

# Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025

## 2024-25 DPRFS Final Report (Version 3 of 3)

### Application No. RBG-DPR24-12 From Dr Clare Engelke

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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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## Consent Privacy

### Privacy Statement

Information provided by Recipients or collected by DPIRD in relation to the project, may be used in the administration of this Funding Scheme and in the acceptance of this report.

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DPIRD will adhere to the legislative requirements of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*, and the *Privacy Act 1988* (cth) when storing information provided by Recipients or collected by DPIRD in relation to this Final Report.

DPIRD is also subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* and documents in our possession are subject to these provisions.

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**I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Statement and I consent to and authorise such uses and disclosures \***

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.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Activity Measure</b>	<b>Final Activity Update</b>
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)
Wild Dog Program	<p>Activities include aerial and ground baiting, engagement of Licensed Pest Management Technicians, and surveillance.</p> <p>Measures include the number of baits laid, traps set, wild dogs culled and a reduction in stock losses/attacks from wild dogs.</p>	<p>Minimum number of total dogs controlled (confirmed by carcass) - 42</p> <p>5000 baits laid by aerial baiting in October 2024.</p> <p>Provision of baits to landholders</p> <p>Average 50-90 traps out per month (weather dependent).</p> <p>Dogs reported by landholders - 12</p> <p>Stock attacks reported (number of individual stock harmed) - 55 small stock killed and 79 mauled.</p> <p>Wet weather in July/Aug/Sep limited access to large areas usually baited and trapped and subsequently affected total LPMT days.</p> <p>Administration - for aerial baiting, RCP permits and baiting provision, landholder liaison.</p>

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<p>Feral Pig Program</p>	<p>Activities include aerial and ground baiting, trapping, aerial culls, engagement of Licensed Pest Management Technicians, community baiting days, and surveillance.</p> <p>Measures include kg of bait and pre feed (data to be reported from Jan 2025), monitoring cameras purchased, traps set, trap days, and feral pigs culled.</p>	<p>12,461 pigs culled by NBG activities.</p> <p>Landholder reporting tool developed, available on website for landholders/public from November 24.</p> <p>Other activities:          LPMT provision of pig bait to landholders.</p> <p>New activities not in original Operational Plan:          Change to zoned approach for pig management and aerial shoots. Implemented Jan 25          Four additional pig traps purchased          Increase in aerial culls: total 200 hrs over 5476 square km. (10,282 pigs culled; media release by ABC - August 25 and Farm Weekly - Sept 25)</p>
<p>Other Animal Pests Program</p>	<p>Declared animal pests including foxes, feral cats, rabbits and emus.</p> <p>Activities including baiting, trapping and surveillance.</p> <p>Measures include the number of baits and traps laid, animals culled, surveillance footage and reduction in stock and crop damage.</p>	<p>Emu aerial cull in November 2024 - 847 emus culled.</p> <p>Rabbit baiting - provision of bait to landholders and bait laid at specific locations.</p> <p>Fox baits provided to landholders on request.</p> <p>69 deer culled during aerial pig cull.</p>
<p>Declared Plant Pest Program</p>	<p>Activities include use of chemical and biological controls to manage pests.</p> <p>Measures include site visits to ensure no new growth.</p>	<p>Known cacti plants sprayed in March-June 25. New locations for future control identified.</p>

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<p>Communication &amp; Community Engagement</p>	<p>Activities include workshops, field days, promotional materials, development of feral pig landholder reporting tool and education materials, newsletters, flyers, media release and signage.</p>	<p>Extensive informal phone surveys to landholders to understand pest concerns and raise landholder awareness of NBG and its activities.</p> <p>Community baiting day and provision of bait to landholders throughout the year</p> <p>Biannual NBG newsletter distributed to members and put on website in January (June-Dec report) and July (Jan-June report).</p> <p>RCP permit renewals, amendments and applications ongoing.</p> <p>NBG website updated and revised; now includes online application forms</p> <p>Media (public notice): for aerial dog baiting</p> <p>Assistance/support to NACC for their submission for Verbesina to be recognised as a Weed of National Significance, and YFIG &amp; Wheatbelt NRM for funding submissions.</p> <p>Engagement with additional stakeholders in relation to feral pig and wild dog control, e.g DBCA and Water Corporation.</p> <p>Update to MidWest Demonstration Site website.</p>
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Administration & Governance	Activities include Executive Officer and Finance Officer contracts, Board meetings, maintenance of office and supplies, assets and insurances, attendance to Feral Pig Conference, and financial and reporting obligations, legal advice and superannuation for applicable employees.	EO attended Feral Pig conference March 2025  Board meeting: December, February and June  AGM: October 24  Chair, EO and LLO attended DPIRD Talking RBG meeting Feb 24  EO and LLO training and adoption of Airtable and Fill-out for management.  Development of landholder reporting tools located on web site.  Update of web site.
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**Optional - Supporting Information**

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

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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.

