

**MEEKATHARRA RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC.
(MRBA)**

**Committee of Management Meeting
Tuesday 12th November 2024
Held at the Meekatharra Sports Complex**

1. Meeting Open

The Chair opened the meeting at 1.07pm and called for proxies. No proxies were submitted.

2. Attendances/Apologies/Proxies

Recorded on Attendance Register (See Appendix 1)

3. Appointment of Office Bearers

Office Bearers were appointed as follows:

- Chair – Liam Johns, Nominated by Jorgen Jensen, Seconded by Ashley Dowden
- Vice Chair – Greg Watters, Nominated by John Mahony, Seconded by Clyde Hall
- Secretary Treasurer – Mayne Jenour, Nominated by Jorgen Jensen, Seconded by Angus Nichols

All Endorsed

(NOTE: Committee of Management current terms are recorded in the attached table – See Appendix 3)

4. Disclosure of Financial and Non-Financial Material Personal Interests in AGM Matters

Recorded on Conflict of Interest Register (See Appendix 2)

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Committee of Management Meeting 12th February 2024

MOVED: Jorgen Jensen

SECONDED: Mayne Jenour

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 17th October 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6. Business arising from these Minutes

- EO to send general letter / email to ALL landholders reminding them of leaseholder obligations to controlling vermin.
- RCP Permits – look into the option of the EO doing bulk applications on behalf of pastoralists.

- LPMT Ian Sinclair has been permitted to carry out dogging activities on Windsor Station

7. Report from the Executive Officer

7.1 Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme (DPRFS)

EO provided a summary of the current state of our DPRFS funds

7.1.1 CWBA rates reimbursement for vermin control on pastoral properties.

MRBA's EO has spoken with EO of Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association regarding the Declared Pest Rates of properties which are within the MRBA boundary (and therefore allocated to MRBA by Treasury) but which are serviced by CWBA.

Main properties of concern are Wanarra Station and Mellenbye Station, although there are others which "straddle" the boundary between the MRBA and CWBA. It is currently not clear which RBG the rates are allocated to for all of these properties, with the exception of Wanarra which has provided evidence.

Amanda Taylor (DPIRD) offered to help look into the rate allocations of other properties.

EO to progress discussions with CWBA regarding a transfer of rates to that group for Wanarra.

7.2 Wild Dog Action Plan / Royalties for Regions funding

The current WDAP / R4R funding is to expire on June 30, 2025. There have been suggestions that this will be extended for a further twelve months, but we have yet to receive confirmation of this.

It was also noted that the WDAP / R4R funding no longer covers the full amount of the 4 LPMT contracts to which it is allocated. This is due to the increased amount per day paid to LPMTs since the conception of this funding. Note, the WDAP / R4R funding has only ever been a fixed amount, with no allowance for CPI increase.

8. MRBA Financial Position as at October 31, 2024

MRBA Financial Position as at 6 November 2024

MRBA Debit Card	\$	836.99
MRBA Sandhurst Transaction Account	\$	395,045.25
MRBA Transaction Account	\$	585.82
Sandhurst TD 787	\$	104,565.72
Sandhurst TD 803	\$	104,565.72
Sandhurst TD 829	\$	104,474.53
Sandhurst TD 837	\$	104,447.96

Total Bank \$ **814,521.99**

This is made up of:

Contingency Funds carried forward from 2023/2024 DPA	\$	106,302.99
AWI Funded Wild Dog Control Training	\$	21,053.00
DPRFS unexpended budget	\$	451,424.00
R4R WDAP unexpended budget	\$	186,278.00
Shortfall of R4R to be covered	\$	15,980.00
2024 LFH Program additional allocation	\$	33,484.00
Total Allocated	\$	814,521.99

9. Review of 2024/2025 DPA Budget

10. Dogger Co-ordinator Reports

- 10.1 Jorgen Jensen / Reg Seaman – Reg to continue his Paynes Find North contract until June 30, 2025, after which he will not renew that contract. Reg will continue his Mt Magnet contract.
- 10.2 Justin Rowe / John Darling – no report received; query as to whether Ruth/Justin available to continue as coordinator; Mayne agreed to take this on.
- 10.3 Liam Johns / Greg Hobson / Tim Mahony – verbal report.
- 10.4 Murray Pens / John Mahony – no report received; query as to whether Murray is available to continue as coordinator.
- 10.5 Ashley Dowden / Greg Scott / Jim Miller / Jon Hehir – verbal report.
- 10.6 Peter Savage / Ian Sinclair – verbal report.

EO: speak with Ruth/Justin Rowe re coordinator role, and write letter of thanks to Ruth Rowe for her work as John Darling's coordinator, Mayne Jenour to take on this role.

John Mahony to speak with Murray Pens to see if he will continue as John's coordinator, or Tim Pens. Otherwise, Greg Watters to take this over.

11. Bait Rack Program

Discussion on meat quantities for Spring 2024 program. This was due to a statewide shortage of roo meat. Even horse meat was scarce.

Quantities for 2025 Autumn program to be discussed at February 2025 meeting.

General Business

- 11.1 Traps – still have some in stock. Need to utilise these before purchasing more. Probably need to buy parts, chain, etc.

11.2 Dogger Contractor discussion

There has been a request for the daily rate (which is currently \$620 per 9 hour day) to be increased to \$675 per 9 hour day. This was generally agreed to, although it was also noted that this will exceed the budget available.

