

Land Owner of offset site : M.G. Pastoral Co. Pty. Ltd.

Location and address of offset site : 1541 Shelford Rokewood Rd. Rokewood, Vic.

Offset site number : EPBC 2011/6004

Offset plan ref. number : BL&A 14094 Feb. 2015

Responsible Authority : Dept. of The Environment.

Report No. : #7, April 14/22 - April 13, '23.

Signature :

Name : Marshall G. Dennis

Date : 20/11/25.

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## **Management Actions – EPBC 2011/6004**

**Year # 7** April 14, 2022 – April 13, 2023.

**‘Wandabar’ : 1531 Shelford Rokewood Rd. Rokewood Vic.**

Vegetation was grazed by sheep in area A in early Sept.’22 for approx. 21 days. A longer than suggested time frame was deemed sensible due to the extent of vegetation cover and the number of sheep used for the grazing. With limited ability for access to water, the sheep had access to both the area A paddock and the adjoining paddocks to the west (outside of the offset zone). Consequently, ‘pulse grazing’ was not possible as per the recommendations of the OMP, however a suitable reduction of the biomass was achieved.

Nature Advisory visited the site in late 2022 to investigate the vegetation and provide some guided comments on forward actions, both short and medium term. Their advice is contained in their written report dated Feb. 1, 2023, is attached at appendix 1. Biomass burning was recommended for both areas A & B.

In early April 2023, Small Farm Contracting (SMF) prepared fire breaks around most of the SRF site, in the nth. east corner of the property, either by mowing or brush cutting. The firebreaks were created outside of the offset zones. SMF’s invoice is attached in appendix 2. Images of the slashed / mown firebreaks are attached at appendices 3,4, & 5.

Fencing and gates were routinely inspected, by either a representative of MG Pastoral or a sub-contractor, Small Farm Contracting. Specifically, the integrity of the rabbit proof fence of the SRF plot in the nth. east corner, was a particular focus. Again, there were no noticeable penetrations nor deficiencies with the integrity of the fence. The north and eastern sections of fencing of the southern plot remains in good stock proof condition. The eastern fence is in a serviceable condition.

During the year, our neighbour to the south requested that we re-fence our adjoining boundary fence, which we did. Consequently, in June ’22 the southern section of the southern plot (area B) was replaced with stock proof fence, Attached is the invoice for fencing at appendix 6.



1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

MG Pastoral

**Attention: Marshall Dennis**

By email – [marshall.dennis@denniscorp.com.au](mailto:marshall.dennis@denniscorp.com.au)

Dear Marshall,

**RE: ROKEWOOD OFFSET SITE  
MANAGEMENT ADVICE  
PROJECT NUMBER 22192.02**

The following outlines the findings of an overview audit of the condition of native vegetation, threats to biodiversity, and adaptive management actions recommended to be implemented in addition to those stipulated in the approved Offset Management Plan,

### Rokewood

#### Site A – Condition

All zones dominated by Kangaroo Grass with Narrow Plantain and Blue Devil also common. Low herb diversity with limited inter-tussock spaces. Weed cover primarily due to high density of Toowoomba Canary-grass surrounding and intruding, with Onion Grass also prevalent. Easternmost regions of Zone 2, 12, 14 overrun with Toowoomba Canary-grass (dominant in adjacent paddock) and native vegetation extent reduced. Areas of NTGVVP still qualify.

Population of Spiny Rice-flower in Zone 20 very good. None detected in Zone 24 and 30. Areas designated as NTGVVP still qualify.

**Table 1: Main native components of Rokewood Site A**

| Common name        | Scientific name                                    |
|--------------------|--|
| Blue Devil         | <i>Eryngium ovinum</i>                             |
| Bluebells          | <i>Wahlenbergia</i> spp.                           |
| Crane's Bill       | <i>Geranium</i> sp.                                |
| Kangaroo Grass     | <i>Themeda triandra</i>                            |
| Lemon Beauty-heads | <i>Calocephalus citreus</i>                        |
| Narrow Plantain    | <i>Plantago gaudichaudii</i>                       |
| Native Flax        | <i>Linum marginale</i>                             |
| Prickfoot          | <i>Eryngium vesiculosum</i>                        |
| Sheep's Burr       | <i>Acaena</i> × <i>ovina</i>                       |
| Slender Speedwell  | <i>Veronica gracilis</i>                           |
| Spear Grasses      | <i>Austrostipa</i> spp.                            |
| Spiny Rice-flower  | <i>Pimelea spinescens</i> subsp. <i>spinescens</i> |

| Common name     | Scientific name          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Tussock Grasses | <i>Poa</i> spp.          |
| Wallaby Grasses | <i>Rytidosperma</i> spp. |

