra site on Coral Cactus.

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 2023/2024. Instigative work, application of chemical granules, and soon, drone mapping has been affected in 2022-2023.

Making pastoralists and the community are 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.

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

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.

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. Sponsorship is regularly obtained to cover newsletter costs.

Additionally, the GNRBA website will receive a major overhaul in 2023-2023 but contains all forms required for GNRBA activity.

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.

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. GNRBA has undergone considerable work with the review of the BAM Act in 2022-2023. The changes to this act have direct impact on the RBG's and require careful consideration which GNRBA has been essential in its involvement.

X. Restricted Chemical Product Permits (RCP 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 permits 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.

E. GRANTS AND PROJECTS 2022-2023

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

The GNRBA has an agreement with DBCA Kalgoorlie to undertake all current baiting runs on DBCA lands in the Goldfields area of responsibility. GNRBA engages LPMT to perform two or three wild dog management action plans per year and undertakes administration of the work. The LPMT holds the RP permits for the sites, GNRBA provides wild dog baits, planning and management for DBCA.

Researching options for managing Onion Weed on the Nullarbor (Funding: Rangelands NRM WA, GNRBA & Nullarbor Eyre Highway Land Conservation District Committee (NEHLCDC) Acquitted: 2022. RNRM continue to work with GNRBA for onion weed research and provide valuable funding for GNRBA through additional activities such as the AGM and Annual Field Days.

Peeling Back the Layers of Nullarbor Onion Weed Biological Control (Funding: STATE NRM) Awarded to GNRBA during 2022. GNRBA engaged Environmental Officer Jennifer Jackson to develop an Environmental Impact Review on onion weed (to apply to CSIRO support to trial a biological rust control agent for onion weed. Plant Samples and Seed were sent to CSIRO for DNA extraction and comparison with plants grown in Montpellier France. All with the view to develop a management for onion weed on the Nullarbor/ Eyre Highway. GNRBA have engaged RNRM to undertake drone mapping and drone map training of three pastoralists. The project is ongoing into 2024-2025.

RNRM continue to work with GNRBA for onion weed research and provide valuable funding for GNRBA through additional activities such as the AGM and Annual Field Days.

Western Australia Wild Dog trials (Funding: DPIRD, WAWDAP and GNRBA)

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. GNRBA LPMT Teen Ryan continues to work with Tracey Kreplins and Jim Miller to trap and collar wild dog in the Nullarbor. Two collared dogs on the Nullarbor are providing invaluable wild dog data to the team.

DPIRD WAWDAP 2023-2025 Grant

GNRBA are the recipients of a \$67,000 grant Technologically Advanced Wild Dogs of the Goldfields Nullarbor. This grant enables the GNRBA LPMT to place cameras, howlers, drone work, night vision/ species recognition scopes into the area to monitor and manage wild dog. Expected to run until end 2025.

Information and Governance Days

GNRBA Information Day was held in Kalgoorlie in April 2023. Supported financially by Northern Star and Regenco to deliver information to members on GNRBA activity as well as initiate contact with the Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Act.

A Governance Day with a \$3,000 grant from DPIRD was held in August 2023 for pastoralists utilizing 150 Square to facilitate.

Other Important Partnerships

Northern Star have an opportunity for GNRBA to be involved in Wild Dog and Feral Cat management in NSR environmental management leases, particularly for malleefowl.

Wiluna Shire to work with GNRBA utilising funds not absorbed by the aerial LFH shoot at end 2022. Proposed works include cactus identification, location, drone work and management of the infestations recorded.

F. ACTIVITIES

Nullarbor Muster

CEO attended Nullarbor Muster with a display encouraging public awareness of biosecurity and pest management undertaken by the organisation.

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 2023/2024.

Cactus work in known shire and mining areas will be managed 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. CEO spent several days on the Nullarbor in January 2023 with the Environmental Officer collecting onion weed leaf and seed samples. Then later in April 2023 with Rangelands NRM personnel drone mapping, training, and observing large infestations. During 2023 CEO traveled to the National Wild Dog Symposium in Armidale NSW, speaking of success with tools and best practice GNRBA utilises in Wild Dog Management.

