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DPRFS Final Report Purpose

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The purpose of this Final Report is to summarise the Recognised Biosecurity Group's (RBG) achievements during 2023-24, including the activities undertaken and funding expended for purposes as detailed in the RBG's Funding Agreement.

Reporting submitted to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), pursuant to section 170 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*, must be published on DPIRD's electronic website. For enquiries regarding this report, please contact the Funding Schemes Team on talkingrbg@dpiird.wa.gov.au.

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Yes

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RBG Name

Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc

This question is read only.

Contact Name *

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Position *

Executive Officer

Phone Number *

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Must be an Australian phone number.

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Email *

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Must be an email address.

Funded Activities Budget

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Funded Activities

The table below details the activities outlined in your DPRFS Application Form and/or Funding Agreement.

Please provide an Activity Update and include any additional activities undertaken, which were not detailed in your DPRFS Application Form or Funding Agreement.

If you have undertaken additional activities or had a variation approved for revised funded activities, please add rows as required.

Activity	Activity Measure	Final Activity Update
Name of program, e.g. Wild Dog Program. What activities will be undertaken, e.g. trapping, baiting, aerial culls.	How will success of the activity be measured, e.g. an increased survival rate of calves.	e.g. how many baiting days were completed, how many baits or traps laid, number of dogs destroyed.

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<p>Communication & Community Engagement</p>	<p>Activities include landholder survey, bi-annual newsletter, information about CRBA services and baiting, training days, and website updates as required.</p>	<p>July 2023 Bi-Annual Newsletter including Landholder Feedback Survey August 2023 Landholder Data September 2023 Notice of AGM Public Notice: Community Baiting Notice October 2023 Reminder/Change AGM Public Notice: Community Baiting Notice November 2023 AGM Reminder AGM 2022/23 Annual Report & Audited Financials January 2024 Bi annual Newsletter February 2024 1080 Landholder Training Notice March 2024 1080 Landholder Training Course Management Committee Meeting LPMT Training June 2024 LPMT Access & Landholder Feedback Reminder LPMT Access & Landholder Feedback All year CRBA Website</p>
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<p>Large Feral Herbivore Program</p>	<p>LFH including donkeys.</p> <p>Activities include identifying target areas of concern, and control methods as they arise.</p> <p>Numbers of animal culled through control methods, and landholder and Licenced Pest Management Technician feedback on the aerial shoot success.</p>	<p>Movements of large feral herbivores into our region continue to be of concern, with the cost of running large coordinated control of these pests so high the CRBA relies on additional outside funding to make such programs happen. During 2023/2024 the CRBA was only able to assist landholders in the management of LFH through our LPMTs.</p> <p>LPMTs worked to actively manage 76 LFH during the year, 58 LFH were also controlled by landholders, and an additional 14 were managed within the Shire of Murchison LFH program. Additional LFH management and removal also occurred as part of our local bait meat production program, with the contractor removing an estimated 50 additional LFH.</p> <p>Through the removal of these LFH and future control plans the CRBA is able to assist land managers in their overall management of total grazing pressure, which is imperative during dry seasons.</p>
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<p>Wild Dog Program</p>	<p>Activities include monitoring, baiting and trapping of wild dogs.</p> <p>Number of baits laid, animals trapped or culled, and feedback from landholders and Licenced Pest Management Technicians on the success of the program.</p>	<p>Vertebrate Pests, particularly wild dogs remain a high priority for the CRBA due to their impacts to agriculture, particularly in poor seasonal conditions as experienced during 2023/2024.</p> <p>To mitigate the impacts of these pests the CRBA contracts 7 Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) focused on total predation pressure across the region.</p> <p>LPMTs work with CRBA land managers to provide assistance in the management of vertebrates across the region. These LPMTs with land managers to cover seven regions.</p> <p>Wild Dogs</p> <p>During 2023/2024 the CRBA undertook the following wild dog-specific programs across the region:</p> <p>One community-wide baiting program;</p> <p>One aerial baiting program, focused on providing landscape-scale assistance in managing movements for region-wide benefits;</p> <p>One aerial baiting program coordinated with DBCA in the Kennedy Range National Park;</p> <p>Supporting land managers in individual control programs;</p> <p>Monitoring of wild dog movements; and</p> <p>Contracting LPMTs who undertook baiting, trapping, and shooting (day & night) of wild dogs.</p> <p>The operations undertaken across our region play a key role in minimising the</p>
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risk to the State's agricultural industry. The CRBA believes a key to our success in the management of wild dogs comes from region-wide engagement of

LPMTs, alongside land manager control, and stakeholders engagement.

