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**QUARTER THREE REPORT SUMMARY REPORT 2024**

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# Annual Quota

## Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and administered in accordance with the Victorian Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2024-2028. This plan requires the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change Action (DECCA) 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 2024, was set at 155,650, however, this figure was reduced by DEECA in June 2024 to 142,350. On 25 September 2024, DEECA further reduced the quota to 11,175 removing all Quarter 4 allocations. Quota is released in four batches, at the start of every quarter. Where quota is not fully allocated, it can be carried over into the following quarter.

## **1.1.1 Table 1 - Annual quota and allocation**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **one** | **Quota** **Quarter 1** | **Quota** **Quarter 2** | **Quota** **Quarter 3 (adjusted)** | **Quota** **Quarter 4 (adjusted)** | **Total Allocation 2024****(adjusted)** |
| **Central** | 16,000 | 16,000 | 11,900 | 0 | 43,900 |
| **Gippsland** | 3,500 | 3,400 | 2,475 | 0 | 9,375 |
| **Lower Wimmera** | 10,000 | 10,000 | 8,600 | 0 | 28,600 |
| **Mallee** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **North East** | 2,250 | 2,000 | 975 | 0 | 5,225 |
| **Otway** | 4,050 | 4,000 | 2,950 | 0 | 11,000 |
| **Upper Wimmera** | 4,800 | 4,800 | 3,875 | 0 | 13,475 |
| **Total** | **40,600** | **40,200** | **30,775** | **0** | **111,575** |

# Quota allocation

## Overview

* Authorisations are valid for three years (2024 – 2027), for Q3 2024, there are currently 123 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program
* From July to September 2024, 25,535 tags were released across the state which equates to 49% of the 52,625 tags available for Quarter Three (includes carry over from Quarter One, and Quarter Two) and 18% of the adjusted annual 142,350 tags available.
* Of the tags that were released in Quarter Three, 22,536 have been consumed.

## **2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures**

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| **2024 Quarter Three Figures** |
| **Zone** | **Quarter three quota available** **(Includes carry overs)** | **Quarter three quota released**  | **Quarter three quota remaining** | **Quarter three quota consumed**  | **Harvesters who received allocations1** |
|  |
| **Central** | 22,840 | 10,450 | 12,390 | 9,376 | 31 |  |
| **Gippsland** | 2,845 | 2,010 | 835 | 1,808 | 11 |  |
| **Lower Wimmera** | 12,560 | 7,050 | 5,510 | 5,905 | 30 |  |
| **Mallee** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| **North East** | 975 | 975 | 0 | 897 | 0 |  |
| **Otway** | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0 | 3409 | 16 |  |
| **Upper Wimmera** | 9,905 | 1,550 | 8,355 | 1,141 | 11 |  |
| **Total** | **50,330** | **25,535** | **21,650** | **22,536** | 99 |  |

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** |
| **Central** | 1,735 | 1,502 | 2,033 | 2,330 | 3,035 | 3,399 | 2,813 | 3,307 | 3,067 |  |  |  |  |
| **Gippsland** | 273 | 659 | 525 | 384 | 543 | 750 | 519 | 803 | 465 |  |  |  |  |
| **Lower Wimmera** | 1,066 | 1,424 | 1,568 | 1,761 | 2,251 | 2,164 | 1,974 | 1,989 | 1,880 |  |  |  |  |
| **Mallee** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| **North East** | 609 | 267 | 576 | 481 | 365 | 620 | 285 | 383 | 224 |  |  |  |  |
| **Otway** | 350 | 537 | 390 | 950 | 707 | 864 | 1,313 | 875 | 1,190 |  |  |  |  |
| **Upper Wimmera** | 168 | 145 | 177 | 274 | 463 | 340 | 246 | 502 | 344 |  |  |  |  |
| **Total2** | **4,201** | **4,534** | **5,269** | **6,180** | **7,634** | **8,137** | **7,150** | **7,859** | **7,170** |  |  |  |  |

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

# Harvest Information

## 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

## **Table 4 - Harvest summary figures per zone**

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| **2024 Quarter Three Figures** |
| **Harvest Zone** | **Western Grey** | **Female** | **Young at foot** |
| **Central** | 0 | 3,033 | 2,803 |
| **Gippsland** | 0 | 755 | 545 |
| **Lower Wimmera** | 248 | 1,824 | 1,718 |
| **Mallee** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **North-East** | 0 | 202 | 169 |
| **Otway** | 0 | 1,389 | 1,028 |
| **Upper Wimmera** | 259 | 322 | 383 |
| **Total** | 507 | 7,525 | 6,646 |

# Compliance figures

## Overview

Compliance actions are undertaken in accordance with the approved 2024 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

## **Table 5 - Compliance summary data**

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| **2024 Quarter Three Figures** |
| **Number of Authorisation applications received**  | **5** |
| **Number of Authorisations issued** | 3 |
| **Number of audits conducted on harvester return data**  | 155 |
| **Percentage of active harvesters3 subject to programmed in-field audits** | (TBA for annual report) |
| **Number of investigations** | 6 |
| **Number of offences substantiated** | 0 |
| **Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled** | 0 |

***3An active harvester under the approved 2024 KHP Compliance Plan is defined as a harvester who is active throughout the previous four quarters.***

## **Table 6 - 2024 monthly audit statistics**

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| **Zone** | **Jan4** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Total** |
| **Central** | - | 190 | 45 | 31 | 69 | 41 | 32 | 23 | 22 |  |  |  |  |
| **Gippsland** | - | 45 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| **Lower Wimmera** | - | 95 | 33 | 22 | 27 | 12 | 8 | 17 | 7 |  |  |  |  |
| **Mallee** | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| **North East** | - | 34 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| **Otway** | - | 34 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 8 |  |  |  |  |
| **Upper Wimmera** | - | 13 | 4 | 1 | 5 |  2 | 2 | 3 | 9 |  |  |  |  |
| **All Zones – Group5** | 113 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **113** | **411** | **100** | **70** | **122** | **70** | **59** | **47** | **49** |  |  |  |  |

***4 Audits are not undertaken in January or the start of each quarter, as all harvesters are audited prior to being issued with tags***