

Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025

2024-25 DPRFS Final Report

Application No. RBG-DPR24-11 From Ms Margi Weir

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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 2024-25, including the activities undertaken and funding expended for purposes as detailed in the RBG's Funding Agreement.

If you received a variation during the 12-month funding period, the associated changes to activities and/or budget have been incorporated into the relevant fields throughout this final report. No separate reporting on variations is required.

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Yes

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.

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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
What are you doing?	What did you measure and how did you measure it?	Final update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/control measures, number of pests controlled, etc)

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<p>Wild Dog Program</p>	<p>Activities including ground and aerial baiting, trapping and shooting.</p> <p>Measures include the number of baits and traps laid, animals culled and a reduction in stock losses.</p>	<p>Since July 1st, 2024 our 7 LPMTs have recorded a total of 249 wild dogs trapped or shot and more than 11,000 baits laid. In addition our LPMTs have recorded 34 Feral Cats. Whilst these are not targeted and thus are purely "bycatch" it demonstrates the particularly high numbers of Feral Cats across the MR-BA region. Feral Cats are not a threat to livestock, but they do pose considerable threat to native fauna and are a Declared Pest species.</p> <p>Bait Rack days were held in Spring 2024 and Autumn 2025 and at the seven (7) pastoral leases where the bait racks are located. At these bait rack days landholders processed a total of 18.58 tonne of bait meat, producing "1080 baits" for use on landholders' properties for the purpose of wild dog control across the MRBA region. This was considerably less than the planned 21.28 tonne as we would normally process for the two seasonal programs and was due to a statewide shortage of meat suitable for bait preparation in the period leading up to the Spring 2024 program.</p> <p>In the northern area of the MRBA region where the country is inaccessible for trapping and shooting, wild dog control is done by aerial baiting. This took place in late September 2024.</p> <p>Individual efforts are also made on properties, but these figures are mostly not reported. One property in the northern area of MRBA where we do not have contract LPMTs, does report its annual vermin control efforts and recorded 14 wild dogs</p>
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		for the period July 1 to December 31, 2024.
Large Feral Herbivore Control Program	<p>Declared pests including donkeys, wild horses, and camels.</p> <p>Activities include aerial and ground culls.</p> <p>Measures include the number of animals culled.</p>	<p>A Large Feral Herbivore (LFH) aerial cull operation was carried out by DPIRD from November 2nd - 8th 2024 which resulted in a total of 3,035 LFH being destroyed. This total comprised 2,698 donkeys, 35 camels and 302 horses and was conducted across ten (10) pastoral leases.</p> <p>LPMTs and landholders are also encouraged to destroy LFH whenever possible.</p> <p>In the 2024/2025 reporting period, our LPMTs have destroyed 48 donkeys, 10 horses and 46 camels.</p> <p>In the 2024 calendar year, one property reported control of additional LFH species including 3 donkeys, 54 camels and 117 horses. Many properties carry out opportunistic control, especially during mustering operations, but do not record these details.</p>

Optional - Supporting Information

You may provide supporting information that demonstrates the delivery of funded activities

Filename: Summary for MRBA LFH 2024.pdf

File size: 928.8 kB

Supporting information may include 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.

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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.
Administration & Governance	\$73,000.00	\$35,651.68
Communication & Community Engagement	\$2,000.00	\$3,175.00
Wild Dog Program	\$541,210.00	\$434,935.53
Large Feral Herbivore Program	\$98,522.00	\$98,387.51

Budget Totals

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

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$714,732.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$572,149.72
	This number/amount is calculated.		This number/amount is calculated.

Annual Report & Independent Financial Audit

The **Final Report** consists of this report as well as the following supporting information:

- **Organisation's Annual Report, and**
- **Independently Audited Financial Report**

Refer to your funding agreement or Sections 6-7 of the DPRFS Administrative Guidelines (or successor guidelines) for full requirements.

Provide supporting documents

Filename: MRBA Annual Report 2024 - 2025.pdf
 File size: 833.6 kB
 Supporting information Audited Financial Statements

Provide supporting documents

Filename: MRBA 2024 2025 Audit of DPRFS program.pdf
 File size: 2.6 MB
 Supporting information Annual Report

Provide supporting documents

No files have been uploaded
 Further supporting information

RBG Website

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<http://www.mrba.asn.au>

Must be a URL.

