

Kangaroo Management Advisory Panel (KMAP) Commercial



Meeting minutes

Details

Meeting: 41st Meeting – Kangaroo Management Advisory Panel (KMAP Commercial)

Location: Online

Date/time: Wednesday 15 November 2023

Chairperson: Tanya Stephens

People present

Tanya Stephens, Dr, Australian Veterinary Association

Thomas Newsome, Dr, Scientific community

Steven McLeod, Dr, Scientific community

Doug Jobson, Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia

Gerard Glover, NSW Farmers

Graeme White, Director Compliance & Licensing, Department of Planning and Environment (DPE)

Terry Brill, NSW Commercial Kangaroo Management Unit, DPE

Sheridan Maher, (Minutes) DPE

Guests/presenters/observers

Loretta Reilly, KMP DPE

Apologies

Erlina St Vincent, Dr, Department Regional NSW

Liz Arnott, Dr, NSW RSPCA

James Meyers, NSW PKH Licensee

Greg Rogers, NSW Farmers

Garry Trindall, Aboriginal Communities

Jamie Woods, Aboriginal communities

Steve Johnstone, NSW PKH Licensee

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1.	Acknowledgement of country – Graeme		
2.	Welcome and Introduction – Tanya Introduction to mtg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late apologies received from several members this morning due to unforeseen circumstances. • No additional agenda items. • Agenda adopted. • Reminder to provide updated Conflict of Interest or Pecuniary Interest forms if circumstances have changed since last meeting. 	Any updated forms to be emailed to Sheridan	All meeting attendees
3.	Chairperson’s report – Tanya Minutes of the 40 th meeting (24/25 May 2023) were ratified out of session and are published on the DPE website. KMAP Minutes Meeting #40 May 2023 Actions of previous meeting were addressed. Business arising from previous Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proxies/Alternates from NSW Farmers. Needs to be addressed for all members. ○ DPE/DPI collaboration to progress humane harvesting workshop outcomes (see item 5). ○ DPE to progress AgriFutures PhD Scholarship (see item 5). ○ KMP access to PIC# database for LHC – Property Identification Codes (PIC) are generated and held by Local Land Services. DPE to pursue obtaining access to the PIC database to support processing of Landholder Consents. Other business arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None 	KMP to work with members to ensure all members have an alternate/proxy Note post meeting – Access to PIC database is only possible if there is a legislative requirement to do so. DPE will continue discussions with LLS in 2024	Sheridan/Jackie
4.	Around the room – opportunity to update/share from members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on research projects being undertaken by DPI and University of Sydney, funded by AgriFutures Australia. Research into effectiveness of euthanasia options is progressing. A report should be available early 2024. Drone work is progressing. • AgriFutures-funded PhD – topic still to be finalised. • Vets for Climate Action – the carbon ‘paw print’. Impact of pet ownership. Implications of feeding the 	Meet with AgriFutures to finalise topic	Sheridan to organise with Tom, Steve and

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<p>millions of cats and dogs and the potential benefits of using kangaroo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weakening demand for kangaroo. Recent closure of the Walgett kangaroo processing plant, and other processors announcing limits and closures of chiller premises. Due to a combination of factors – competition from other proteins – drop in the price of beef and lamb, limited freezer space, increased fuel costs, challenging economic conditions overseas and animal rights activism. Macro focusing on high end domestic market. Cost increases – wages and super and fuel and energy costs – electricity contract price going up by 300% from 1st Jan 2024. Signal a drop in price for kangaroo, currently \$1.00/kg plus commissions, down from \$1.60. Drop from 90 buying sites to 35. • Jurisdictions should provide a more cohesive position on the rigour and benefits of commercial harvesting. • Taiwan opened for export in the past month – can now export kangaroo to Taiwan. Tier 2 operators only (those processors accredited as an audited abattoir permitted to export to unrestricted international countries). Processors seeing a reduction in female harvesting. • Kangaroo numbers have been building out west, now appear to be flattening as conditions dry out. Less shooters on properties. • KIAA broadening and rebranding to Australian Wild Game Industry Council (AWGIC). Webpage currently being updated. 		Ellen Buckle (AgriFutures)
<p>5. KMP Team Leader’s report – Terry</p> <p>Presentation by Terry:</p> <p>2023 program review - another busy year for KMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 536 licensed harvesters. • 24 licensed animal dealers. • 115 registered premises. • Despite the apparent downturn in the industry demand for tags has been strong, with 551,000 tags issued and 438,000 (24% of quota) animals harvested to-date. 2023 tag allocation higher than last year, and 2023 harvest on track to be higher than the previous 3 years. • Compliance workshop held in Albury in August – continuing to improve consistency across regions, 		Sheridan