<b>Funded Activity</b>	<b>Anticipated Expenditure (Ex GST)</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure (Ex GST)</b>
Name of program, e.g. Wild Dog Program.	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.
Administration & Governance	\$101,700.00	\$110,479.00
Communication & Community Engagement	\$12,400.00	\$24,214.00
Plant Pest Programs	\$4,000.00	\$4,155.00
Wild Dog Program	\$226,786.00	\$106,570.00

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Feral Pig Program	\$452,300.00	\$551,681.00
Other Animal Pest Program	\$75,500.00	\$32,592.00

## Budget Totals

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

<b>Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$872,686.00	<b>Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$829,691.00
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## 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

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Filename: NBG Annual Report FY2425.pdf

File size: 1.4 MB

Supporting information Audited Financial Statements

### Provide supporting documents

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Filename: 2025 Declared Pest Acquittal - Finalised.pdf

File size: 405.4 kB

Filename: 2025 Financial Report - Finalised.pdf

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Filename: 2025 Management Letter.pdf

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Supporting information Annual Report

### Provide supporting documents

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Further supporting information

## RBG Website

<http://nbg.org.au>

Must be a URL.

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

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## 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:

- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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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\$126,448.00

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**

Late invoice for the aerial cull of feral pigs completed in June 2025. Invoice was received 8 July.

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

## Unspent DPA funds - ACCUMULATED

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

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

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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**

\$126,448.00

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**

\$0.00

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**

\$0.00

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

**\* indicates a required field**

### 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:

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- 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**

Northern Biosecurity Group Inc

Name of Entity as listed in official documentation such as ABR, ACNC or ATO

**Name \***

Dr Clare Engelke

**Position \***

Executive Officer

**Email**

[nbg\\_eo@outlook.com](mailto:nbg_eo@outlook.com)

Must be an email address.

**Date \***

04/12/2025

Must be a date.



**Northern Biosecurity Group Inc.  
Annual Report  
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## Chair's Report

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Dear Members

As we approach the final round of confirmed funding for the 2026/2027 financial year, it is my hope that our feral pest management efforts are in a stronger position than when the Northern Biosecurity Group (NBG) was established seven years ago. Operations will continue as normal until the release of the new BAM Act, which will provide further guidance regarding future funding allocations.



The NBG has proactively sought legal counsel to ensure our policies and procedures for aerial culling are current, recognising the inherent risks associated with these activities. The acquisition of maps and landholder locations has presented ongoing challenges; however, steady progress is being made.

This year's aerial culling operations were the most comprehensive undertaken by the NBG to date. Special thanks are extended to Clare and Jay for their considerable dedication, as well as to participating landholders for their cooperation in completing documentation and providing essential mapping. The high numbers of feral pigs and deer culled were consistent with expectations.

The zone-based approach implemented by Clare, Jay and the Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) has proven highly effective in fostering collaboration among neighbouring landholders. This coordinated strategy has enabled the NBG to collect valuable data and accurately identify pest hotspots. We intend to maintain this data-driven methodology in 2026, ensuring board decisions are informed by robust evidence.

Recent amendments to the Firearms Act have necessitated further legal review of LPMT contracts. As a result, LPMTs are now required to hold a professional shooter's licence to be employed by NBG. These legislative changes have also impacted landholders and recreational hunters, with the licensing portal presenting challenges for all firearm licence holders. It is hoped that most landholders have successfully retained their firearms, which remain essential tools for effective local pest management.

To support strategic development, the board has engaged AgriStart Pty Ltd to develop a five-year Strategic Plan. We are collaborating closely with Dr Natasha Teakle on this initiative, which is expected to streamline operations and provide Clare with greater clarity on board priorities for future funding.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our NBG board members for their ongoing commitment and thoughtful input throughout the year. Their guidance has been invaluable in steering our group towards its objectives. Additionally, I extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and professionalism have been instrumental in the success of our operations. The collective effort of both board and staff continues to underpin the achievements of the Northern Biosecurity Group.

Jason Batten  
Chair



## Where we operate

The Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. (NBG) designated area of management comprises freehold land properties, 100 hectares or more, located in the local government areas (LGAs) of:

- City of Greater of Geraldton,
- Shire of Chapman Valley, and
- Shire of Northampton.