Thanks to all those who participate, help, sponsor, and support.

Trips to Perth for RBG/ DPIRD conference and BAM Act review have been important for the RBG future.

A trip along the Eyre Highway in May 2023 to establish detail of onion weed extent in that region.



Wild Dog Symposium Armidale NSW



GNRBA AGM Field Day Mt Vettters 2023

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 Patrick Thatcher Accounting to manage accounting and cross check banking, and W.F. Dawson and Associates for Auditing purposes.

The GNRBA has managed funding and expenditure as included in this report this financial year using its traditional rate base and matched funding to leverage R4R funding, grants, and Shire contributions. The GNRBA are encouraged that 2023/2024 funding will see a marginal increase from 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 2022/23 Financial statements have been audited and will, as usual, be used to acquit GNRBA funding.

H. CONCLUSION

The 2022-2023 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, State NRM, WAWDAP and various other State Government Grants.

Staffing structure has changed significantly because of governance requirements but has also benefitted the organisation. 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 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 -review 2024
 - Large Feral Herbivore Management Plan – review 2024
 - Risk Management Plan
 - Weed Management Plan -developed but to be adopted 2024.

- Encouragement of members to participate on the Committee of Management and to use their abilities and networks to build the GNRBA effectiveness.
- Many thanks to all those people who participate, help, sponsor, and support.

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 2024 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 2023-2024 financial and operating year.

Amanda Day



Chief Executive Officer

2nd November 2023





GNRBA AGM Chairman's Report 2023

Welcome all to the GNRBA 12th Annual General Meeting. Many thanks for attending the event that signifies the growth and evolution of the GNRBA. The organisation is recognised as a leader in our field of expertise. A small and dedicated team consists of Chief Executive Officer Amanda Day, Financial Officer Ross Wood, S7 and Senior Licensed Pest Management Technician Teen Ryan, Licensed Pest Management Technician Neil White and the GNRBA Committee of Management.

Our continued growth would not be possible without the partnerships sought and nurtured throughout the year 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 or confident in our 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 is received through the Declared Pest Rate, which is matched by State Government, and is sourced from the Declared Pest Account twice a year, with protocols to the application and acquittal of the funds. Funding from other sources includes but not limited to, State and Local government, State NRM, Rangelands NRM, Industry and Business with support from many groups, companies, and individuals. Sponsorship and interest in the 2023 AGM and Field Days enables GNRBA to bring this event to members without the use of DPA funds.

Once again, a busy year of projects and activities with funding into Wild Dog, Large Feral Herbivore, Cactus, and Weed Management. As GNRBA Chair, I would particularly like to acknowledge many pastoralists for their time and financial contribution, as well as support, they put into the biosecurity efforts in the Rangelands. The Objectives and Strategic Plan of the GNRBA is to support 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 kept at manageable levels.

Projects of GNRBA are diverse with the organisation consistently applying for small or large project grants to ensure all areas are covered with the latest in ideas and technology. Our leadership encourages GNRBA to be included into all state and national pest management discussions, understanding that to be recognised, be a leader in the field and to be at the forefront of new technology and methodologies GNRBA must participate at a regular level.

All 2022-2023 projects are on schedule with more activating before the end of 2023. For a comprehensive run down of project and activities undertaken by the GNRBA please refer to the Annual Report available to the members via hard copy at the AGM and placed on the GNRBA website.

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

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Detailed Operating Statement GNRBA