**Table 2: Main weed components of Rokewood Site A**

| Common name            | Scientific name                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Flatweed               | <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>     |
| Onion Grass            | <i>Romulea rosea</i>            |
| Ox-tongue              | <i>Helminthotheca echioides</i> |
| Small Quaking-grass    | <i>Briza minor</i>              |
| Spear Thistle          | <i>Cirsium vulgare</i>          |
| Toowoomba Canary-grass | <i>Phalaris aquatica</i>        |
| Wild Oat               | <i>Avena</i> sp.                |
| Yorkshire Fog          | <i>Holcus lanata</i>            |



Zone 20: Spiny Rice-flower with Narrow Plantain in dense biomass including Toowoomba Canary-grass and Onion Grass.



Zone 31: Very high cover of weeds including Toowoomba Canary-grass, Onion Grass and Flatweed.



Zone 40: Toowoomba Canary-grass and Onion Grass encroaching.

#### *Site A – Recommendations: 1-year adaptive management actions*

- Conduct controlled burn (mosaic for larger zones) in autumn to manage Toowoomba Canary-grass and reduce biomass in Zone 20, 24, 28, 31, 345, 36–38, 40 and 41. Spot spray individual Toowoomba Canary-grass carefully in other zones. Slash or burn surrounding areas of high Toowoomba Canary-grass infestation to create at least 20m buffer around zones.
- Follow up with careful spot spraying of emergent weeds, with particular attention to Flatweed, Ox-tongue and Spear Thistle.

- Treat for control of Onion Grass (with metsulfuron-methyl herbicide and an appropriate surfactant, using a wiping application method) in late winter/early spring, 6-8 weeks after emergence of growth from new corms. Treatment will be ineffective if applied too late (such as when the tips of leaves begin to show discoloration/browning from fungal infection).
- Pulse grazing with sheep in early to mid-spring to prevent seed set of annual introduced grasses.
- Ensure no grazing by sheep through summer to limit dispersal of Onion Grass seeds.

### Site B – Condition

All zones dominated by Kangaroo Grass with Narrow Plantain and Blue Devil also common. Low herb diversity with limited inter-tussock spaces. Weed cover primarily due to high density of Toowoomba Canary-grass surrounding and intruding, with Onion Grass also over-abundant. Easternmost regions of Zone 2, 12, 14 overrun with Toowoomba Canary-grass (dominant in adjacent paddock) and native vegetation extent reduced. Most areas still qualify as NTGVVP.

**Table 3: Main native components of Rokewood Site B**

| Common name     | Scientific name              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Blue Devil      | <i>Eryngium ovinum</i>       |
| Kangaroo Grass  | <i>Themeda triandra</i>      |
| Narrow Plantain | <i>Plantago gaudichaudii</i> |
| Sheep's Burr    | <i>Acaena × ovina</i>        |
| Sundew          | <i>Drosera</i> sp.           |
| Tussock Grasses | <i>Poa</i> spp.              |

**Table 4: Main weed components of Rokewood Site B**

| Common name            | Scientific name          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Annual grasses         |                          |
| Onion Grass            | <i>Romulea rosea</i>     |
| Rough Sow-thistle      | <i>Sonchus aspera</i>    |
| Small Quaking-grass    | <i>Briza minor</i>       |
| Toowoomba Canary-grass | <i>Phalaris aquatica</i> |



Zone 14, dominated by Kangaroo Grass and Toowoomba Canary-grass, the latter also surrounding and encroaching. Onion Grass cover also high.