Optional - Include link to your website to provide more information on your group's work and broader impact

Unspent DPR Funding

Please provide information about **all** DPA unspent funds your RBG holds as of 30 June 2025.

This includes where indicated:

- Any DPA funds received in 2024-25 that were not expended by year end, and
- Any unspent DPA funds carried forward from previous financial years that remain on hand.

Unspent funding includes any DPA funds held by the RBG which have not been expended. All unspent DPA funds held by the RBG must be classified in the following ways which are applicable:

(i) **Accrued expenses** - funds associated with a cost for goods or services that were provided or delivered **before** 30 June but were not paid before 30 June;

(ii) **Planned unspent funds** - funds the RBG knew would remain unspent and were **explicitly** included in the following year's DPRFS application, budget and operational plan;

(iii) **Reserved DPA funds** - only to be used where prior approval has been granted by DPIRD for a specific or strategic purpose where funds need to be purposefully carried over multiple years - these funds are intentionally retained for an approved future strategic activity;

(iv) **Unplanned unspent funds** - funds that do not fall into one of the above categories are considered unplanned.

Refer to the most recent DPRFS Administrative Guidelines **Section 1 - Managing Declared Pest Account Funding - Unspent Funds: Categories, Reporting and Use** for full details.

The values reported here must match the amount reported in your Independently Audited Financial Statements and DPA cash reconciliation.

Unspent DPR - Current Year

What, if any, is the total value of CURRENT YEAR unspent DPA funds from 2024-25

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\$95,395.00

Must be a dollar amount.

This refers only to DPA funds from current year activity as shown on the Income Statement and should not include funds leftover from other sources. If no current year unspent funds, insert \$0.

If applicable, please explain what the current year unspent funds relate to

These unspent funds are from the Wild Dog program and relate to the following items:

- (a) one LPMT contract not being fully completed
- (b) significantly shortage of bait meat for Spring program
- (c) poisons budgeted for but not required in this financial year - this relates to the reduced amount of meat supplied for bait production

Hint: For example, which activities did not proceed or were only partially completed or expenses were accrued

Unspent DPA funds - ACCUMULATED

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What, if any, is the total ACCUMULATED amount of Unspent DPA funds your RBG has on hand as at 30 June 2025*

\$177,725.00

Must be a dollar amount.

This should include all unspent DPA funds from 2024-25 plus any DPA funds from prior years that your RBG has on hand. This amount should be equal to or more than the amount listed above and should be clearly identified in the closing DPA cash balance in your financial statements. If no accumulated unspent funds, insert \$0.

BREAKDOWN OF ACCUMULATED UNSPENT DPA FUNDS:

Of the total **ACCUMULATED** unspent DPA funds on hand at 30 June 2025, please show how this amount is split across the categories below. Leave any category blank that does not apply to your RBG:

Accrued Expenses/Accounts Payable

\$9,486.00

Must be a dollar amount.

DPA expenses incurred before 30 June, but not paid before 30 June

Planned Unspent Funds - included in 2025/26 Application

\$95,395.00

Must be a dollar amount.

DPA funds that were explicitly included in your approved 2025/26 DPRFS application budget and operational plan (must equal the amount submitted). Contact DPRFS team if you are unsure whether these funds were included in your submitted budget or the amount included.

Reserved Funds (DPIRD pre-approval required) - Final Reports that classify funds as Reserved without prior DPIRD approval will not be accepted and will be returned for correct classification

\$0.00

Must be a dollar amount.

Must have been discussed and approved by DPIRD before submission of the final report. Reserved funds will not be deducted from the second DPA transfer.

Unplanned Unspent Funds

\$72,844.00

Must be a dollar amount.

Any remaining unplanned unspent funds not classified in the above categories must be reported here.

IMPORTANT:

If an RBG wishes to use **unplanned unspent** DPA funds from 2024-25 in the new financial year for any activities not included in the approved forward-year budget and operational plan, a variation must be submitted and approved by DPIRD before the funds are used.

Refer to the most recent Administrative Guidelines **Section 1** for full details.

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

RBG Name

MRBA

Name *

Ms Margi Weir

Position *

Executive Officer

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Must be an email address.

Date *

13/10/2025

Must be a date.