Goldfields Nullarbor Rlands Biosecurity Ass Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Gross Receipts - GNRBA	659,620	657,725
Income under voluntary agreements - GNRBA	10,800	-
Interest Received - GNRBA	8,686	51
Sales - GNRBA	2,328	-
Service Fees Earned - GNRBA	11,600	-
Total Income	693,034	657,776
Expenditure		
Accountancy - GNRBA - admin	8,889	6,402
Advertising & Promotion - GNRBA	2,077	1,398
Avgas & Fuel - GNRBA	1,477	600
Bank Fees & Charges - GNRBA	254	149
Casual Labour - GNRBA	4,000	-
Cleaning/rubbish removal - GNRBA	91	-
Conferences & Seminars - GNRBA	6,695	26,485
Consultant Fees - GNRBA	15,702	21,221
Contract Payments - Weed - GNRBA	8,000	-
Contract Payments - CEO	87,225	70,199
Contract Payments - Financial Officer	50,491	49,400
Contract Payments - EA - GNRBA	11,038	83,067
Contract Payments - GNRBA	4,350	31,021
Couriers and Taxi - GNRBA	92	2,364
Depreciation - Plant - GNRBA	1,158	1,449
Electricity - GNRBA	4,913	4,457
Freight & Cartage - GNRBA	1,654	-
Fuel & Oil - GNRBA	959	-
General expenses - GNRBA	425	-
Insurance - GNRBA	11,831	17,621
Interest Deductions - GNRBA	369	-
Kalgoorlie Office Rental	10,657	10,447
LPMT Fuel - GNRBA	655	857
M/V Car, Fuel & Telephone (CEO MV & Phone Allowance)	40,736	-
M/V commercial - Reg/Insurance - GNRBA	100	-
Materials & Supplies - GNRBA	25,599	63,395
Meat Tender - GNRBA	265,425	216,183
Postage - GNRBA	133	-
Printing & Stationery - GNRBA	2,802	5,143
Repairs & Maintenance - GNRBA	24,278	-
Security - GNRBA	1,164	2,110
Subscriptions & Licences - GNRBA	6,060	5,851
Superannuation - GNRBA	15,603	25,454

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

Detailed Operating Statement GNRBA



	2023	2022
Telephone Charges - GNRBA	-	240
Travel & Accommodation - CEO - GNRBA	5,295	-
Travel & Accommodation - GNRBA	61	2,607
Weed Equipment - GNRBA	2,640	-
Total Expenditure	622,895	648,120
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)	70,139	9,656

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 2023

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. 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.

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.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Detailed Operating Statement

Goldfields Nullarbor Rlands Biosecurity Ass Inc -
Consolidated entities reconciliations
For the year ended 30 June 2023



Account	2023 Consolidated Accounts (Pages 4 & 5)	2023 Detailed Op Statement - GNRBA (Page 7 & 8)	2023 Detailed Op. Statement R4R (Page 9)	2023 Detailed Op. Statement OTHER (Reconciled Balance)
Income				
Gross Receipts - DPAW - (Department of Parks and Wildlife)	100,000	-	-	100,000
Gross Receipts - GNRBA	659,620	659,620	-	-
Gross Receipts - AGM and Field Days	28,086	-	-	28,086
Gross Receipts - LFH Dry Seasons 2	-	-	-	-
Gross Receipts - Northern Star Grant	13,636	-	-	13,636
Gross Receipts - Royalty for Regions	100,000	-	100,000	-
Gross Receipts - Wiluna Shire Grant	30,000	-	-	30,000
Gross Receipts - NEHLCD Weed Project	20,000	-	-	20,000
Gross Receipts - State NRM - Onion Weed Project	20,000	-	-	20,000
Income under voluntary agreements - GNRBA	10,800	10,800	-	-
Interest Received - GNRBA	8,686	8,686	-	-
Sales - GNRBA	2,328	2,328	-	-
Service Fees Earned - GNRBA	11,600	11,600	-	-
Service Fees Earned - R4R	12,550	-	12,550	-
Total Income	\$ 1,017,306	\$ 693,034	\$ 112,550	\$ 211,722
Expenditure				
Accountancy - GNRBA - admin	8,889	8,889	-	-
Accountancy - LF H 2 Project	-	-	-	-
Advertising & Promotion - GNRBA	2,077	2,077	-	-
Advertising & Promotion - AGM and Field Days	1,557	-	-	1,557
Avgas & Fuel - GNRBA	1,477	1,477	-	-
Bank Fees & Charges - GNRBA	254	254	-	-
Bank Fees & Charges - GNRBA - R4R	-	-	-	-
Casual Labour - GNRBA	4,000	4,000	-	-
Cleaning/rubbish removal - GNRBA	91	91	-	-
Conference & Seminars - AGM and Field Days	12,215	-	-	12,215
Conferences & Seminars - GNRBA	6,695	6,695	-	-
Consultant Fees - Ezy 2 c	-	-	-	-
Consultant Fees - GNRBA	15,702	15,702	-	-
Consultant Fees - LFH 2 Project	-	-	-	-
Consultant Fees - State NRM - Onion Weed Project	6,000	-	-	6,000
Contract Payments - Weed - GNRBA	8,000	8,000	-	-
Contract Payments - CEO	87,225	87,225	-	-
Contract Payments - DPAW - (Department of Parks and Wildlife)	31,750	-	-	31,750
Contract Payments - EA - GNRBA	11,038	11,038	-	-
Contract Payments - Financial Officer	50,491	50,491	-	-
Contract Payments - GNRBA	4,350	4,350	-	-
Contract Payments - GNRBA R4R	80,700	-	80,700	-
Contract Payments - AGM and Field Days	1,259	-	-	1,259
Couriers and Taxi - GNRBA	92	92	-	-
Couriers and Taxi - LFH 2 Project	-	-	-	-
Depreciation - Plant - GNRBA	1,158	1,158	-	-
Donations - AGM and Field Days	16,900	-	-	16,900
Electricity - GNRBA	4,913	4,913	-	-
Freight & Cartage - GNRBA	1,654	1,654	-	-
Fuel & Oil - GNRBA	959	959	-	-
General expenses - GNRBA	425	425	-	-
Insurance - GNRBA	11,831	11,831	-	-
Interest Deductions - GNRBA	369	369	-	-
Kalgoorlie Office Rental	10,657	10,657	-	-
LPMT Fuel - GNRBA	655	655	-	-
LPMT Fuel - GNRBA R4R	9,869	-	9,869	-
M/V Car, Fuel & Telephone (CEO MV & Phone Allowance)	40,736	40,736	-	-

