

Kangaroo Management Advisory Panel (KMAP) Commercial



Meeting minutes

Details

Meeting: 44th Meeting – Kangaroo Management Advisory Panel (KMAP Commercial)

Location: Online

Date/time: Tuesday 13 May 2025

Chairperson: Tanya Stephens

People present

Dr Tanya Stephens, Australian Veterinary Association
Dr Steven McLeod, Scientific community
Dr Thomas Newsome, Scientific community
Dr Erlina St Vincent, Regional NSW
Garry Trindall, Aboriginal Communities
Dr Liz Arnott, NSW RSPCA
Doug Jobson, Australian Wild Game Industry Council
Gerard Glover, NSW Farmers
Greg Rogers, NSW Farmers
Graeme White, Director Compliance and Licensing, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)
Adam Oehlman, Snr Team Leader, NSW Commercial Kangaroo Management Program DCCEEW
Sheridan Maher, Snr Policy Officer, Commercial Kangaroo Management Program, DCCEEW

Guests/presenters/observers

none

Apologies

Steve Johnstone, NSW PKH Licensee
James Meyers, NSW PKH Licensee

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1.	Acknowledgement of Country – Graeme White		
2.	Introduction – Tanya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional agenda item added to Other Business Agenda adopted Reminder to provide updated Conflict of Interest or Pecuniary Interest forms if circumstances have changed since last meeting. Minutes of the 42 nd meeting (Mar 2024) were ratified out of session and are published on the department website. Actions arising from previous meeting Minutes, updated: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Items carried forward – nil Updated forms – nil Membership: the current panel has 3 more meetings before it is retired, and a new panel is established. Resolved not to seek a replacement for Jamie Woods. Makeup of a new panel will be reviewed in conjunction with development of new wildlife trade management plan – discussed further in other business. AgriFutures PhD Scholarships. Evan Curtis continues to make good progress on his project and has completed the data collection phase. A project update is on the AgriFutures website. The second scholarship remains unfilled. Sheridan to progress with Steve and Tom to consider other topics and attract student interest. TAFE Harvester Knowledge Course material has been converted to stand-alone PDF modules. KMP currently determining best way to provide the material to licensees following course completion. Research updates on lead ammunition in the landscape were provided by Tom and circulated by Sheridan Nov 2024. Reporting suspected offences - Environment Line contact details for reporting potentially non-compliant activity were circulated to licensees and KMAP Nov 2024. Report to AgriFutures Australia on captive bolt device research report by Steve and Trudy is on the AgriFutures website. Update on non-commercial licences to harm kangaroos – 86,275 reported as culled from a possible maximum cull of 166,614. More detail is provided in the KMP 2024 Annual Report. Circulate 2025 Quota Report – done and available on department website. Update on NSW Motion re objection to the US Congress Bill to ban kangaroo – no further information. To update if/as new information arises. 	<p>Nil requirement for updated forms</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>To progress - Organise meeting with AgriFutures Aust to progress 2nd PhD</p> <p>To progress - access to course material</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p> <p>Completed.</p>	<p>Sheridan</p> <p>Jackie</p>
3.	Around the room – opportunity to update/share from members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment is underway to fill the KMP STL role for 12 months. There is currently a review of the department's regulatory functions. No outcomes yet. After some good rain in western New South Wales at the beginning of the year, the season is deteriorating. Some properties destocking. Waiting for rain before planting. Pig numbers 		