MEEKATHARRA RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

INTRODUCTION

The Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc (MRBA) is an industry body with a membership of all pastoralists in the Shires of Yalgoo, Mount Magnet, Cue and Meekatharra. The Association was established under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 with a charter to manage and control declared pests, both animal and plant.

The MRBA Constitution provides for a Management Committee of up to eleven members, who have the responsibility of overseeing the operation of the Association. The Management Committee (with expiry dates of terms shown) as at the commencement of the November 11, 2025 Annual General Meeting was as follows:

- Chairman – Liam Johns (2027)
- Vice Chairman – Greg Watters (2027)
- Secretary/Treasurer – Mayne Jenour (2026)
- Kurt Elezovich (2027)
- John Mahoney (2027)
- Jarrad Blair (2025)
- Rob Lefroy (2025)
- Adi Spindler (2025)
- Jorgen Jensen (2025)
- Angus Nichols (2026)
- Clyde Hall (2026)

Meetings of the Management Committee are held twice per year, usually in February and October or November. These face-to-face meetings are normally held in Meekatharra.

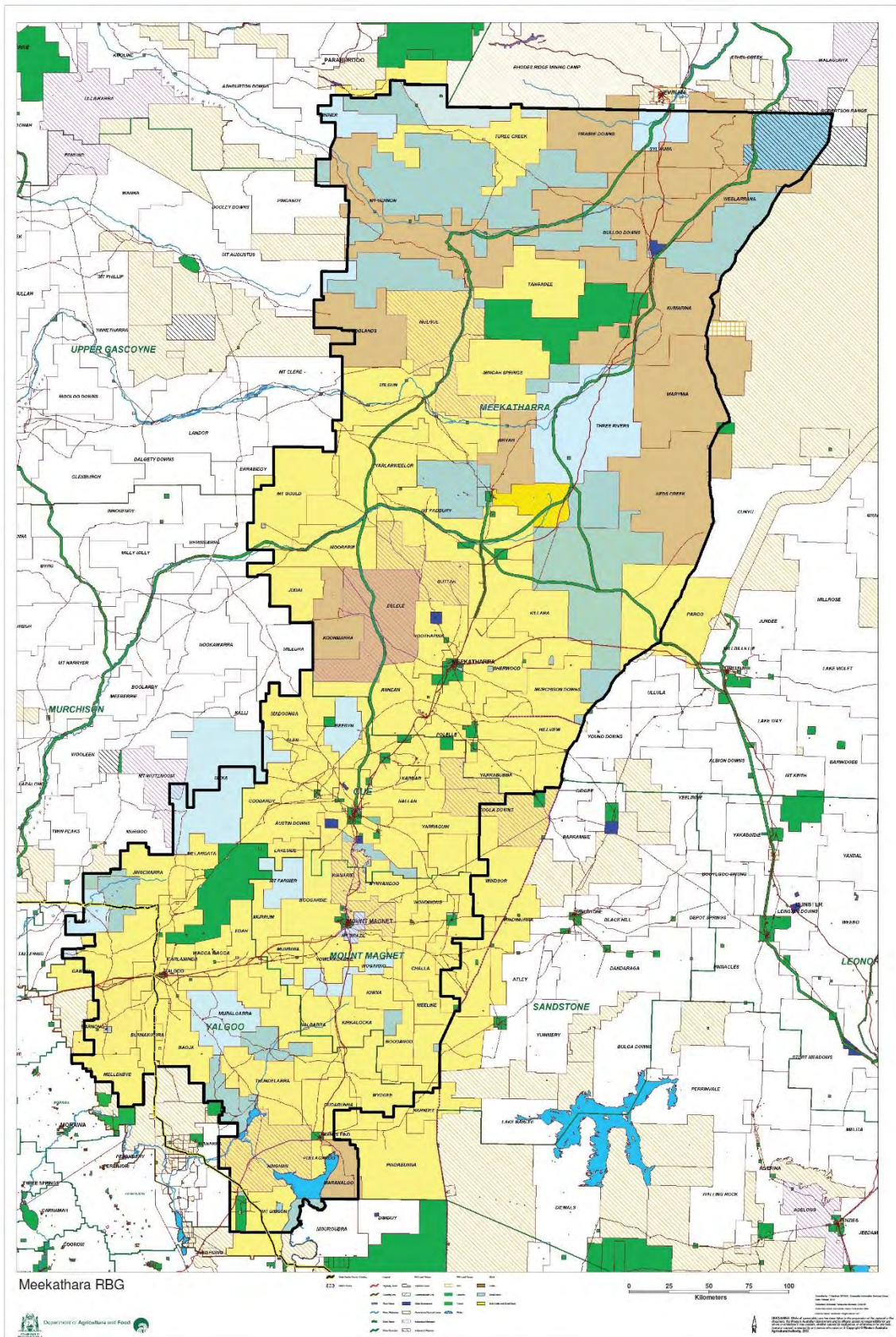
The Management Committee is supported by a part time Executive Officer who is employed on a contract basis.