*Note: The Declared Pest Rate on Pastoral lands in the 3 LGAs is paid to the Rangelands Biosecurity Associations to the north and east.*

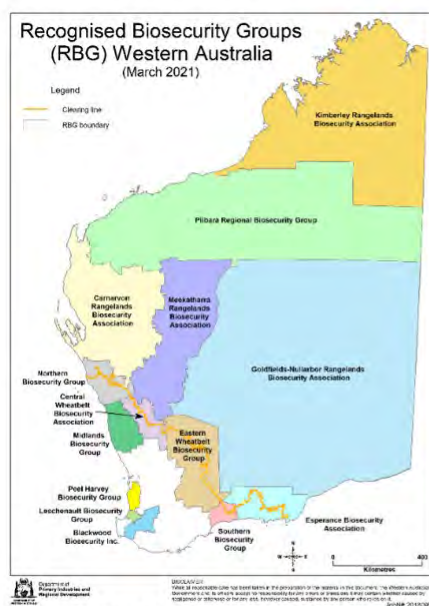


Figure 1. The NBG is one of 14 Recognised Biosecurity Groups in WA.

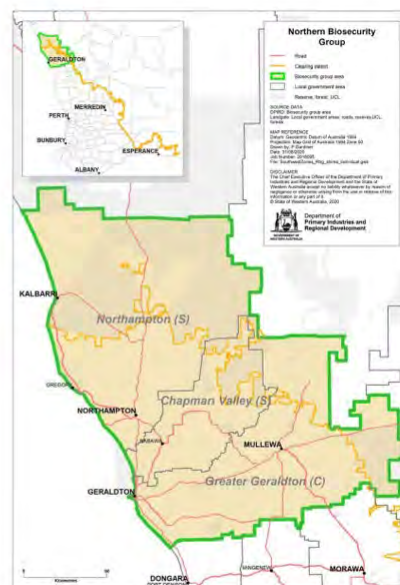


Figure 2. The Local Government Areas within the NBG designated area of management.

## Why we operate

The purpose of the Northern Biosecurity Group (NBG) is to support landholders to meet their legal obligations under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act), that being to control declared pest animals and plants on private land.

In 2016, before it became a Recognised Biosecurity Group, the NBG formed to focus on the control of wild dogs inside the State Barrier Fence (SBF).

The group's board comprised 6 representatives from local agricultural groups:

- the Northern Agri Group (NAG),
- Yuna Farm Improvement Group (YFIG),
- Mullewa Dryland Farming Initiative (MDFY), and the
- Northampton Feral Eradication Group.

In 2018, the NBG was established as a Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG). A RBG is the State Government's preferred partnership for the control of widespread and established declared pests.



The RBGs operate as a mechanism under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act) and are funded via the Declared Pest Rate (DPR), with matched funding (1:1) from the State Government. The funding may only be used for declared pest control in the NBG area, and only for activities outlined in an Operational Plan that has been approved by the State Government.

Since 2019, the NBG has focussed on the management of a number of declared pests identified by landholders as priority pests impacting biosecurity and agriculture in the region. The RBG model allows landholders and managers to develop a coordinated approach for declared pest control that addresses local needs and supports their individual efforts.

### **Objectives of the NBG**

*As detailed in the NBG Constitution, the Objects and Purposes of the group are to:*

- Initiate, promote and foster the control of Declared Pests in the Designated Area;
- Encourage landholders and other persons to adopt sound biosecurity practices throughout the Designated Area;
- Foster the sustainable development of the Designated Area;
- Encourage the control of pests other than Declared Pests in the Designated Area;
- Identify direct or indirect funding sources that can be made available for the development of the objects and purposes of the Association;
- Provide Members with a forum to exchange information, advice and assistance where appropriate; and
- Undertake any activity that the Board of Management shall from time to time determine to be in furtherance of the objects of the Association.

### **How we operate**

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The Board of Management represents landholders in the region and is responsible for governance, compliance, and strategic and financial oversight of the NBG. A team of administrators and licensed pest management technicians executes the Operational Plan for the NBG.

The group is an association under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*. Our Constitution stipulates a minimum of two representatives from each LGA must sit on the Association's board. This is to encourage stakeholder representation and landholder engagement across the NBG area of management. The Board of Management comprises:

- a Chairperson,
- a Deputy Chairperson,
- a Secretary\*
- a Treasurer\* and
- no less than three but no more than eight other members.

*\*The treasurer and secretary can be appointed as ex-officio*

### **2024/2025 Board of Management**

Three new members joined the board at the commencement of FY24/25. Three board members' terms expire at the end of FY 24/25. Board members are volunteers and are full members of the NBG.



Table 1. The 2024/2025 NBG Board Members

Name	LGA	Term expiry (end of FY- at October AGM)
Jason Batten (Chair)	Chapman Valley	25/26 - 2026
Scott Bridgeman (Deputy Chair)	Northampton	25/26 - 2026
Ashley Eastough	Chapman Valley	25/26 - 2026
Mike Kerkmans	Greater Geraldton	24/25 - 2025
Anthony Hollins	Greater Geraldton	25/26 - 2026
Darren Cobley	Greater Geraldton	24/25 - 2025
Carlie Rowe	Greater Geraldton	25/26 - 2026
Lloyd Cripps	Northampton	24/25 - 2025
Penny Walker	Secretary and Treasurer	* <i>ex officio</i>

\*no voting rights

### NBG Membership

All membership to the NBG is free.

