

Meeting Minutes

Project Name: Kangaroo Management Advisory Panel			
Date: 28/11/2018	Time: 09:00 – 16:00	Location: Masonic Centre, Goulburn St, Sydney	Minutes by: Sarah May Version: 1.0
Objective	KMAP #31 – Quota Report and Program Update		
Invitations	KMAP + Sonya Errington, Robert Oliver, Danielle Stocks, Fiona Garland, Doug Jobson, Tatjana Nedelkoska, Garth Coe, Suraj Sood, Javier Garcia, Doreen Hamilton, Greg Bates		
Apologies	Jason Wilson (Aboriginal Communities), Troy Northey (A/Director Community & Compliance)		
Attendance	Prof. Robert Mulley, Ray Scott, Ray Borda, Ken Harrison, Tanya Dominguez, Dr Tanya Stephens, Stephen Wolter, Dr Brad Purcell		
Conflicts arising: No conflicts were recognised			
Item no.	Agenda description	Considerations	Assigned
1.	Welcome & Acknowledgment	We acknowledge the traditional owners of this country where today's meeting is being held, and elders past and present. Given the nature of today's topic, we also acknowledge the importance of kangaroos in Aboriginal culture.	Prof Robert Mulley
2.	Introduction & Updates from Panelists	Terms of Reference *Reminder* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Code of Conduct - Confidentiality Integrity of meeting upheld	Prof. Robert Mulley
3.	Report from Chairperson, business arising, previous minutes, call for late items	Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes from NOV 2017 Meeting, ratified by Ray Scott 2nded by Ray Borda - Nov 2017 Actions, items actioned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action 1: No. 5. From Nov 2017 minutes – Results pending - March 2018 meeting – Items actioned ratified Doug Jobson & Ray Scott 	Chair

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aug Teleconference – Non-Commercial drought package on non-commercial harvest – will be attached to these minutes – Action 2: ratify out of session OR at next meeting. - Deputy Chair – Stephen Wolter nominated – ACCEPTED - Additional Items – Full Agenda 	
4.	2018 DRAFT Quota report and program update	<p>Discussion: Suspension of Reds in Cobar & Tibooburra – Quota Results</p> <p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As of 27.11.18 -631,000-28% of Quota has been allocated. - End of Dec expected to be 650-660,000 - Expansion of Southeast Zone as per government announcement in 2018 drought package - Bombala area surveyed in 2018 and available for harvesting in 2019 & Wagga Wagga area will be surveyed in 2019 and available for harvesting in 2020. <p>Discussion on new technology - i.e. Thermal Imagery and use of drones to detect populations at night.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OEH – DPI – LLS Need to collaborate / work together in regard to ongoing research on new technology. - 440 harvesters are currently licensed in KMS, 120 chillers registered and 15 licensed Animal dealers. - Population for 2019 is 12 million a decrease of 2 million from previous year. - Reds in particular, dropped to 42% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action 1: consideration given to mid-term surveys of Cobar and Tibooburra Area February 2019. Surveying in middle of summer can be problematic. - If surveys were to be conducted, no guarantee there would be a result. Any increase or decrease would be due to movement of kangaroos which would impact on the densities in surrounding zones. - Outcome: Agreed to consider the option by the KMAP 28.11.18 	KMP Manager

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All species in Cobar Zone fell below the 2nd threshold and will be suspended from harvesting in 2019. - Reds only in Tibooburra Zone fell below the 2nd threshold and will also be suspended from harvesting in 2019. - It was stated that it is important to trust the data in relation to the suspensions. 	
		Morning Tea	
5.	Director's address – Interagency panel	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Executive Director in CRD - Atticus Fleming starting 29/01/2019 - Sonya Errington Acting Director Conservation Programs Branch until 29/1/2019 - Troy Northey currently Acting Community & Compliance Director - Election Pending (March 2019) - Work within Parameters leading up to the election - OEH Corporate Strategy – 4C's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conservation - Community - Culture - Connection - Working with community - Deliver key conservation outcomes - Important role of KMAP in Sustainable Management of kangaroo populations. 	Director - OEH
6 & 7.	Kangaroo Management Taskforce report & LLS officer projects	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terms of reference with Western Local Land Services - LLS board member on the taskforce and we broadly more concentrated on the issues to do with Kangaroo Management and the rangelands part of the state, than the commercial zones. - Working on longer term goals - Regional Trial for Kangaroo Management 	DPI Director & Manager Kangaroo management LLS

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Population Fluctuation - Non – Commercial Cull Issues - <i>Taskforce - Stakeholder Government</i> <i>Interagency –</i> - Taskforce to have Independent Voice - Projects on Shifting Public Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive Social Media - Film Project - Interviewing Harvesters - Aboriginal Elders – Bringing the culture and modern world together - Creating a Photo & Footage Bank - Struggling to get meaningful Aboriginal Engagement - Action 1: KMT – Information that comes from the taskforce – Can it be distributed/accessible i.e. Western Division Newsletter Or the LLS Newsletter. - Commercial and Non- Commercial cannot co-exist. - Must find a resolution – make kangaroos a valuable resource. <p>Work together – help with farmers Income – find ways where all can work together</p>	
8.	Update of KMP projects	<p>Tag Tender 2019-2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mega Fortress awarded the tender. - Different colours will be used for each species - Will have a letter on them representing the species type, for example, 'R' for red and this is so compliance officers and harvesters can identify species when loaded on trucks and in chiller boxes. - Harvesters having to purchase different colour tags will result in higher costs for harvesters. 	Project Officer KMP
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<p>8.3</p>		<p>Kangaroo Population Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be discussed with Item 10 <p>Wildlife Management System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - External <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Licenses - Animal dealers/Landholder consents - KM Licenses - Registration for External Animal Dealer Internal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - License Issue - Check License Information and Payment - Can send messages directly to customer - Customers will be able to view Licenses and Registrations - Staff need further Training across the board - Difficult process and has not been received well across the board from customer trying to access the System - Not well received by Staff or Consumers <p>- To BE NOTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shooters are concerned that they won't receive their License by 1 JAN 2019 – Also concerned about Tags and New System 	<p>IT team</p>
<p>8.4</p>		<p>ACTION 1: WMS Team to resend Emails to ALL existing customers re: Registration Link that many didn't receive</p> <p>Public communication and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not a logical system - A lot more work to do - Have written a User Guide - Produce Interactive Video - Collect Info RE: Complaints - Phase 2 is more user friendly 	<p>Communication and Engagement programs officer</p>
<p>Lunch</p>			