MRBA operations are funded from annual Declared Pest Rates paid by pastoralists, which are matched by the State Government and also by specific grants from State and Federal NRM programs, Royalties for Regions and other sources.

The MRBA area covers approximately 184,000 square kilometres and incorporates 93 pastoral properties. There are also other landholdings with a mix of tenure including mining leases, UCL, national reserves and indigenous managed pastoral leases.

The following map (*Figure 1*) shows the extent of the MRBA area.

Figure 1: Map showing MRBA Area of Operation



Note: Land tenure changes may have occurred since this map was developed.

GENERAL OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The priority focus of the MRBA is control of wild dogs and large feral herbivores. Declared plant populations, when detected, must be managed at the cost of individual pastoralists, or other land managers, since there is no budget available to support on ground actions for declared plant management through MRBA.

Wild Dogs are managed chiefly by the activities of Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs or 'doggers') who are contracted directly by the MRBA.

LPMTs undergo stringent training processes and must hold all the required licences, certifications, insurances, etc, in order to meet their contractual requirements. They are independent operators who have excellent skills which enable them to operate effectively and safely in remote areas.

Each LPMT reports to a "coordinator" who is a resident pastoralist with a thorough knowledge of the local area. Each coordinator and LPMT liaise regularly to ensure that current local knowledge of wild dog activity is shared.

In 2024/2025 MRBA's LPMTs controlled **383 Wild Dogs**. They also recorded having controlled **46 Feral Cats** as a result of "bycatch" and unplanned opportunities. Whilst feral cats are not a threat to livestock, they do have considerable impacts on native fauna, particularly birds and reptiles such as lizards. In addition to the physical impacts of Wild Dogs on livestock through stalking and direct attacks, both Wild Dogs and Feral Cats can carry and transmit parasites and diseases which can affect humans and/or livestock.

The MRBA undertakes two baiting programs each year – one in Autumn and one in Spring, with the aim being to target wild dogs at specific breeding times. There are seven bait racks located on pastoral leases across the MRBA region, with a designated pastoralist acting as the coordinator for each.

Bait meat is ordered from a supplier in Geraldton in bulk quantities (usually between 9 and 12 tonnes per seasonal program) then freighted to distribution centres in (or near) towns from where it is transported to each bait rack location for the planned community bait rack days. Pastoralists in each area surrounding their local bait rack attend the bait rack day/s, helping to cut meat into suitable sizes, inject each piece with the correct amount of poison, bagging and distributing the baits. Only those with the correct and current training to be an "injector" may carry out that part of the program. Quantities of baits are meticulously recorded against each pastoral lease, and then the baits are laid by pastoralists and LPMTs, depending on each individual situation. Each property being allocated baits must have their manager, or other approved person, who holds a Restricted Chemical Product Permit take delivery of their baits.

In 2024/2025 our LPMTs distributed more than 24,000 baits. This is added to by pastoralists who distribute baits on their own properties.

Bait rack days require substantial commitment and investment of time and effort by pastoralists, who believe that it is critical for these programs to continue. In years when one bait program was missed, the feedback from pastoralists and LPMTs alike indicated that the observed increase in wild dog numbers was a direct result of this reduced baiting program.

All pastoral properties in the MRBA region must have one designated person (e.g. owner, manager, caretaker) who holds a current Restricted Chemical Product permit issued by the Department of

Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) in order for baiting and for LPMT work to be carried out on that property.

Where wild dog control is carried out on land managed by the Department of Biosecurity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), our LPMTs are required to hold the permit for that property instead of DBCA staff. Unfortunately there is declining support from DBCA to carry out wild dog control on land that they manage, or jointly manage, in the MRBA region.