Full membership is available to any landholder who owns or occupies at least 100 hectares of freehold land within the NBG area of management, namely the LGAs of Northampton, Chapman Valley and City of Greater Geraldton.

Associate membership is available to any person, or representative of a public authority or other corporate body, that has an interest in Declared Pest Management within the NBG.

The NBG encourages landholders to become full members, allowing them more input into determining priority pests and activities of the NBG. The NBG cannot automatically make individuals a member, including where they pay a DPR, because privacy laws prevent the group from accessing landholder contact details.

### 2024/25 membership

- The NBG had a 286% increase in membership in 2024/2025.
- At the end of FY 2024/25 the NBG had 114 Full Members and 15 Associate Members.
- An additional 25 membership applications, received after the 8 June 2025 meeting, await approval at the next board meeting.

### Our team

The 24/25 Operations team comprised eight part-time contractors, including:

- an Executive Officer,
- Finance Officer
- a Landholder Liaison Officer, and
- Licensed Pest Management Technicians



Table 2. The NBG Operations team

Position	Contractor		Summary of responsibilities
Executive Officer		Clare Engelke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations planning and management</li> <li>• LPMT coordination</li> <li>• Data management</li> <li>• Invoice/payment approval</li> <li>• Reporting to board, DPIRD &amp; funding bodies</li> <li>• Stakeholder liaison &amp; communications</li> </ul>
Finance Officer Board Secretary & Treasurer (non-voting member)		Penny Walker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bookkeeping</li> <li>• Audit &amp; insurances management</li> <li>• Board secretary</li> </ul>
Landholder Liaison Officer		Jay Rayner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landholder engagement for RCP Permits and participation in pest control activities</li> <li>• Coordination of RCP training events &amp; baiting days</li> </ul>
Licensed Pest Management Technicians		Ray Hughes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of wild dogs and foxes in the east of the NBG region.</li> </ul>
Total days: 578		Andrew O'Dwyer - Midwest Pest Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of wild dogs and foxes in the northeast of NBG region</li> <li>• Management of Opuntoid cacti in the NBG region.</li> </ul>
		Josh Gould – JG's Feral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of wild dogs, feral pigs, foxes and rabbits in the NBG region</li> <li>• Preparation of bait for landholders</li> <li>• Rabbit baiting in specific locations</li> </ul>
		Wayne Heal – Sort 'Em Out Pest Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of feral pigs, foxes and rabbits in the NBG region.</li> <li>• LPMT on ground during aerial culling program</li> </ul>
		Andy Lockey – WA Feral Animal Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of feral pigs, foxes and rabbits in Zone 4 &amp; 10 prior to aerial cull in June.</li> </ul>

In 24/25, the LPMTs completed 578 days managing priority pests across the NBG region.

The NBG contracts Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) to work alongside land managers across our region. Their main duties are baiting and trapping in areas impacted by wild dogs and feral pigs. As part of their contract, they also control rabbits and foxes and prepare bait for landholders on behalf of the NBG.

### Aerial contractors

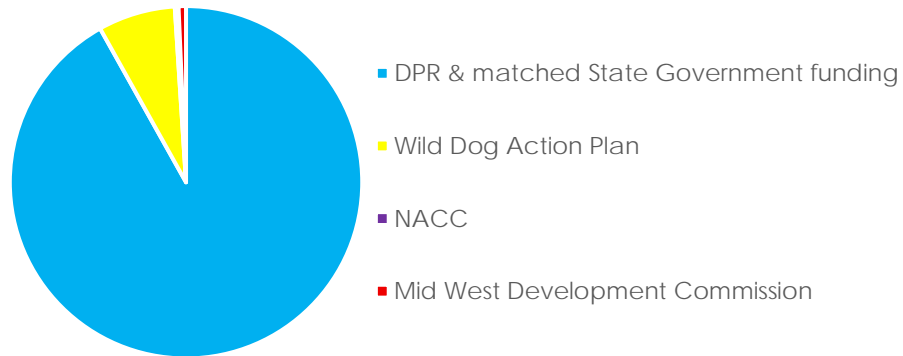
Three aerial contract teams completed work for the NBG in 24/25:

- JL Taylor and Outback Aviation – aerial baiting for wild dog management
- Vertebrate Pest Management Australia and Coral Coast Helicopters – aerial culls of emus and feral pigs
- DPIRD & Fortescue Aviation – aerial culls of feral pigs



## Funding Sources 2024 - 2025

The primary source of funding for the NBG in 2024/25 was the Declared Pest Rate and State Government matched funding.