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<p>increasing. Kangaroo numbers strong but currently not a problem for farmers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand for kangaroo is steady. Industry (AWGIC) is seeking to gain access to the Vietnam market. Progress is slow. LLS and Kangaroo Management Taskforce (KMT) focusing on delivering local projects, looking at kangaroo management in context of Total Grazing Pressure (TGP). LLS contributing to department policy team working on outcomes of the BC Act review, regarding Aboriginal community access to resources for cultural purposes. Need for engagement with Aboriginal communities with continuing connection to Country. Currently no chillers operating in the Walgett area. Kangaroos that are culled are going to waste – considered a poor outcome by local Aboriginal people. 		
<p>4. KMP Team Leader's report – Adam</p> <p>Presentation covering the following:</p> <p>2024 commercial harvest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 544,317 kangaroos harvested <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.6% of the estimated population 36.7% of the quota 87% were male (up from the long term average of 75%) Average weights remain steady – average male weight 29kg, average female weight 19.5kg Licences to harm 231,452 kangaroos were issued, with a maximum possible 166,612 kangaroos culled under those licences Top 5 zones, based on harvest as a percentage of the quota: Griffith South (75%), Broken Hill (67%), Cobar (63%), Griffith North (53%) and Lower Darling (52%) More detail in the 2024 Annual Report <p>Current stats, as at 10/05/2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 353 licensed harvesters (431 in 2024) 17 animal dealers (21 in 2024) 98 licensed premises (98 in 2024) Tags allocated 313,999 Kangaroos harvested 192,765 <p>2025 Aerial surveys</p> <p>The 2025 kangaroo population surveys will be undertaken by a commercial survey team via public tender.</p> <p>The tender closed 22 April and submissions are being evaluated.</p>	<p>Circulate link to 2024 Annual Report</p>	<p>Sheridan</p>

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<p>The surveys will be undertaken as planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Plains - June/July Northern Tablelands – August/Sept. <p>Reporting obligations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCCEEW reports annually to the Australian Government on a range of performance measures specified in the NSW Wildlife Trade Management Plan for the commercial harvest of kangaroos (2022-26) Licensees report according to their licence conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvesters report monthly on their tag use Animal Dealers report weekly on carcass consignments in/out of their registered premises Timely reporting is important for tracking harvest numbers against quotas. KMP sends reminder messages via SMS to licensees to promote timely reporting. Action is taken by regional compliance teams for non-compliant reporting. <p>NSW Kangaroo Inquiry update</p> <p>Commitments made in the NSW Government to the Upper house Inquiry response have all been actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New web content has been uploaded to the department's website explaining the science underpinning the commercial program. KMP factsheets were completed and published February 2024. Independent review of the aerial survey methods was completed and published April 2024. Engagement with Aboriginal people – is an ongoing commitment and will continue to occur through membership of this and future advisory panels. Consultation will occur as part of the review of the Wildlife Trade Management Plan and under the NSW Plan for Nature, where targeted consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders on the reforms to the BC Act and exposure draft bill is being planned. <p>Update from May meeting of the state macropod managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria gave a presentation on their approach to estimating kangaroo populations and use of covariate spatial models. All jurisdictions are facing increasing survey costs. Most jurisdictions are partially or solely using private commercial survey teams rather than maintaining in-house capability and aircraft. 	<p>Circulate links to new web content</p>	<p>Sheridan</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parliament of South Australia (SA) is currently conducting an Inquiry into kangaroo and wallaby populations in SA. Submissions closed 18 April 2025.Victoria and South Australia had new Wildlife Trade Management Plans approved by the Australian Government in Sept 2024 and December 2024, respectively.		
<p>5. Other business</p> <p>WTMP – the current NSW Wildlife Trade Management Plan for the commercial harvest of kangaroos expires 31 December 2026. KMP has started planning for the review of the current plan and preparation of a new draft plan for submission to the Australian Government in mid-2026. There will be a period of community consultation for public submissions on the draft plan.</p> <p>KMP will engage with KMAP in August/September.</p> <p>The 5-year term of the current KMAP also ends 31 December 2026. KMP will also seek the views of the current panel.</p> <p>Licence fees – KMP will be reviewing the current cost-recovery model. Any proposals for change would involve further consultation.</p>		

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	All members	Recurring
3. Progress options for second AgriFutures PhD scholarship	Sheridan	
4. Progress process to distribute TAFE knowledge course material	Jackie	
5. Circulate link to KMP 2024 Annual Report	Sheridan	
6. Circulate links to new KMP web content	Sheridan	

Meeting closed at 10:35 am

Next meeting

Aug/Sep 2025 – to be confirmed.

Location – to be confirmed.