Large Feral Herbivores are the other main category of declared pests that MRBA endeavours to manage. Animals such as feral camels, donkeys and horses can breed up to substantial herd numbers if left unchecked. The damage that these feral herbivores can do to both the natural environment and infrastructure is substantial.

Camels are particularly strong and can damage, and even destroy, water troughs, pipelines, tanks, fences and yards. Horses and donkeys, both requiring daily water, will often remain on or near a water hole during hot weather, preventing livestock from accessing drinking water and frequently fouling the water by pawing.

The physical damage that these large feral herbivores can do to the natural environment impacts many native birds and animals. Their hard hooves can easily destroy burrows, nests and other habitat features needed by our native fauna. They also compete with livestock for food, yet offer no returns to the pastoralist as the cost to muster and transport them to market (if markets for these animals did exist) make such endeavours financially impractical.

LFH control is best carried out by helicopter due to the nature and habits of these animals. Ground shooting is only effective for very small and localised populations. Donkeys, in particular, seek refuge in dense scrubby and stony areas where they cannot be followed on ground. Populations of donkeys have escalated alarmingly in recent years, and this led the MRBA committee to allocate some of the surplus funds from the previous financial year towards an additional aerial cull in November 2024.

MRBA's LPMTs also destroy LFH whenever the opportunity arises, as do pastoralists on their own properties.

Declared Plants are also of importance, but the MRBA has no budget allocation for declared pest plants. Fortunately, there is only one plant family that the group concentrates on, that being Cactus.

When a cactus population is reported, MRBA provides control information to the relevant land manager, however, they have no jurisdiction to insist that the control works are carried out.

FUNDING SOURCES

MRBA receives funding through two state government programs – the Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme and the Wild Dog Action Plan #2. Additional funds are sought from external sources and through grant applications.

Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme

The MRBA has a Declared Pest Account (DPA) into which the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) deposits the declared pest rates paid by pastoralists and the state

government's matching contribution. In 2024/2025 DPA income was \$628,210 with an expenditure, excluding GST, of \$572,149. This was due to factors such as limited bait meat supply, reduced requirement for poisons, failure to perform by one contracted dogger as well as other unexpended budget items. In addition there was a surplus of \$112,837 carried forward from the 2023/2024 financial year. This was allocated to the MRBA's Bait Rack Program reserve and Large Feral Herbivore control program reserve.

Royalties For Regions Wild Dog Action Plan

The MRBA also receives funding through the Royalties for Regions Program for the employment of four additional doggers. These doggers operate on lands under the control of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and/or adjoining pastoral lease buffer zones. The funding can also be utilised to cover costs associated with the wild dog control program including bait meat, poisons, traps, safety location devices and administration.

The continuation of Royalties for Regions funding is dependent on approval by the Minister for Agriculture. This arrangement has been extended as part of the WA Wild Dog Action Plan only to 30 June 2026 with funding of \$250,000 each financial year. This makes no allowance for increased costs and does not even cover CPI increases. Expenditure in 2024/2025 totalled \$250,000, which completely expended this funding.

The future of this funding source is still uncertain, with the consultation workshop run by DPIRD (May 2024) on the future Wild Dog Action Plan #3 yet to deliver any definitive information regarding continuation of funding for the Recognised Biosecurity Groups who have received funding through this program over recent years.

DETAILED ACTIVITIES

2024/2025 Community Wild Dog Baiting Program

In 2024/2025 the MRBA conducted two community bait rack programs - one in September/October 2024 and one in May 2025. The MRBA operates seven bait racks across the region. The program for 2024/2025 is detailed in *Table 1* below.

Required meat quantities are determined in consultation with Rack Co-ordinators and in 2024/2025 expenditure was \$94,624 with freight of the meat costing an extra \$3,680.

The MRBA community baiting program operates on the basis that a coordinated approach, where all pastoralists lay baits within the same time frame, is essential for a successful wild dog reduction program.

In Spring 2024 the Melangata bait racks were relocated to Jingemarra Station. This major undertaking was achieved by local pastoralists who contributed their time, machinery and equipment as well as skills and expertise.

The Spring 2024 season saw a statewide shortage of roo meat and this meant that the Spring bait rack program was reduced by approximately 3.0 tonne. MRBA could avoid, or reduce, this risk to the program if there were funds available to power a freezer for months at a time. If this was available then meat could be added to the freezer over time, thus allowing a build up to the required amount. At present this option remains unrealised.