At the 2024 Annual General Meeting, the members endorsed the NBG's 2024/25 Operational Plan, with a total budget of \$575,186. This included income from:

- landholder Declared Pest Rate,
- matched State government funding,
- funds held in reserve,
- \$62,500 from the WA Wild Dog Action Plan 2,
- \$3000 NACC Protecting WA's Black Cockatoos Project
- \$4250 Drought Resilience Planning Program for the Mid West (MWDC).

For the 24/25 budget, the Minister approved an ad valorem rate of 0.028 cents in the dollar on the unimproved value of freehold land in the local government districts of Chapman Valley, Greater Geraldton and Northampton, on holdings with a minimum of 100 hectares and a minimum rate payable of \$80.

Modelling completed by DPIRD in January 2024, based on the 0.028 cents, was estimated to raise \$239,548. However, the DPR raised an additional \$126,163 because of increases in land values. The additional DPR revenue was matched by the State Government, thus a surplus of \$252,326 was collected into the NBG reserve account. This account is administered by the DPIRD.

In December 2024, the NBG Board determined a change of approach, and increase, to feral pig management was warranted. This was in response to a survey of landholders, review of NBG data, and the promising results from a zone approach implemented by the Midlands and Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Groups.

To fund the increase in activities, a budget variation request for an additional \$297,500 was submitted to the DPIRD, to use reserve funds held in the NBG reserve account. The funding allowed expanded ground control and aerial culling across more of the region, directly responding to landholder reports of feral pig activity and damage.

The final budget for FY24/25 was \$881,686. A total of \$359,141 remains in the NBG reserve fund, as indicated on the Quarter 4 statement provided by the DPIRD in July 2025.



## Programs 2024 - 2025

### Wild Dogs

<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$169,070</b>
Baits by aerial baiting	5000
Baits by ground baiting	4250
Average number of traps set per month	50-90 (weather dependent)
Dogs trapped/shot	42
Dogs reported by landholders (sighting, attack or control)	12
Stock attacks reported	55 small stock killed: 79 mauled

### *Aerial baiting*

In October 2024, Jamie Taylor, of JL Taylor, completed an aerial baiting program for wild dogs for the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association (EWBA), Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association (CWBA) and the NBG. Josh Gould assisted with laying the baits in the NBG area.

A total of 5000 baits were distributed across locations identified as inaccessible by vehicle. The program covered Ex Barnong Pastoral Lease, Gabyon Station, Wandina Station, Yuin/Twin Peaks/Narloo, Yuin Station, Carlaminda and Talling; map of flight tracks below in purple, black and pink.

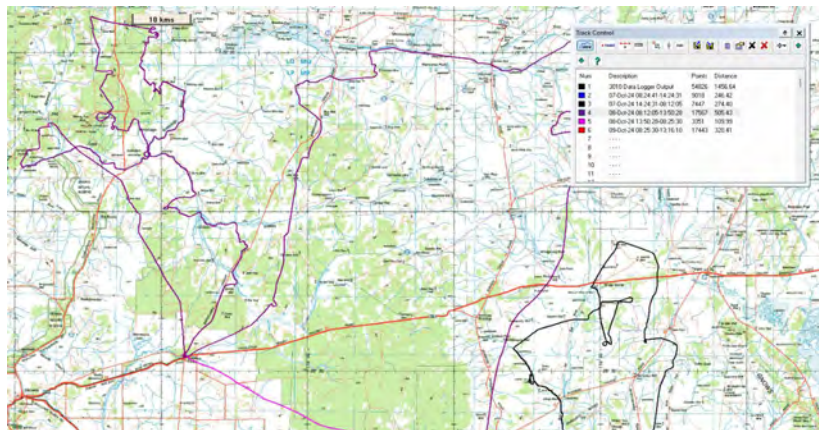


Figure 3. Flight paths for aerial baiting for wild dog control, October 2024.