A summary of LPMT operations, specific to wild dog control is below and includes total number of contracted days worked during 2023/2024.

DATA

LPMTS - 7

LPMT Days - 1,234

Baits Laid - 29,372

Baits Made - 83,518

Traps Set - 1,849

Average Traps in ground

EOM - 878

Dogs Shot - 130

Dogs Trapped - 946

Dogs Other - 5

Attacks* - 179

Complaints* - 62

Points of note:

- Whilst the number of baits laid by LPMT has reduced, the number distributed has increased significantly. - These baits were made by LPMTs and put out via the aerial baiting program (73,500).

- Based on research, number estimated number of wild dogs controlled by baiting programs is 835.18.

- 13 foxes were removed from the landscape, with an unknown number potentially attributed to the baiting programs.

- There was an increase in wild dog complaints and

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attacks reported by large stock-carrying properties due to the seasonal conditions, in particular, the relentless hot summer with limited to no groundwater. This saw an increase in wild dogs# and other animals, including livestock coming into stock watering points.

- Wild dogs# control through shooting also increased due to the investment in thermal equipment by both the CRBA and LPMTs, allowing them to work at night on water points.

The CRBA over the last few years has seen an increase in wild dog-related complaints and

stock losses/damage relative to all livestock. Since 2021/2022 a large number of these

can be attributed to the commencement of the Carnarvon Barrier Fence in the south of our region, which remains incomplete and continues to cause issues for small stock properties in our region.

Quote from CRBA Landholder, 2024 AGM

As a pastoralist who has expanded by stock watering points, I can attest to the impact this has on not only wild dog movements but

also on wild dog numbers, observed and controlled on my

pastoral lease particularly over the 2023/2024 Summer.

The CBRA relies heavily on pastoral leaseholders playing active roles in the management of

declared pests and planning for their properties. The

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		<p>group continues to rely on its members</p> <p>and key stakeholders to participate in preparing wild dog baits at community baiting events,</p> <p>and distributing dried prepared baits across their properties, along with other individual control methods.</p> <p>Through the community baiting program and reported landholder activity a total of 11,700 baits were made and laid, contributing to approximately 117 wild dogs being controlled. Landholders also reported controlling 58 wild dogs through other methods.</p> <p>The CBRA would also like to recognise the Shire of Murchison which continues to actively encourage the management of wild dogs# via internal initiatives. From their records, 52 wild dogs have been controlled throughout 2023/2024.</p> <p>LPMTs have and continue to increase their monitoring activities, working with the CRBA Executive Officer to install 35 field cameras across the region. These have been used to assist in better understanding the impacts of wild dogs across the landscape, understand movements, and assist in target control in problem areas.</p> <p>The CRBA also has installed in key locations such as the end of fence lines and at road grids, squawker boxes as additional deterrents for vertebrate pests.</p>
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<p>Plant Pest Program</p>	<p>Plant pest species including Mesquite, Parkinsonia, and Cacti.</p> <p>Management activities include site visits to monitor and spray plant pests and record successful applications.</p>	<p>Mesquite & Parkinsonia</p> <p>These woody weeds continue to be an invasive weed of concern for the CRBA and land managers across the region. Due to funding constraints no individual control programs were undertaken during 2023/2024, however, mid-year the Shire of Carnarvon provided funding to undertake work on these weeds within their shire boundaries.</p> <p>Unfortunately for the Shire of Carnarvon program, the properties received much-needed rainfall when work was due to commence each time meaning that it has been pushed until later in 2024.</p> <p>LPMTs continue to monitor known infestations and the CRBA continues to encourage land managers with known infestations to undertake control programs, providing the chemicals and loan spray equipment to do so.</p> <p>During 2023/2024 the CRBA purchased a handheld spray unit and buggy-mounted unit for use by LPMTs and land managers who need to undertake control.</p> <p>Coral Coast Cactus</p> <p>Continued monitoring and reporting of this weed has seen known infestations managed and no new locations reported during 2023/2024. LPMTs actively worked together to move cochineal bugs to a new location to improve control in that area (unmanaged pastoral estate).</p>
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Please upload any relevant documents to support the achievement of Funded Activities

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Filename: CRBA 2023-2024 Funded Activities.pdf

File size: 1.4 MB

Including minutes from meetings, photographs, social media posts etc. Please note the Annual Report upload is requested below.