M/V commercial - Reg/Insurance - GNRBA	100	100	-	-
Management Fees - Royalties for Regions	10,000	-	10,000	-
Management Fees - State NRM - Onion Weed Project	5,355	-	-	5,355
Materials & Supplies - Ezy2C	-	-	-	-
Materials & Supplies - GNRBA , R4R	68	-	68	-
Materials & Supplies - GNRBA	25,599	25,599	-	-
Materials & Supplies - LFH Dry Seasons 2	-	-	-	-
Meat Tender - GNRBA	265,425	265,425	-	-
Postage - GNRBA	133	133	-	-
Printing & Stationery - GNRBA	2,802	2,802	-	-
Printing & Stationery - AGM and Field Days	175	-	-	175
Printing & Stationery - LFH 2 Project	-	-	-	-
Project Management - Admin, R4R	-	-	-	-
Repairs & Maintenance - GNRBA	24,278	24,278	-	-
Security - GNRBA	1,164	1,164	-	-
Subscriptions & Licences - R4R	650	-	650	-
Subscriptions & Licences - Ezy2c Project	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions & Licences - GNRBA	6,060	6,060	-	-
Superannuation - GNRBA	15,603	15,603	-	-
Telephone Charges - GNRBA	-	-	-	-
Travel & Accommodation - CEO - AGM and Field Days	583	-	-	583
Travel & Accommodation - CEO - GNRBA	5,295	5,295	-	-
Travel & Accommodation - GNRBA	61	61	-	-
Travel & Accommodation - State NRM - Onion Weed Project	300	-	-	300
Travel & Accommodation - LFH 2 Project	-	-	-	-
Weed Equipment - GNRBA	2,640	2,640	-	-
Conference & Seminars - Northern Star Grant	3,465	-	-	3,465
Total Expenditure	\$ 803,740	\$ 622,898	\$ 101,287	\$ 79,559
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 213,566	\$ 70,136	\$ 11,263	\$ 132,163



Statement by Members of the Committee

Goldfields Nullabor Rangelands Biosecurity Ass Inc For the year ended 30 June 2023

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 Nullabor Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc as at 30 June 2023 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 2023.

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 2022/2023 financial year and its financial position at 30 June 2023.

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

Signature of Auditor:
Name of Auditor:

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