## Feral Pigs

<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$551,682*</b>
Pigs culled by groundwork (trapping/baiting)	2179
Pigs culled by aerial work	10,282
Pig damage/sightings control reported by landholders	15 sighting/damage reports; 794 pigs controlled

\*this value includes the June DPIRD aerial cull, for which the invoice was received & paid July 25

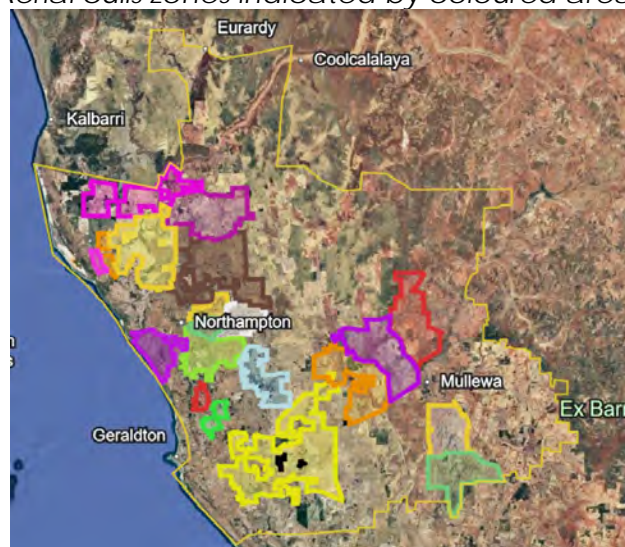
In December 2025, the NBG Board approved the adoption of a zoned approach for feral pig control. The landscape was divided into zones based on historical data and landholder reports. The preferred work plan of the zone approach is the completion of groundwork in each zone every 3-4 months to prevent pig populations increasing, with aerial culls as required.

In 2024/25, a survey of landholders determined a wider spread and greater interest in feral pig control than anticipated. Therefore, there was not time to execute all groundwork before the break of season; thus, aerial culls were completed over some new areas without the preliminary groundwork. The NBG took this as an opportunity to gather an understanding of feral pig populations.

Four aerial cull programs, 200 cull hours, were completed between March and June 2025 over 5476 square kilometres. For many of the zones, pigs were culled at an average of 1 per minute.

The maps below indicate the zones (areas) covered by aerial cull; zones are indicated by coloured areas, where landholder consent was provided. The yellow outer boundary approximate boundary of freehold agricultural land across the three LGAs, Northampton, Chapman Valley and Greater Geraldton. There were significant areas of remnant vegetation that the NBG were not permitted to access. Remnant vegetation is the preferred habitat of feral pigs; future access to such areas is important for improvement in the management of feral pigs in the region.

*Aerial culls zones indicated by coloured areas.*





### Other Animal Pests

<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$32,592</b>
<b>Emus (aerial cull in November 2024)</b>	847
<b>Rabbits</b>	Baiting completed at specific locations; bait supplied to landowners
<b>Foxes</b>	Culled as part of LPMT operations; baits laid and provided to landholders up on request
<b>Cats</b>	Culled as part of LPMT operations
<b>Deer*</b>	69 – culled by the DPIRD team during pig aerial work

### Declared Plants - Cacti

<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$4,155</b>
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Survey and control of Opuntoid cacti was completed in the northeast of the region, on properties near Wandana and Dartmoor.



### Communication and Engagement

Month	Activity	Target audience	Purpose
<b>September 24</b>	Aerial baiting & baiting notification	Landholders and general public	Wild dog control and public notification
<b>October 24</b>	Annual General Meeting	Members	Consultation and inform
<b>November 24</b>	Informal phone surveys	Full members & landholders in the region	Consultation – to understand priority pests & problem areas
<b>December 24</b>	Website update	All stakeholders	Move membership application and reporting tool online and update website.
<b>January 24</b>	Biannual newsletter 1	Members and other stakeholders	Inform
	Letter of Support for NACC project submission	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry/NACC	Support for the recognition of a weed species that affects our members
	Discussion with affected landholders for input into	Members (and government –	To provide input into the



	review of Wild Dog Action Plan funding	information compiled in letter to DPIRD)	government's review of Wild Dog Action Plan funding
<b>February 25</b>	Community baiting day notification (website, social media and messages) & event & Community Baiting Day	Landholders	Awareness and participation.  Limited success with 2 baiting days cancelled
	Landholder briefing on Feral Pig Control, Northampton	Landholders	Awareness and participation
<b>March 25</b>	Phone and email campaign for upcoming aerial culls	Members & other interested landholders	Participation and consultation
	Landholder Briefing on Feral Pig Control, Walkaway	Landholders	Participation
<b>April 25</b>	Letter of support for funding applications by YFIG and Wheatbelt NRM (Red card for foxes and rabbits)	Funding bodies	Support of projects that would provide positive impacts to our members
<b>May 25</b>	Phone surveys of landholders in area to engage in feral pig control	Landholders in the region	Participation
<b>June 25</b>	Biannual newsletter (distributed early July)		Inform
	Provided updates to National Feral Pig Action Plan – for the Mid West Demonstration Site web page		Inform