All current contracts end on June 30, 2025. Therefore, any increase will not come into effect until July 1, 2025.

EO to circulate to Committee Members the 2025/2026 forecast budget which includes the rate of \$675/day for doggers.

Some doggers have requested payment of travel for mobilisation and demobilisation each month (or each "run"). The committee felt that this is an expense that must be carried by the contractors themselves.

The question of Worker's Compensation cover for the Doggers was raised. EO to discuss this with insurance brokers.

11.3 Ashley Dowden will be rescinding the S7 Retailer business (which supplies poisons to MRBA). It would be ideal to find someone else to take this over, either using the existing facility at Challa Station, or on their own property (which must be rural or industrial, NOT residential)

12. Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 11th February 2025

13. Meeting Closed at 3.50pm

Appendix 1

ATTENDEES	STATION / ORGANISATION
Liam Johns (Chair)	Killara
Mayne Jenour (Secretary/Treasurer)	Jingemarra
Ashley & Debbie Dowden	Challa
Greg Watters	Mt Clere
Jorgen Jensen	Yoweragabbie
Angus Nichols	Edah
Robert Lefroy	Nalbarra
Clyde Hall	Neds Creek
Margi Weir	MRBA Executive Officer
Jim Miller	LPMT
Reg Seaman	LPMT
Jon Hehir	LPMT
Ian Sinclair	LPMT
John Mahony	LPMT
Peter Savage	Yarraquin
Shane & Adi Spindler	Karbar
Colin DeGrussa	Member for the Agricultural Region, Shadow Minister for Agriculture & Food
Amanda Taylor	DPIRD - ORBG
Ruth Curtis	DPIRD - ORBG
Tracey Kreplins	DPIRD
Magdalena Zabek	DPIRD
Harvey & Anna Nichols	Sherwood
Lauren & Darcy Lewis	Yarrabubba

APOLOGIES	STATION / ORGANISATION
Peter Jones	Madoonga / Sinosteel
Gary Edwards	DBCA
Darren Cousens	Hillview Station
Tim Mahony	LPMT
Chandra Ridley	Bulloo Downs
Suzanne McGuire	Turee Creek
John Darling	LPMT
Murray Pens (Vice Chair)	Mt Gould
Ken Darnell	Melangata
Weldon Percy	Sylvania
Damien Swain	DPIRD
Greg Scott	LPMT

Appendix 2

**Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc
REGISTER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Annual General Meeting & Committee of Management Meeting
Date: November 12, 2024
Venue: Meekatharra Sports Complex**

Person	Type of Interest	Reason	Actions/Comments/Notes
Ashley Dowden	Supplier	S7 Retailer for the MRBA	Noted, no further action required
Ashley Dowden	Rack Coordinator	Challa Rack Coordinator	Noted, no further action required
Ashley Dowden	Dogger Coordinator	Coordinates 3 LPMT contractors	Noted, no further action required
Liam Johns	Rack Coordinator	Killara Rack Coordinator	Noted, no further action required
Liam Johns	Dogger Coordinator	Coordinates 2 LPMT contractors	Noted, no further action required
Mayne Jenour	Rack Coordinator	Jingemarra Rack Coordinator	Noted, no further action required
Jorgen Jensen	Dogger Coordinator	Coordinates 1 LPMT contractor	Noted, no further action required
Peter Savage	Dogger Coordinator	Coordinates 1 LPMT contractor	Noted, no further action required
Peter Savage	Rack Coordinator	Yarraquin Rack Coordinator	Noted, no further action required
Reg Seaman	Contractor to MRBA	LPMT	Noted, no further action required
Jim Miller	Contractor to MRBA	LPMT	Noted, no further action required
Jon Hehir	Contractor to MRBA	LPMT	Noted, no further action required
John Mahony	Contractor to MRBA	LPMT	Noted, no further action required
Ian Sinclair	Contractor to MRBA	LPMT	Noted, no further action required

Appendix 3

**Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association
Committee of Management members:**

NAME	POSITION	SHIRE	TERM BEGAN/ENDS
Liam Johns	Chair	Meekatharra	2024/2027
Greg Watters	Vice Chair	Meekatharra	2024/2027
Kurt Elezovich	Committee	Mt Magnet	2024/2027
John Mahony	Committee	Upper Gascoyne /Meekatharra	2024/2027
Angus Nichols	Committee	Yalgoo	2023/2026
Clyde Hall	Committee	Meekatharra	2023/2026
Mayne Jenour	Secretary/Treasurer	Yalgoo/Mt Magnet/ Meekatharra	2023/2026
Jarrad Blair	Committee	Meekatharra	2022/2025
Rob Lefroy	Committee	Mt Magnet	2022/2025
Adi Spindler	Committee	Mt Magnet	2022/2025
Jorgen Jensen	Committee	Mt Magnet	2022/2025

Note 1:

Corey Folezzani was elected to the committee at the AGM held October 11, 2022. However, Corey did not attend any meetings at all, and did not submit apologies. Therefore, under the MRBA constitution Section 13 (e) (i)

“13 A casual vacancy occurs in the office of a Management Committee member and that office becomes vacant if the Management Committee member-

(e) is absent from more than-

(i) 3 consecutive Management Committee meetings;”

the position held by Corey had become vacant.

Note 2:

Adi Spindler took the role that was previously held by Corey Folezzani; therefore, her term continues that appointment and this means that her term will end at the AGM held in 2025, after which she may be nominated for re-election for a further 3 year term.