Budget (GST Exclusive)

The table below details the anticipated expenditure included in the budget section of your DPRFS Application Form.

Please complete the **Actual Expenditure** column to detail the actual values which have been expended on funded activities.

Please only include funding from the Declared Pest Rate and State matched funding.

All amounts should be GST exclusive.

Please **do not add commas** to figures - e.g., type \$1000 not \$1,000 - this will ensure your figures for each table total correctly.

Funded Activity	Anticipated Expenditure (Ex GST)	Actual Expenditure (Ex GST)
Name of program, e.g. Wild Dog Program.	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.
Governance & Administration	\$112,800.00	\$99,829.34
Large Feral Herbivore Program	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Wild Dog Program	\$759,300.00	\$686,921.74
Declared Plant Pest Program	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Community Engagement	\$3,500.00	\$3,806.56

Budget Totals

The values below are auto calculated based on the values entered in the Budget Table.

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$885,600.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$790,557.64
	This number/amount is calculated.		This number/amount is calculated.

Variations

Did you request a variation for delivery of your 2023-24 funded activities? *

- Yes
 No

Annual Report & Independent Financial Audit

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The provision of an Annual Report is necessary to meet the legislative requirements under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*.

The provision of an Independently Audited Financial Report is necessary to meet the legislative requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* and the DPRFS Funding Agreement.

The financial statement of income and expenditure in relation to the Funding, certified by an Independent Financial Auditor and completed to Australian Accounting Standards, including but not limited to the following:

- the total Declared Pest Account (DPA) Funding received for the financial year.
- any balance brought forward from the previous reporting year, including the intended purpose for those funds.
- the amount of interest earned by the Recipient on the DPA Funding for the financial year (if any)
- the amount of DPA Funding spent and unspent in respect of the Funded Activities.

Please upload your 2023-24 Annual Report and Independent Financial Audit using the appropriate upload options below.

Please upload your 2023-24 Annual Report

No files have been uploaded

Please upload your 2023-24 Independently Audited Financial Report

Filename: CRBA_2024 Signed.pdf

File size: 3.3 MB

Please upload your combined 2023-24 Annual Report & Independently Audited Financial Report

Filename: CRBA Annual Report 2023-2024.pdf

File size: 18.5 MB

Unspent DPR Funding

Please provide information about any unspent funding in 2023-24.

Unspent funding includes funds which have been transferred to RBGs which have not been expended in the financial year they were transferred. Unspent funds can be allocated or unallocated.

The value detailed, should be the same as what is reported in your Independently Audited Financial Report.

What, if any, was the value of unspent DPR funding from 2023-24 *

\$134,850.65

Must be a dollar amount.

Is the unspent value allocated or unallocated? *

Allocated

Unallocated

No unspent funds to report

Please note: Allocated unspent funding is funding held by RBGs in their bank account from the prior financial year which has been allocated to an activity or program. Unallocated unspent funding is funding held by RBGs in their bank account from the prior financial year which has not been allocated to an activity or program.

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Please provide information about what operational activities the unspent funds have been allocated to within 2024-25.

Unallocated funds are for the CRBA Vertebrate Pest program

- Committed Carryover 133,000.00
- Uncommitted Carryover 1,850.65

As the unspent funds are unallocated, the value will be deducted from the second transfer from the DPR in 2024-25.

Certification Declaration

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Declaration

This section must be completed by the Chairperson, or appropriate delegate, on behalf of the Recipient organisation.

Once this form is submitted via SmartyGrants, it will be deemed as authorised by the below signatory, despite no signature provided.

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that:

- The information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete.
- If any personal details of a third party are included, the third party has been made aware of, and given their permission for, those details to appear in this Final Report.

I Agree *

Yes

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Position *

Executive Officer

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Must be an email address.

Date *

30/10/2024

Must be a date.

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