### Administration & Governance

<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$122,214</b>
<b>Board meetings and events</b>	AGM October 2024, 3 additional board meetings – December, March & June
<b>Operating systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New management system adopted for NBG records for monitoring and evaluation, LPMT information and membership application.</li> <li>• Feral Scan continues to be used for Wild Dog reporting</li> <li>• EVORTA network for dog and pig monitoring</li> <li>• Field cameras at all trap and bait sites for feral pig control</li> <li>• Web based forms for membership and landholder reporting</li> </ul>
<b>Risk management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk identification, assessment and control</li> <li>• Legal advice on contracts and new firearms legislation</li> </ul>



## Financial Report

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

Northern Biosecurity Group Inc

AGM – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

#### Financial Statement 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Financial Summary for this period

##### Opening Bank Balance

Bendigo Working Account	\$47,141.07
Bendigo Savings Account	\$ 0.15
Bendigo Executive Officer Exp Acct	\$ 6,666.28
<b>Total Opening Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$53,807.50</b>

##### Income

DPIRD Grant funding	\$ 62,500.00
Declared Pest Rate Account funds	\$818,686.00
Interest	\$ 92.04
<b>Total Income Received</b>	<b>\$881,278.04</b>

##### Expenses

Admin/Governance	\$112,979.81
Wild Dogs	\$169,070.47
Feral Pigs	\$436,729.80
Other Pest Animals	\$ 35,592.38
Declared Plants	\$ 4,155.00
Community Engagement	\$ 24,214.83
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$792,726.18</b>

##### Balance of Bendigo Bank Accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Working Account	\$130,470.10
Savings Account	\$ 0.15
Executive Officer Expenditure Account	\$ 74.42

**Closing Bank Balance** **\$130,544.67**

Outstanding Payables

**Total Outstanding Payables**

\$0.00

**Outstanding Receivables**

ATO **\$26,919.00**



The financial software used is MYOB, where all our financial reports are issued for every Board of Management meeting along with copies of the Bank Statements.

At a minimum, two of the Board along with the Board Treasurer sign for all transactions to the account which is managed online after approval for payment by the Executive Officer.

AMD Accountants Geraldton office oversee the lodgement of the BAS and end of year adjustments.

Our group have been audited annually since inception by AMD Bunbury, who are a registered company auditor, this is conducted in accordance with ASIC, Corporations Act and other relevant legislative requirements.

They undertake the audit process providing independent, information risk management and objective assurance advice designed to add value and improve our operation while understanding the critical nature of our Board for effective governance.

Audited financials have not been received to date, they are being produced by AMD Chartered Accountants and to be motioned by the Board on receipt. We expect to receipt this in the next week and do not expect to have any negative findings.

### **Recommendation**

That the draft financial reports including Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss and statement of Cash Flow as presented and subject to appropriate Accountant adjustments be adopted and approved by the board, and when the audited financials are received that they are circulated for final motion.

*Penny Walker*

Penny Walker  
Contract Board Treasurer



## Future Challenges

### Funding for Wild Dog control

The funding for the Wild Dog Action Plan 2 finishes in June 2026. The NBG seeks input from landholders, to plan for the possibility that the funding will not be renewed and to determine how best to manage the impact of wild dogs on small stock into the future.

### Expense of aerial cull programs

We removed many feral pigs from the landscape between January to June 2025, but we are certain many are still there. Aerial culls are effective when populations are high, however they become increasingly expensive (per head) if pig populations decline. Furthermore, reliance on aerial culling alone is unlikely to be sustainable; pigs can become 'helicopter wise', thus aerial culling may be a less effective method long term.

This year (24/25), and for the next year (25/26), the group had reserve funds available to increase feral pig management in the region. However, we require landholder input to understand how members would like DPR funds spent on a coordinated approach to feral pig control into the future. Reliance on aerial culling long term will likely require increases to the DPR, or additional landholder contributions, in order to fund future aerial programs if they are to remain as extensive as 24/25.

### Uncertainty of NBG's future beyond June 2027

In 2022, the Minister announced a review into the BAM Act, the legislation that enables the RBGs to access a consistent source of funding for local pest management. The review is still in progress, and the pending outcome is yet to be released. The RBGs were advised no changes would occur until at least July 2027. However, we have entered the planning phase for FY 26/27, and the uncertainty beyond July 2027 limits our capacity to plan long term programs for effective pest management.

### Stakeholder engagement in pest control

The NBG is a grass roots organisation and relies on input from landholders and land managers. Our engagement with landholders is improving but there remains a significant number of landholders that we have not reached, reflected in our membership numbers and engagement in landscape scale control of declared pests.

One of our 25/26 goals is to engage with more landholders in the region and encourage greater participation in landscape scale, best practice management of declared pests. We aim for our members and all landholders in the region to benefit from improved management of declared pests in the region.



