

MEEKATHARRA RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION				
DECLARED PEST ACCOUNT - OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022/2023				
Activity	Responsibility	Perquisites	Date Required	Actions/Resources Needed
<u>WILD DOG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM</u>				
<u>Ground and Aerial 1080 Baiting Program</u>				
Implement ground and aerial baiting programs.	All Landholders within MRBA area	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan. Commitment from DBCA.	Ongoing	Executive Officer to prepare annual bait rack program and co-ordinate ground/aerial baiting in conjunction with landholders and DBCA.
In conjunction with the Pilbara RBG engage aircraft contactor for northern area aerial baiting in September/October 2022.	Executive Officer	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan. Joint operational plan with Pilbara RBG	September 2022	In conjunction with the Pilbara RBG prepare specification for aerial baiting services and confirm quote. Engage contractor in accordance with budget allocation. Advise landholders affected and agree on flight paths and schedules. 17hours aircraft hire envisaged, MRBA to provide fuel.
Arrange supply of bait meat for Community Bait Rack Program	Executive Officer	MRBA Wild Dog Management Operational Plan	August 2022	Prepare specification and determine quantities for the supply of meat for the Community Bait Rack program in conjunction with Rack Co-ordinators. Confirm costs and order meat in accordance with approved budget allocation.

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Procure bait manufacturing consumables (needle guns, gloves, onion bags etc).	Executive Officer	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan	August 2022	Arrange for the purchase of 1080 and other consumables required for the Community Bait Rack program in accordance with approved budget allocation.
Arrange supply of 1080.	Executive Officer & Rack Co-ordinators	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan	August 2022	Lodge request for 1080 for the Community Bait Rack program with the MRBA S7 retailer.
Advise all landholders of dates & meat quantities for each rack. Issue Newsletters. Assist landholders to obtain a Restricted Chemical Permit and ensure all stations are assigned to a rack.	Executive Officer and Rack Co-ordinators Landholders & Executive Officer	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan Current RCPs for all landholders.	July 2022 & February 2023 Ongoing	Executive Officer to issue newsletters advising Community Bait Rack program dates Executive Officer to assist and advise landholder as required. MRBA to pay application and amendment fees.
Manufacture and distribute 1080 fresh meat baits.	Rack Co-ordinators & Executive Officer	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan	September-October 2022	Co-ordinate the manufacture and distribution of baits in accordance with bait rack program.
Assist landholders in applying best practise in the implementation of baiting programs.	Doggers, Coordinators & Executive Officer	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan	Ongoing	Executive Officer to provide information to landholders/coordinators based on the Code of Practise for Safe Handling and Use of 1080. Distribute Code as required. Doggers to provide ongoing technical assistance to land holders.

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<u>Dogging Contractor Program (LPMT - Licenced Pest Management Technician)</u>				
Engage Doggers (Yagahorn, Meekatharra West, Cue, Mount Magnet West & Mount Magnet) for the 2021/2022 financial year and ensure appropriate licences and insurance policies are in place.	Dogger Coordinators & Executive Officer	MRBA Wild Dog Management Operational Plan	July 2022	Review and renew annual contracts for MRBA Doggers in accordance with approved budget. Check currency of public liability and accident insurance policies, check currency of LPMT licence and update property listings as required in the contract. Ensure Doggers have an appropriate vehicle and equipment including a SPOT tracking device.
Coordinate activities of five Doggers across the region.	Dogger Co-ordinators	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan	Ongoing	Monitor dogger activities in accordance with the contract and SPOT tracking device data. Certify monthly invoices from Doggers for payment in accordance with the contract and approved budget.
Compile data on the location and number of dogs trapped and number of baits laid per pastoral lease.	Doggers Co-ordinators Executive Officer	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan	Ongoing	Compile data on the location and number of dogs trapped and location and number of baits laid. Provide data to Dogger Co-ordinators and the Executive Officer. Upload data to FeralScan.
Consolidate data on dogging activities.	Executive Officer	MRBA Wild Dog Management Plan	July 2022	On the basis of data provided by doggers consolidate information for consideration by the Management Committee and inclusion in the MRBA Annual Report.

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<u>DECLARED PLANT CONTROL AND LARGE FERAL HERBIVORE CONTROL PROGRAMS</u>				
<u>Declared Plant Control Program</u>				
Provide information to landholders on the eradication of Parkinsonia, Mesquite and Cactus.	Executive Officer		Ongoing	On the basis of farm notes and extension material from DPIRD compile information and provide to landholders on request.
Seek grant funding for the control of declared plant pests.	Executive Officer		Ongoing	Monitor State and Federal NRM and Landcare programs with a view to submitting applications where appropriate.
<u>Large Feral Herbivore Control Program</u>				
Provide for an amount of \$15,000 in each financial years and place into a reserve to be used for a LFH shoot in the north of the MRBA area on a three-year cycle.	Executive Officer Secretary/Treasurer	MRBA Large Feral Herbivore Management Plan	July 2022	Establish a three-year LFH reserve with an annual budget contribution of \$15,000. Seek additional external grant funding.

Performance Indicators

The MRBA have identified a range of indicators that will be used in measuring the success of this 2022/2023 program.

MRBA operational plan performance indicators	Evidence or data source	Target date	Status
The production of a minimum of 120,000 fresh meat baits for each Community Bait Rack activity and distribution to landholders.	Rack Statistics prepared by Rack Co-ordinators and compiled by the Executive Officer	October 2022	
Deployment of contract MRBA Doggers for the number of days provided for in the approved budget.	Data provided by Dogger Coordinators and compiled by the Executive Officer. Annual expenditure as reported by the Treasurer.	July 2022	
Preparation of a consolidated dogger report detailing location and number of dogs trapped. Uploading of data to FeralScan	Data provided by doggers and Co-ordinators and complied/uploaded by the Executive Officer and or doggers..	July 2022	
Implementation of aerial baiting program involving 17 plane hours. 15,000 plus baits to be dropped.	Bait rack statistics prepared by Ilgarrarie Rack Coordinator and compiled by Executive Officer. Data provided by aerial contractor.	September/October 2022	

Consent statement

The MRBA by submitting the Group's 2021/22 operational plan consents to the transfer of \$463,214 (ex GST) from the Declared Pest Account to MRBA for the control of declared pests on pastoral leases in the local government districts of Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Mount Marshall, Perenjori and Yalgoo.

Disbursement schedule

The MRBA requests funding to deliver this operational management plan in the following quarters:

1st Quarter (July 2022)	3rd Quarter (January 2023)
\$251,111	\$226,000

NB: \$55,000 (estimate) will remain in the DPA as a buffer in the event that there is a delay in the receipt of rates.