Aerial baiting program

In October 2024, a specially fitted-out aircraft was hired from Denham to enable baits prepared at the Ilgarrarie bait rack to be laid in inaccessible country in the north of the MRBA area. The cost of this aerial baiting aircraft was \$11,362. No LPMTs are contracted to cover this area, and aerial baiting is the only coordinated form of wild dog control that is carried out here.

Table 1: BAIT RACK PROGRAM for 2024/2025

Bait Rack Location	Spring 2024 Baiting Dates
Pullagaroo	18 th October
Challa	15 th October
Jingemarra	14 th October
Killara	8 th October
Yarraquin	18 th October
Yarlarweelor	12 th October
Ilgarrarie	16 th /17 th September
TOTAL BAIT MEAT (t)	9.14
Bait Rack Location	Autumn 2025 Baiting Dates
Pullagaroo	23 rd May
Challa	20 th May
Jingemarra	15 th May
Killara	13 th May
Yarraquin	17 th May
Yarlarweelor	20 th May
TOTAL BAIT MEAT (t)	9.44

Employment of Doggers

In 2024/2025 the MRBA employed nine Licenced Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs or 'doggers'). The role of the doggers is to support pastoralists in their efforts to control wild dogs by trapping and also to assist with laying wild dog baits.

The areas of operation of the doggers are Yagahorn East, Yagahorn West, Meekatharra West, Cue East, Cue West, Mount Magnet and Mount Magnet East (all funded through the DPRFS) and Doolgunna (northeast of Meekatharra), Paynes Find North, Paynes Find South and Yalgoo (these funded through the WDAP).

The nine doggers work on a part-time basis and operate under individual contracts on a standard daily rate. The total cost of doggers for 2024/2025 was \$522,497.

In addition to trapping and baiting, MRBA's doggers maintain close contact with pastoralists and provide technical advice on wild dog management when required.

The summarised vermin control statistics from dogger activities during 2024/2025 are shown below in *Table 2*. Note that this table includes the statistics from the doggers funded through both the Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme and the Wild Dog Action Plan program.

Table 2: WILD DOG CONTROL FIGURES for 2024/2025

LPMT	AREA	Dogs Trapped	Dogs Shot	Baits Laid	Cats	Donkeys	Camels	Horses
Greg Scott	Mt Magnet East	46		3600	1			
Jon Hehir	Cue West	55	1	3400	12	27		
Ian Sinclair	Cue East	50	1	262	7	5		
Tim Mahony	Yagahorn East	3	1		1		7	
Greg Hobson	Yagahorn West	7	3		2			
John Mahony	Meekatharra West	48	5		4	16	46	10
Reg Seaman	Mt Magnet	30		4010	7			
TOTALS for DPA:		239	10	11272	34	48	46	10
Reg Seaman	Paynes Find North	29	1	3287	9			
Jim Miller / Ian Sinclair	Paynes Find South	17	1		2			
Tim Mahony	Doolgunna	22	5	7250	1		33	7
John Darling	Yalgoo	56	3	3000		1		
TOTALS for R4R / WDAP:		124	10	13537	12	1	33	7
TOTAL of DPA & R4R		363	20	24809	46	49	79	17
TOTAL WILD DOGS		383						

2024/2025 Large Feral Herbivore Control Program

Due to the high cost of aerial control operations, the MRBA aims to carry out LFH control programs once every three years. As a result of internal DPIRD issues, however, no aerial control operation was able to be conducted in 2022. This meant that there was a four-year gap between the 2019 operation and the 2023 operation. That operation yielded a total of 1,924 animals being destroyed.

As there were funds carried over from the previous financial year, the MRBA elected to conduct an extra LFH cull in the 2024/2025 financial year.

Over the period of November 2nd to 8th 2024 DPIRD's Invasive Species Branch conducted an aerial cull of large feral herbivores over seven pastoral leases at the northern end of the MRBA region and to also include the area north east of Cue where donkey populations are known to be increasing.

Properties covered included: Sylvania, Bulloo Downs, Weelarana, Kumarina, Marymia, Tangadee and Mt Vernon in the north, and Austin Downs, Coodardy and Meka in the Cue area.

