Kangaroo harvesting program

QUARTER 1 REPORT 2025

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# Annual Quota

## 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 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 South West** | 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 133 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program
* From January to March 2025, 32,300 tags were allocated across the state which equates to 85% of the 37,950 tags available for Quarter One
* Of the tags that have been allocated, 18,311 tags have been consumed.

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2025 Quarter one consumption figures** | | | | | |
| **Zone** | **Q1 Quota** | **Q1 Quota allocated** | **Q1 Quota remaining** | **Q1 Quota consumed** | **Harvesters who received allocations1** |
|  |
| **Gippsland** | 4,500 | 4,500 | 0 | 1,851 | 34 |  |
| **Hume** | 14,000 | 8,900 | 5,100 | 4,779 | 42 |  |
| **Loddon-Mallee** | 9,000 | 8,450 | 550 | 4,865 | 28 |  |
| **Grampians** | 6,950 | 6,950 | 0 | 4,399 | 42 |  |
| **Barwon South West** | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0 | 2,417 | 34 |  |
| **Total** | **37,950** | **32,300** | **5,650** | **18,311** | **931** |  |

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** | 487 | 707 | 657 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hume** | 1,171 | 1,564 | 2,044 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Loddon-Mallee** | 776 | 1,961 | 2,128 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Grampians** | 1,597 | 1,428 | 1,374 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Barwon South West** | 468 | 880 | 1,069 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total2** | **4,499** | **6,540** | **7,272** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **18,311** |

***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**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **2025 Quarter One harvest information** | | |
| **Zone** | **WGK** | | **Female** | **Dependent young** |
| **Gippsland** | 0 | | 702 | 547 |
| **Hume** | 0 | | 1,351 | 1,191 |
| **Loddon-Mallee** | 0 | | 1,887 | 1,657 |
| **Grampians** | 117 | | 1,538 | 1,301 |
| **Barwon South West** | 0 | | 831 | 668 |
| **Total** | **117** | | **6,309** | **5,364** |

# 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**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **2025 Quarter One compliance figures** | |
| **Number of Authorisation applications received** | **3** |
| **Number of Authorisations issued** | 1 |
| **Number of audits conducted on harvester return data** | 254 |
| **Percentage of active harvesters3 subject to programmed in-field audits** | 1% |
| **Number of investigations** | 5 |
| **Number of offences substantiated** | 0 |
| **Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled** | 0 |

***3An active harvester under the approved 2025 KHP Compliance Plan is defined as a harvester who is active throughout the previous four quarters. For 2025 TBA.***

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Zone** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sept** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Total** |
| **Gippsland** | 16 | 13 | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hume** | 12 | 28 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Loddon-Mallee** | 9 | 15 | 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Grampians** | 39 | 34 | 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Barwon Southwest** | 10 | 17 | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** | **86** | **107** | **61** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

***Audit checks for harvester returned data.***