*Site B – Recommendations: 1-year adaptive management actions*

- Conduct controlled burn in autumn to manage Toowoomba Canary-grass. Surrounding vegetation should also be created and maintained by slashing or burning to create a buffer of at least 20 metres so that ongoing re-infestation is reduced.
- Follow up with careful spot spraying of emergent weeds.
- Treat for control of Onion Grass (with metsulfuron-methyl herbicide and an appropriate surfactant, using a wiping application method) in late winter/early spring, 6–8 weeks after emergence of growth from new corms. Treatment will be ineffective if applied too late (such as when the tips of leaves begin to show discoloration/browning from fungal infection).
- No grazing.

I trust the above provides suitable initial guidance for remedial actions for the next year, after which time a more thorough assessment should be undertaken. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

**Chris Dunk**

**Senior Ecologist & Project Manager  
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**COMMERCIAL OPERATORS REGISTERED LICENCE NO. 126**

| DATE       | DESCRIPTION   | AMOUNT      | CODE |
|------------|---|-------------|------|
| 17/04/2023 | Company Code : DFC#041<br>Completion date of intensive property works for MG Pastoral at 'Wyndabar' Shelford, Victoria.<br>Work undertaken by the Small Farm Contracting team involved weed spraying and preparation of fire breaks by brush cutting and mowing.<br>Preparation for burning back paddock-cutting of fire breaks for safe burning; cutting of south break and mowing of east plantation and north break; spot spraying Serrated Tussock in large back paddock; spot spraying Serrated Tussock in area west of sheds<br>1890 litres of chemical applied.<br><br>Always committed to best practice and positive outcomes, the Small Farm Contracting team continues to value the opportunities to contribute to the MG pastoral property developments and management.<br><br>Kind regards,<br>Graham Hewitt<br>Manager | \$11,426.80 | GST  |

**Payment by Cheque to Postal Address or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**  
**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: NEW BANK DETAILS BELOW\*\*\***

**EFT DETAILS:**  
 Account Name: Small Farm Contracting  
 Bank: Bendigo Bank  
 BSB: 633-108  
 ACCOUNT NUMBER 1559 - 95590

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|-----------------|-------------|
| GST:            | \$1,038.80  |
| Total Inc GST:  | \$11,426.80 |
| Amount Applied: | \$0.00      |
| Balance Due:    | \$11,426.80 |