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<p>9.</p>	<p>NSW Drought package and non-commercial culling program</p>	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implemented 8.8.18 - Gov't was concerned about the complaints they were getting from farmers about the increased damage from High population and the drought – Inconsistent approach to issuing licencing - Huge Increase in Licences being issues being issued AUG 2018, starting to regulate itself - Action 1: Presentation to be circulated to group - Gov't responding to issues, working with Police. <p>Consideration - Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animal Welfare Disaster ‘Open Season’ - Modification around Commercial Industry – Solid Resource - Need to Strengthen governance between Agencies - Regional Trials – research Gaps Identified Conceptual Stage - Lack of Compliance – Lack of Resources to monitor non commercial 	<p>Biodiversity Manager</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Kangaroo population surveys analysis</p>	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mark re-capture (double counting both sides of aircraft) system up and Running - Cobar & Tibooburra are below threshold - Drought affected Numbers - New Aircraft and technology will increase precision 	<p>DPI – population ecologists</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Code of Practice review update</p>	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commercial Sector – Finalise 29.11.18 – then to Public Consultation period - Highest levels of Welfare – Focus on Animal Welfare - Improvements on dependent young -standard operating procedure - Reference to avoiding females has been removed from the code - More descriptive within text 	<p>KMP Manager</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issues with terminology on firearms within the Code - Concern about limited restricted access to category C & D firearms (Automatic) - All self-loading high calibre guns are not permitted - Consideration: Fact sheet to summarise key points – with graphics to help key audience - Deliberation about the changes to non-commercial, the ability of having 1 code for accuracy testing and animal welfare, non-commercial shooters be at the same level as commercial shooters - Moving towards a 1 code of practice approach 					
12.	Compliance	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrading compliance guidelines - Stakeholder communication/networking is improving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPI – NPWS – Police – All overlapping, we all want the same outcome, we need to build stronger relationships - Actively seek as much information as possible – harvester/processor etc. - Build consistency between groups i.e. KIAA, KMP - Proactive with Education – Internal compliance 	KMP compliance officer				
13.	Auditing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Report Due March 2019 <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Current Issues</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Positives</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poor Record Keeping - Lack of reporting systems - Tagging Issue - Reporting of body shots - Commercial vs Non-commercial harvesting (Audit Focus) </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of non- conformance sheet - Training for staff - Aware of responsibilities </td> </tr> </table>	Current Issues	Positives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poor Record Keeping - Lack of reporting systems - Tagging Issue - Reporting of body shots - Commercial vs Non-commercial harvesting (Audit Focus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of non- conformance sheet - Training for staff - Aware of responsibilities 	Senior Regulatory Auditor (OEH)
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14.1	Other matters (rendering, Licence conditions)	<p>Teleconference meeting drought package minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - email - Video (4/9/18) <p>https://www.facebook.com/kangaroothemovie/videos/238043296859151/</p>	KIAA/Macro				

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14.2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Validation is difficult – linked directly to rule change - Our consumers and public don't differentiate between Commercial and Non-Commercial - Non Commercial is a Huge risk to Industry - Sparking Controversy with stakeholders - Cannot tell if this is Illegal 	
14.3 14.4		<p>Doug Jobson email dated 27th September with question on drought shot kangaroos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carcass Weights / Body Condition scores - Concern of Population <p>Rendering process and requirements - Decapitation, Thoracic stick, Exsanguination, higher risk to industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developmental Concept - Undergoing legal sitting to see how kangaroo Management Unit can develop new set of guidelines - Putting into commercial practice may not be ethical - 2 standards, Pet Food & Human Consumption. The KIAA members were united in the view that all kangaroos must be processed in accordance with the Australian standard for Pet food or the Australian standard for human consumption (including carcass weights and evisceration, head removal and either pluck in or out) and that disposition is made to condemn the carcasses after the carcasses have been chilled and transported. A third standard should not be adopted. - Industry Divided on merits of this Idea - **Ray Borda Declared -Major Stakeholder in Company at Keith** Declared as Conflict of Interest. Macro Group declared a conflict of interest in that they are major shareholder in the Cooperative that owns and operates the Keith Rendering Plant. 	Doug Jobson
15.	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check Election Dates (MARCH 2019) - To be held after the March 2019 Election 	

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		- Dates to be discussed	
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>FROM NOV 2017 MEETING. Carry Over</u> Advise CE of Support for New Survey method Endorsed by Panel – Recommend putting new survey on the Website 	KMP project officer	
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of Mid-Term Survey to be Conducted February 2019- after zones have been closed (from 1/1/19) awaiting dates 	KMP Manager	
3	Recommended – Information that comes from the KMT Taskforce to be made available through Western Division Newsletter or the LLS Newsletter.	DPI rep	

Circulation: Project Team + Invitees