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KANGAROO HARVESTING PROGRAM

FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2026

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1. Annual Quota

1.1 Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised by the Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2024-2028 under the *Wildlife Act 1975*. This plan requires the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to set a yearly quota. The quota is the maximum number of kangaroos that can be harvested commercially and under damage mitigation permits across Victoria. The commercial quota for the Kangaroo Harvest Program (KHP) for 2026, is 95,450. This includes 84,600 Eastern Grey Kangaroos (EGK) and 10,850 Western Grey Kangaroos (WGK). Quota is released quarterly, where quota is not fully allocated, it can be carried over into the following quarter.

1.1.1 Table 1 - Quarterly quota

2026 Quarterly Quota					
Zone	Quota Q1	Quota Q2	Quota Q3	Quota Q4	Total annual quota
Gippsland	3,952	3,120	2,288	1,040	10,400
Hume	13,699	10,815	7,931	3,605	36,050
Loddon-Mallee	5,681	4,485	3,289	1,495	14,950
Grampians EGK	3,933	3,105	2,277	1,035	10,350
Grampians WGK	2,525	2,525	2,525	2,525	10,100
Barwon Southwest EGK	4,883	3,855	2,827	1,285	12,850
Barwon Southwest WKG	188	188	188	186	750
Total	34,861	28,093	21,325	11,171	95,450

2. Quota allocation

2.1 Overview

- Authorisations are valid for three years (2024 – 2026), for 2026, there are currently 163 harvesters authorised under the Program.
- From January to March 2026, 33,966 tags were allocated across the state. This equates to 97% of the 34,861 tags available for Quarter One.
- Of the tags that have been allocated, 21,780 tags (64%) have been consumed.

2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures

2026 Quarter One Consumption Figures					
Zone	Quota Q1	Q1 Quota allocated	Q1 Quota remaining	Q1 Quota consumed	Harvesters who received allocations ¹
Gippsland	3,952	3,952	0	1,718	38
Hume	13,699	13,699	0	9,632	59
Loddon-Mallee	5,681	5,681	0	4,079	34
Grampians EGK	3,933	3,933	0	2,459	31
Grampians WKG	2,525	1,630	895	505	16
Barwon Southwest EGK	4,883	4,883	0	3,224	30
Barwon Southwest WKG	188	188	0	163	6
Total	34,861	33,966	895	21,780	

¹ Harvesters can operate across more than one zone

2.1.2 Table 3 - Monthly consumption figures

Zone	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Gippsland	455	475	788										
Hume	2,751	3,592	3,289										
Loddon-Mallee	1,293	1,641	1,145										
Grampians EGK	981	689	789										
Grampians WGK	84	43	378										
Barwon Southwest EGK	1,192	1,211	821										
Barwon Southwest WGK	72	60	31										
Total²	6,828	7,711	7,241										

²Total monthly consumption figures may slightly vary from the previous published quarterly reports due to data upload times and reconciliation

3. Harvest Information

3.1 Overview

- Harvesters enter harvest summaries via a mobile phone application hosted by the Department of Government Services at the completion of each harvest job
- As the harvest summary figures are self-reported, there may be discrepancies between the reported figures and the actual figures due to memory bias

3.1.1 Table 4 - Harvest summary figures per zone

2026 Quarter One Harvest Information		
Zone	Female	Dependent young
Gippsland	40%	512
Hume	36%	2,641
Loddon-Mallee	40%	1,460
Grampians EGK	41%	834
Grampians WGK	44%	197
Barwon Southwest EGK	46%	807
Barwon Southwest WGK	28%	30
Total	39%	6,481

4. Compliance figures

4.1 Overview

Compliance actions are undertaken in accordance with the approved 2026 KHP Compliance Plan. This Plan sets out the five compliance priorities, these being:

- Priority 1 – Harvester Competency
- Priority 2 – Animal welfare
- Priority 3 – Sustainability
- Priority 4 – Authorisations
- Priority 5 – Public Safety

4.1.1 Table 5 - Compliance summary data

2026 Quarter One Compliance Figures	
Number of Authorisation applications received	9
Number of Authorisations issued	9
Number of audits conducted on harvester return data	100%
Percentage of new harvesters subject to programmed in-field audits	0%
Number of investigations	3
Number of offences substantiated	0
Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled	0

4.1.2 Table 6 - 2026 Monthly audit statistics

Zone	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Gippsland	26	27	42										
Hume	152	201	196										
Loddon-Mallee	106	123	81										
Grampians EGK	46	33	44										
Grampians WGK	7	3	21										
Barwon Southwest EGK	71	64	49										
Barwon Southwest WGK	9	5	5										
Total	417	456	438										

Audit checks for harvester returned data.