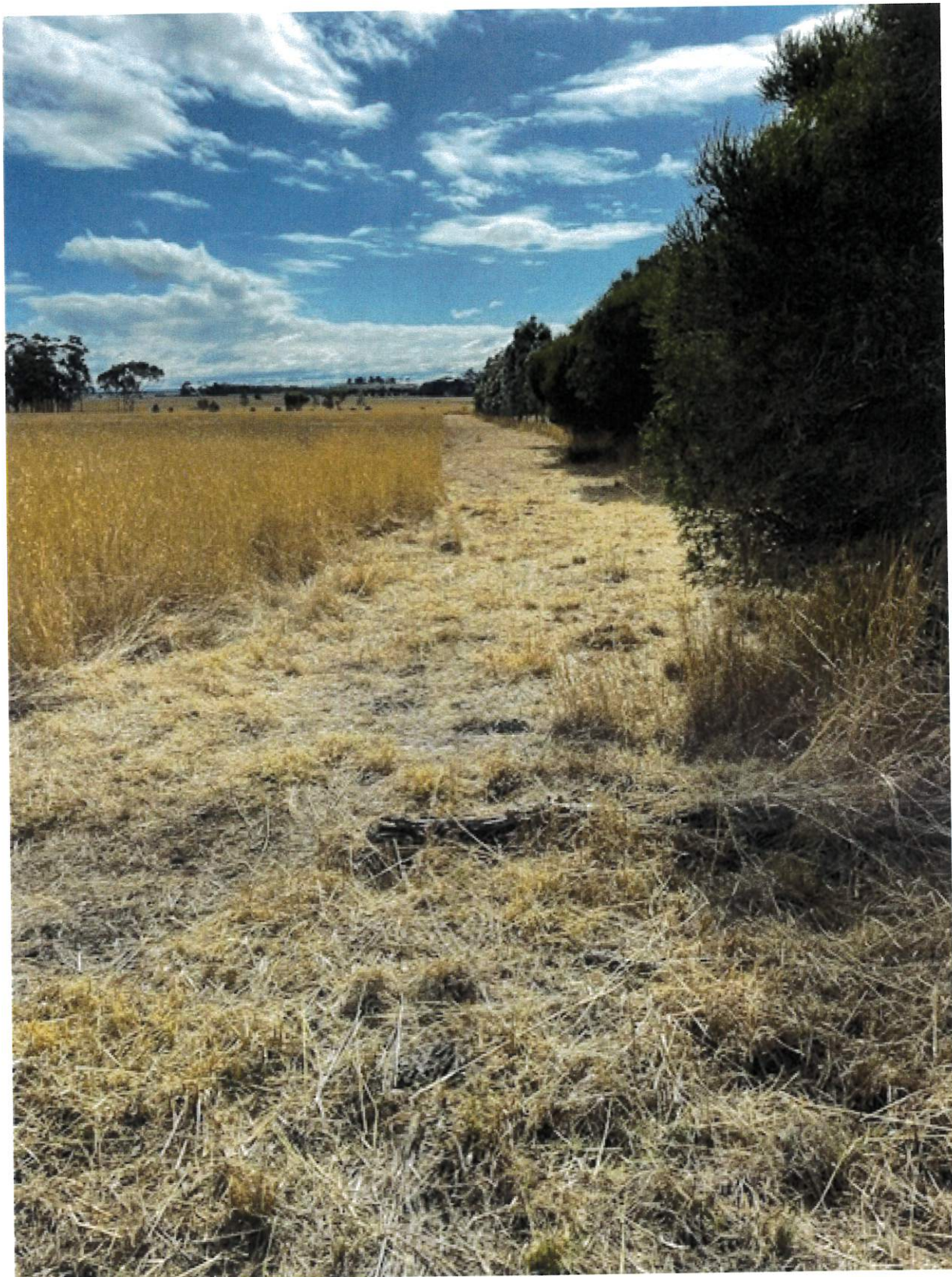














# Tax Invoice

**Invoice No 1****Date:** 24/06/22**From :** K & J Blake  
265 Eastern Access,  
Barunah Park 3329**ABN:** 11262249562**Ph** 0427813271 KJ**Mb** 0417513271 JB**Email:** jennyblake1@bigpond.com**To :** Dennis Family Homes  
C/O J. Richmond,  
Rose Grange Pastoral Co  
"Rockleigh"  
Little River Vic 3211**jock@rosegrangepc.com.au**

Boundary Fence between K &amp; J Blake &amp; Dennis Family Homes.

|    | Description  | Unit Price<br>(excl. GST) | Taxable<br>Supply<br>(Y/N) | Unit Price<br>(incl. GST) | GST<br>Amount | Total   |
|----|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1  | 116 Gal Steel posts  |                           |                            | 10.00                     | 105.45        | 1160.00 |
| 2  | 4 strainers  |                           |                            | 53.00                     | 21.20         | 233.20  |
| 3  | 2 stays  |                           |                            | 21.00                     | 4.20          | 46.20   |
| 4  | 3.5 7 line cyclone   |                           |                            | 287.00                    | 91.31         | 1004.50 |
| 5  | 2 rolls plain wire   |                           |                            | 250.00                    | 50.00         | 550.00  |
| 6  | 1 length sheep mesh  |                           |                            | 55.00                     | 5             | 55.00   |
| 7  | Gripples   |                           |                            | 15.00                     | 1.36          | 15.00   |
| 8  |  |                           |                            |                           |               |         |
| 9  | Labour S. Fagg   |                           |                            |                           | 135.00        | 1485.00 |
| 10 | Labour K Blake:-<br>Removal old fence & wire<br>Level fence line of rocks &<br>Phalaris<br>Spray fenceline with roundup<br>prior to commencement |                           |                            |                           | 200.00        | 2200.00 |
| 11 |  |                           |                            |                           |               |         |
| 12 | <b>Total sum expended in<br/>erection of boundary fence</b>  |                           |                            |                           | 613.52        | 6748.90 |
| 13 | <b>Half Share of costs</b>   |                           |                            |                           | 306.76        | 3374.45 |
| 14 |  |                           |                            |                           |               |         |
| 15 |  |                           |                            |                           |               |         |
| 16 | Balance owing  |                           |                            |                           |               | 3374.45 |
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