

The plan is to replace herbivores with fire

That is the take-home message from what we have observed for over thirty years.
Are fossilised ideas now the greatest threat to our remote watersheds?



Donkeys played pivotal roles in the building of the Northern Australia we now have.

With the advent of mechanised transport, they became obsolete... or so people often think.

The Kachana Wild Donkey Project is about the use of Donkey Power for land-care!

To date this project has been privately funded at no additional cost to the public and researchers are beginning to evaluate the results.

Kachana Pastoral Company has been putting donkeys to use for thirty years. Cattle do most of the easy work in the model areas. In the rougher country beyond the fence we are thankful for the job that donkeys do in maintaining wildfire buffer-zones.

Of course, donkeys also work well in the really rough range country where cattle do not want to go.

But, YES, Donkeys need to be managed, as do their populations.

Rather than awaiting scientific evaluation of the Kachana Wild Donkey Project, members of the Kimberley Group for Biosecurity decided that our donkeys must all be shot.

We farewelled Dad earlier this year. It seems we must now also say goodbye to his work, while being robbed of a valuable landscape management-tool.

If resilient productive landscapes are important to you, we suggest you take a stance on this issue.

For more information and links to the related correspondence, please visit: http://www.kachana.com/environmental_management/gi_grassroot_inputs.php



Bob Henggeler Snr. Putting wild donkeys to work



This message to our local community was submitted by Chris Henggeler of Kachana Pastoral Company.

We are not saying that we do not use fire in our landscapes. It is about getting a better balance. The less herbivores the more we need to burn. The costlier it gets to conduct early controlled burning and the more destructive the late-season wildfires...

