Kangaroo harvesting program

SECOND Quarter REPORT 2025

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# Annual Quota

## Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and conducted in accordance with the Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2024-2028. 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 2025 is 106,750. Quota is released quarterly, where quota is not fully allocated, it can be carried over into the following quarter.

## **Table 1 - Quarterly quota**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2025 Quarterly Quota** | | | | | |
| **Zone** | **Quota Q1** | **Quota Q2** | **Quota Q3** | **Quota Q4** | **Total annual quota** |  |
| **Gippsland** | 4,500 | 3,500 | 2,500 | 1,400 | 11,900 |  |
| **Hume** | 14,000 | 10,000 | 8,000 | 6,100 | 38,100 |  |
| **Loddon-Mallee** | 9,000 | 7,000 | 5,000 | 3,700 | 24,700 |  |
| **Grampians** | 6,950 | 6,050 | 5,000 | 4,700 | 22,700 |  |
| **Barwon Southwest** | 3,500 | 2,500 | 2,000 | 1,350 | 9,350 |  |
| **Total** | **37,950** | **29,050** | **22,500** | **17,250** | **106,750** |  |

# Quota allocation

## Overview

* Authorisations are valid for three years (2024 – 2026), for 2025, there are currently 140 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program.
* From April to June (inclusive) 2025, 24,820 tags were allocated across the state which equates to 71% of the 34,700 tags available for Quarter Two. Of the tags that have been allocated, 13,886 tags have been consumed (56%) were consumed in Quarter 2.

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2025 Quarter Two Consumption Figures** | | | | | |
| **Zone** | **Quota available in Quarter 21** | **Quota allocated in Quarter 2** | **Unallocated Quarter 2 Quota** | **Quota 2 consumed during Quarter 2** | **Harvesters who received allocations2** |
|  |
| **Gippsland** | 3,500 | 3,270 | 230 | 774 | 19 |  |
| **Hume** | 15,100 | 6,850 | 8,250 | 3,701 | 27 |  |
| **Loddon-Mallee** | 7,550 | 6,150 | 1,400 | 3,552 | 17 |  |
| **Grampians** | 6,050 | 6,050 | 0 | 4,169 | 23 |  |
| **Barwon Southwest** | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 | 1,690 | 19 |  |
| **Total** | **34,700** | **24,820** | **9,880** | **13,886** |  |  |

1 ***Includes available tags not allocated in quota 1***

2***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** | 487 | 707 | 657 | 353 | 799 | 936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hume** | 1,171 | 1,565 | 2,044 | 1,302 | 1,847 | 2,291 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Loddon-Mallee** | 776 | 1,940 | 2,128 | 1,333 | 1,623 | 1,946 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Grampians** | 1,597 | 1,428 | 1,374 | 2,029 | 1,721 | 1,369 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Barwon South West** | 468 | 880 | 1,069 | 807 | 500 | 830 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total3** | **4,499** | **6,520** | **7,272** | **5,824** | **6,490** | **7,372** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

***3Total 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**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2025 Quarter Two Harvest Information** | | |
| **Zone** | **Western Grey** | **Female** | **Dependent young** |
| **Gippsland** | 0 | 837 | 626 |
| **Hume** | 0 | 1,651 | 1,513 |
| **Loddon-Mallee** | 0 | 1,776 | 1,572 |
| **Grampians** | 86 | 1,838 | 1,577 |
| **Barwon South West** | 8 | 715 | 608 |
| **Total** | **94** | **6,817** | **5,896** |

# Compliance figures

## Overview

Compliance actions are undertaken in accordance with the approved 2025 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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| --- | --- |
| **2025 Quarter Two Compliance Figures** | |
| **Number of Authorisation applications received** | 12 |
| **Number of Authorisations issued** | 5 |
| **Number of audits conducted on harvester return data** | 71+***4*** |
| **Percentage of active harvesters subject to programmed in-field audits** | 0  (due to operational requirements, audits will commence in Q3). |
| **Number of investigations** | 4 |
| **Number of offences substantiated** | ongoing |
| **Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled** | 0 |

***4 Daily checks of all returned data were conducted between 9 June - 30 June 2025.***

## **Table 6 - 2025 Monthly audit statistics**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Zone** | **JAN** | **FEB** | **MAR** | **APR** | **MAY** | **JUN** | **JUL** | **AUG** | **SEP** | **OCT** | **NOV** | **DEC** | **Total** |
| **Gippsland** | 16 | 13 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hume** | 12 | 28 | 9 | 6 | 14 | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Loddon-Mallee** | 9 | 15 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Grampians** | 39 | 34 | 11 | 9 | 3 | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Barwon South West** | 10 | 17 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **86** | **107** | **61** | **40** | **32** | **71+*5*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

***5 Daily checks of all returned data were conducted between 9 June - 30 June 2025.***