Over the 7 days of the operation the two DPIRD marksmen destroyed **3,035** large feral herbivores. The breakdown of species destroyed was **2,590 donkeys, 111 camels** and **334 horses**.

7,212 rounds of ammunition were used at an average of 2.38 rounds per LFH controlled. This is in accordance with Animal Welfare Guidelines that requires a minimum of 2 rounds per animal. On average, 53.25 LFH were controlled per hour of flight time at a total cost of \$34.34/LFH (exc. GST). The total cost of the operation to MRBA was \$96,522.

The highest concentrations of LFH were recorded on property boundaries adjacent to Unallocated Crown Land.

The numbers of LFH destroyed in this cull was significant given that a cull had been conducted the year prior. This demonstrates the rapid escalation and persistence of donkeys, camels and wild horses when regular control operations are not able to be conducted.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Executive Officer, Margi Weir, works on a contract basis. Margi manages the association's administrative functions which include financial management and record keeping, insurance obligations and reporting to funding bodies such as DPIRD.

In addition to providing administrative support to the seven Bait Rack Coordinators and five Dogger Coordinators, she coordinates the supply and delivery of bait meat for MRBA's bait rack programs. She also liaises with DPIRD's Invasive Species branch to coordinate the Large Feral Herbivore aerial cull operations.

The other main task of the Executive Officer is that of information sharing, particularly to keep members informed of general biosecurity issues which may have impacts on their pastoral production operations.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

It is a pleasure to submit this annual report and in so doing I acknowledge, with thanks, the contribution over the last twelve months of all Committee Members, the Secretary-Treasurer Mayne Jenour and Executive Officer Margi Weir.



Liam Johns
Chairman
Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association
11 November 2025

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**FUNDING REPORT
DEPARTMENT PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DIVISION - DECLARED PEST RATE 2024-2025
MEEKATHARRA RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC.**

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Statement of Income and Expenditure of the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc. Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Agriculture and Food Division Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025 based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards – ASA 805 & ASAE 3100. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for:

1. Compliance with the terms of the Grant Agreement
2. The preparation of any reports required under the Grant Agreement
3. Such internal control as management determines is necessary to:
 - i) Enable the preparation and fair presentation of the Statement of Income and Expenditure is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
 - ii) Enable compliance with the terms of the Grant Agreement

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibilities are:



Tax Agent
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1. To express an opinion, based on our audit, on:
 - i) The financial statement
 - ii) Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc's compliance, in all material aspects, with the terms of the Grant Agreement and

2. To conclude based on:
 - i) Our review procedures, on the statement of income and expenditure and
 - ii) Out limited assurance procedures on the statement of income and expenditure.

We conducted our audit of the Statement of Income and Expenditure in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards; our reasonable assurance on compliance with the Grant Agreement in accordance with ASAE 3100, our review of the statement of income and expenditure in accordance with ASAE 2405; and our limited assurance procedures on statement of income and expenditure in accordance with ASAE 3000. The applicable Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform our work to:

1. Obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of income and expenditure is free from material misstatement and that Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc. as complied, in all material aspects, with the terms of the Grant Agreement, and

2. Obtain limited assurance as to whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the statements of income and expenditure are materially misstated.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the statement of income and expenditure and about the entity's compliance with the Grant Agreement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the statement of income and expenditure, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and the financial statement, and to the entity's compliance with the Grant Agreement, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the statement of income and expenditure.

A review consists of making enquiries and applying analytical and other review procedures. AS review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the statement of income and expenditure.

A limited assurance engagement undertaken in respect of the statement of income and expenditure, in accordance with ASAE 3000 which involves performing procedures that are limited compared with those necessary in a reasonable assurance engagement but are, nonetheless, planned to obtain a level of assurance that is meaningful. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement; and consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion, review and limited assurance conclusions.