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Achieving humane harvesting of kangaroos. ● Documenting the science in plain English – in progress. <p>*Item 7 on Agenda – brought forward</p> <p>CREEM review of the NSW aerial survey methods for estimating kangaroo populations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review was undertaken by the Centre for Research into Ecological and Env Modelling (CRREM, university of St Andrews, Scotland). ● A thorough review was undertaken over a 5-month period, addressing survey design, data collection, data analysis and recommendations for use of new technologies/enhancements. ● A report has been received and is being reviewed. ● The review found the KMP to be very thorough in its approach and has employed the most up-to-date and robust methods for population abundance estimation. ● A response document is being prepared for Government's consideration. 		
<p>6. Proposed 2024 harvest quotas - Sheridan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aerial surveys – undertaken in June/July on Western Plains and in Sept on the Central Tablelands. 2023 Central Tablelands population data presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Central Tablelands North up from 777,350 in 2020 to 866,790 in 2023 ○ Central Tablelands South up from 488,270 in 2020 to 739,397 in 2023. ● 2024 Quota report being prepared – awaiting final data. Quotas will be provided to licensees as soon as available – early December. The 2024 Quota Report will be made available on the DPE webpage. <p>2024 Renewals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KMP team is preparing for renewals to occur in December 2023. ● 2024 fees to remain unchanged from this year. Postage fees being reviewed. They are charged on a cost recovery basis. 	<p>Circulate 2024 quotas and 2024 Quota Report when available</p>	<p>Sheridan/Jackie</p>

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7.	Short break at 11:40am (20 mins)		
8.	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Tags proof of concept trial - by Loretta Riley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TagTrac App being tested by licensees in the field. ○ 88 harvesters signed up to be involved in the trial. ○ 13,220 digital tags (QR coded) have been distributed to trial participants. ○ 39 chiller premises are included in the trial. ○ 872 tags have been scanned so far, hoping for more before the trial ends. ○ Trial will end 31 December 2023. ○ Trial outcomes will be reviewed in 2024. 	Provide an update on trial outcomes at next KMAP meeting	Terry/Loretta
9.	Other business None		
10.	Meeting admin None		

Items to be carried over to next meeting, and for action

Items/actions	Responsible	Status
1. No items to be carried forward		
2. Any updated forms to be emailed to Sheridan	Any member this applies to	
3. Take steps to establish proxies/alternates for all members	Sheridan/Jackie	
4. Arrange meeting with AgriFutures to progress PhD scholarship	Sheridan	
5. Update KMAP on progress of in-field compliance auditing	Sheridan	
6. Update KMAP on progress of Aboriginal engagement project and opportunities for KMAP involvement	Terry	
7. Circulate 2024 quotas and 2024 Quota Report when available	Sheridan/Jackie	
8. Provide an update on Digital Tag trial at next KMAP mtg	Loretta/Terry	

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9. Canvass date and location for next meeting – March 2024	Jackie	

Meeting closed at 1:10pm

Next meeting

March/April 2024 – to be confirmed.

Location – to be confirmed.