

#### Meeting minutes

**Details** 

Meeting:

43rd Meeting - Kangaroo

Management Advisory Panel

(KMAP Commercial)

Location:

Online

Date/time:

Wednesday 13 November

2024

Chairperson: Tanya Stephens

#### People present

Tanya Stephens, Dr., Australian Veterinary

Association

Steven McLeod, Dr, Scientific community

Doug Jobson, Australian Wild Game

Industry Council

Gerard Glover, NSW Farmers

Greg Rogers, NSW Farmers

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

Graeme White, Director Compliance and Licensing, Department of Climate Change,

Energy, the Environment and Water

(DCCEEW)

Adam Oehlman, Acting Snr Team Leader, **NSW Commercial Kangaroo Management** 

**Program DCCEEW** 

Sheridan Maher, Snr Policy Officer, Commercial Kangaroo Management

Program, DCCEEW

#### Guests/presenters/observers

none

#### **Apologies**

Thomas Newsome, Dr, Scientific community Erlina St Vincent, Dr., Regional NSW Garry Trindall, Aboriginal Communities

Liz Arnott, Dr. NSW RSPCA



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	Item	Decision/Action	Responsibility
1.	Acknowledgement of country – Adam Oehlman		
2.	<ul> <li>Introduction and Chairperson's report – Tanya</li> <li>Additional agenda items added to Other business</li> <li>Agenda adopted</li> <li>Reminder to provide updated Conflict of Interest or Pecuniary Interest forms if circumstances have changed since last meeting.</li> <li>Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting (Mar 2024) were ratified out of session and are published on the KMP website.</li> </ul>	Any updated forms to be emailed to Sheridan	All meeting attendees
	<ul> <li>Actions arising from previous meeting Minutes, updated:</li> <li>NSW Farmers has nominated Shane Vagg as an alternate KMAP member. DCCEEW to progress additional Aboriginal community representation.</li> <li>AgriFutures PhD Scholarships. Evan Curits has a project update on the AgriFutures website. KMP to keep KMAP updated on progress of 2nd PhD scholarship.</li> <li>Links to KMP Annual Report, Factsheets and CREEM review were circulated in April 2024.</li> <li>Options for accessing the TAFE Harvester Knowledge Course material after course completion.</li> <li>Share research updates on lead ammunition in the landscape – to be circulated with the Minutes.</li> <li>Environment Line contact details for reporting potentially noncompliant activity to be circulated to licensees.</li> </ul>	KMP to progress Aboriginal representation KMP to share weblink. Continue to update KMAP on PhD progress. KMP to progress access to course material by licensees Information on lead in the landscape provided by Tom to be circulated. Circulate Environment Line contact information to licensees.	Adam Sheridan Jackie Sheridan Sheridan
3.	<ul> <li>Around the room – opportunity to update/share from members:</li> <li>Tanya gave her yearly lecture on kangaroo management to University of Sydney Masters of Sustainability students and provided an AVA webinar on kangaroos.</li> <li>The Department has completed the 2024 kangaroo population surveys and is preparing the 2025 Quota report.</li> <li>Actions in response to the Upper House Inquiry are mostly completed. The Department is progressing the documentation of the science relevant to the commercial harvest of kangaroos.</li> <li>Crops in New South Wales are looking good. Several good season in a row.</li> <li>Reports of kangaroo numbers continuing to build up and moving north from the SW.</li> <li>Demand for kangaroo is steady, with some animal dealers who had imposed limits on their chiller intake removing those limits.</li> <li>Drop in demand for high-end kangaroo and meat products, likely due to economic/cost of living pressures.</li> </ul>		



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	<ul> <li>No new export markets but overall a more positive position for the industry than the March 2024 meeting.</li> </ul>		
4.	KMP Team Leader's report – Adam		
	Presentation covering the following:		
	Current stats		
	<ul> <li>429 licensed harvesters (536 in 2023)</li> <li>25 animal dealers (24 in 2023)</li> <li>97 licensed premises (107 in 2023)</li> <li>2263 properties with landholder consents (2492 in 2023)</li> <li>Tags allocated 565,229</li> <li>Kangaroos harvested 450,418</li> <li>2024 Aerial Surveys completed</li> </ul>	Provide update on the non-commercial licences to harm to KMAP members.	Sheridan
	Western Plains survey presentation by Dr Steve McLeod	circulated when available	Sileridari
	<ul> <li>Population estimates have increased for all species in all zones</li> <li>Quotas for 2025 are therefore higher for all species in all zones</li> <li>No reduced quotas or zone closures in 2025</li> <li>Total estimated kangaroo population across all zones         <ul> <li>13,910,688 kangaroos</li> </ul> </li> <li>New commercial harvest quota across all zones for 2025 is         <ul> <li>2,186,952 kangaroos</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	– end of Dec 2024	
	2024/25 licence renewals – in preparation		
	<ul> <li>Amended Licence Conditions for 2025 will be provided to licensees and put on the KMP website. Notable update:         <ul> <li>Completion of the TAFE Harvester Knowledge Course is mandatory licence condition for new harvesters in 2025.</li> <li>99% of current licensed harvesters have already completed and passed the course. They won't need to re-do the course next year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The current style of tags will be used in 2025.</li> <li>Update from Sept meeting of the state macropod managers:         <ul> <li>Potential for an MOU to support kangaroo population surveys, requires further consideration by states.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Neal Finch (former Queensland Macropod Management Program) is the new Executive Officer of the Australian Wild Game Industry Council, formerly KIAA.</li> <li>The Australian Government Dept of Agriculture Fisheries and</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>The Australian Government Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has funding to review the National Animal Welfare Strategy. Information in the DAFF website.</li> </ul>		



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	<ul> <li>Codes of Practice for Humane Shooting of kangaroos, possible review in 2025.</li> </ul>		
5.	Other business		
	Motion in NSW Parliament (emailed to members) – the motion passed 30 to 6 that the NSW Government request the Australian Government to formally encourage the United States Congress to reject a Bill that would make it unlawful to import kangaroos and kangaroo products into the United States.	KMP to update KMAP on outcomes from the motion.	Adam
	Suppressors – brief discussion – permits issued by the Firearms Registry for professional shooters; need the correct firearms licence type; enquiries should be directed to NSW Police.		

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

Items/a	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.	KMAP membership (Aboriginal community rep) to be progressed	Sheridan/Jackie	
4.	Provide update on progress of AgriFutures PhD scholarships	Sheridan	
5.	Progress access to TAFE knowledge course material after course completion (licensees)	Jackie	
6.	Share some links to research on lead ammunition in the landscape	Tom/Sheridan	Completed
7.	KMP to advise current licensees on how to report any potentially non-compliant activity	Jackie/Sheridan	Completed
8.	Provide AgriFutures report on captive bolt research when available	Sheridan	
9.	Provide update on number of non-commercial licences to harm issued by NPWS this year	Sheridan	Completed
10.	Circulate 2025 Quota Report when available – end of Dec 2024	Sheridan	
11.	Update KMAP on outcomes from NSW Motion re objection of the US Bill to make importing kangaroo unlawful	Adam	



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Meeting closed at 11:10 am

**Next meeting** 

March/April 2024 – to be confirmed.

**Location** – to be confirmed.