Inherent limitations

Because of the inherent limitations of any policies where high-level goals are set by management, while standards define how an organisation can meet these goals. Controls are specific guidelines to achieve standards, and procedures are detailed steps to follow controls, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. An audit is not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance continuously throughout the period and the audit procedures performed in respect of compliance with the terms of the Grant Agreement terms and conditions are undertaken on a test basis. The audit opinion on compliance with the Grant Agreement expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- a) the Statement of Income and Expenditure presents fairly, in all material respects of Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc. for the period ending 30 June 2025 in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and the terms of the Grant Agreement, dated 12 July 2024 with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Agriculture and Food Division Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025
- b) Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc. has complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Grant Agreement between the entity and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Agriculture and Food Division Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025 dated 12 July 2024 for the period ending 30 June 2025.
- c) The financial information contained in the interim report is based on proper accounts and presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash Receipts and Payments for the project in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Use of report

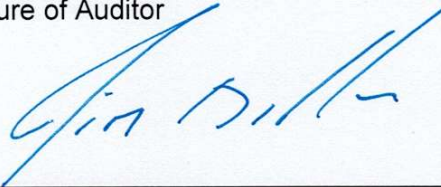
The Statement of Income and Expenditure has been prepared for distribution to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts for the purpose of fulfilling Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc's financial reporting under the Grant Agreement. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the Statement of Income and Expenditure to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Conclusions

Based on:

- a) Our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the of statement of income and expenditure as at 30 June 2025 is not, in all material respects, fairly presented in accordance with the Grant Agreement dated 12 July 2024 with. Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Agriculture and Food Division Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025 and,
- b) The procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the statement of income and expenditure as at 30 June 2025 is not prepared in all material respects, in accordance with the Grant Agreement dated 12 July 2024 with Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Agriculture and Food Division Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025).

Signature of Auditor



Name: JIM DILLON
CPA AUSTRALIA: 699724

Date: 24 July 2025

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development - Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme 24/25

Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2025

2025

1. Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development - Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme 24/25

Carried Forward Surplus 2023/2024	112,837.00
DPIRD Grant Income	
DPIRD Declared Pest Account	628,210.00
Rates Reimbursed	8,828.36
Total DPIRD Grant Income	637,038.36
DPIRD Grant Expenses	
1080 Injector Guns & Kits	(6,050.00)
Accountancy	(1,152.67)
Admin - Executive Officer	(15,582.62)
Aerial Baiting - Aircraft Dry Hire	(11,362.40)
Audit	(1,200.00)
Bait Meat (Autumn Baiting)	(30,333.00)
Bait Meat (Spring Baiting)	(48,560.00)
Bait Rack Maintenance	(729.43)
Bank Fees	(21.84)
Communications (Website)	(3,175.00)
Dogger - Coordinators	(3,000.00)
Dogger MRBA - Cue East	(47,120.00)
Dogger MRBA - Cue West	(72,988.96)
Dogger MRBA - Meekatharra West	(31,000.00)
Dogger MRBA - Mt. Magnet	(54,994.00)
Dogger MRBA - Mt. Magnet East	(55,559.78)
Dogger MRBA - Yagahorn East	(17,050.00)
Dogger MRBA - Yagahorn West	(32,860.00)
Freezer Repairs & Maintenance	(4,600.00)
Freight	(5,488.18)
Insurance	(4,723.45)
Legal Expenses	(3,000.00)
LFH Ammunition subsidy	(1,866.00)
LFH Control Operation	(96,521.51)
Meeting Expenses	(930.30)
Office Expenses	(9.86)
Rack Coordinators	(1,750.00)
Rates Reimbursed to Other RBG's	(5,912.72)
SPOT Tracking Devices - Subscriptions DPA	(1,704.33)
Superannuation	(3,104.32)

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Trap Parts	(600.00)
Traps	(9,185.45)
Travel National	(13.90)
Total DPIRD Grant Expenses	(572,149.72)
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Total Surplus as at 30/06/2025 to Carry Forward into 2025/2026	177,725.64
Distribution of Surplus 2025	
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Accrued expense to C/Fwd into 25/26 (Mt. Magnet 24/25 Dogger Program)	7,006.00
Accrued expense to C/Fwd into 25/26 (Yagahorn 24/25 Dogger Program)	2,480.00
To cover reduced DPFRS allocation for 25/26	22,603.00
Reserved Funds (LFH Control Program)	57,963.00
Planned Unspent Wild Dog Control Program	87,673.64
Total Distribution of Surplus 2025	177,725.64

Statement by Members of the Committee

Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc For the year ended 30 June 2025

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 of the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2025.
2. At the date of the statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



Signed: Mayne Jenour (Treasurer)

Dated: 02 / 09 / 2025



Signed: Liam Johns (President)

Dated: 02 / 09 / 2025