NORTHERN BIOSECURITY INC.  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025





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**NORTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Declared Pest Account Funds	841,414	560,876
Grant Income	66,264	63,411
Interest Income	92	11
Other Income	-	27,001
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>907,770</b>	<b>651,299</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accounting/Bookeeping Fees	7,946	5,688
Advertising	183	2,316
Audit	3,930	3,710
Bank Fees	39	35
Bait Rack Days	900	-
Board Expenses	11,310	1,121
Cacti	4,155	-
Computer Expenses	1,398	1,669
Contractor - EO	81,752	37,422
Contractor	15,223	-
Insurance Expenses	6,446	5,583
Office Expenses	4,366	473
Travel & Accom. Expenses	5,594	2,523
Wild Dogs Expenses	169,070	209,562
Feral Pigs Expenses	551,682	252,848
Other Pests Expenses	35,592	30,446
RCP Permits	1,595	778
Workshops	6,497	6,019
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>907,678</b>	<b>560,193</b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>91,106</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**NORTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Working Account	130,470	47,141
Net GST Receivable	26,919	16,688
EO Account	74	6,666
Accrued Income	114,953	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>272,416</u>	<u>70,495</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>272,416</u>	<u>70,495</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade Creditors and Accrued Expenses	114,953	1,584
Unspent Grants	106,182	17,722
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>221,135</u>	<u>19,306</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>221,135</u>	<u>19,306</u>
<b>NET ASSETS/(ACCUMULATED LOSSES)</b>	<u>51,281</u>	<u>51,189</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**NORTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	\$
<b>Retained Earnings/(losses) 1 July 2023</b>	(39,917)
Surplus for the period	91,106
<b>Closing Retained Earnings 30 June 2024</b>	<u><b>51,189</b></u>
<b>Opening Retained Earnings 1 July 2024</b>	51,189
Surplus for the period	92
<b>Closing Retained Earnings 30 June 2025</b>	<u><b>51,281</b></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

NORTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Funding	996,138	634,985
Other income	-	27,001
Payments to suppliers and employees	(919,493)	(682,410)
Interest received	92	11
<b>Net Cash provided by/(used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b>76,737</b>	<b>(20,413)</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	76,737	(20,413)
Cash at beginning of financial year	53,807	74,220
Cash at end of Financial Year	<b>130,544</b>	<b>53,807</b>
<b>A. Cash at end of Financial year represented by:</b>		
Working Account	130,470	47,141
EO Account	74	6,666
	<b>130,544</b>	<b>53,808</b>
<b>B. Reconciliation of net cashflow from operations with net surplus:</b>		
Surplus from ordinary activities	92	91,106
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable and prepayments	(125,184)	(16,688)
Accounts payable and other accruals	113,370	1,584
Unspent funds liability	88,459	17,722
	<b>76,737</b>	<b>93,724</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**NORTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

**NOTE 1. STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Constitution and the *Associations Incorporations Act (WA) 2015*. The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue recognition relating to the provision of services is determined with reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at reporting date.

Revenue from grant funding, provided under contractual arrangements is taken up on a proportionate basis net of GST, over the period to which the funding relates.

Grant funds received in advance at balance date are recognised as a liability within the balance sheet and carried forward to the next accounting period. Refer to Note 4 for further details.

**NOTE 2. INCORPORATION**

Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. was incorporated on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and registered for Goods & Services Tax at 1 July 2018.

Following Incorporation, during July 2018, Shire of Northampton transferred \$76,434.39 funds held on behalf of Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. to a Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. bank account.

## NORTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

#### NOTE 3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND GOING CONCERN

The Board have determined that this financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis.

The ongoing operation of the services provide by the Northern Biosecurity Group Inc.is dependent upon the continued receipt of grant funds.

The Board and management have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. The Board and management consider that the following are relevant in determining that the going concern basis is appropriate:

- Landholders of the region have shown support of Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. projects in the high percentage of Declared Pest Rates Notices being paid and received in the Declared Pest Rate Account;
- The ongoing fiscal management by the Board and management to ensure financial sustainability; and
- There are funds available to Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. which are currently held in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Declared Pest Account. These funds will be made available to Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. upon application to and subsequent approval by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

#### NOTE 4. UNEXPENDED GRANTS

Where grants are carried forward at 30 June to a subsequent financial year, a corresponding liability is recognised in the balance sheet, in relation to Unexpended Grants.

As at 30 June 2025, \$106,182 of funding was unspent and required to be carried over to the following year.

Accordingly, a corresponding "Unexpended Grants" liability of \$106,182 has been brought to account as at 30 June 2025, recognising that these funds are to be carried forward to the subsequent financial year, and expended in accordance with grant funding requirements. Unexpended grants held as at 30 June 2025 carried forward to the 2025/2026 year are as follows:

	\$
1. DPIRD WA Wild Dog Training	1,304
2. Regional Drought Resilience	3,500
3. Declared Pest Project	<u>101,378</u>
TOTAL	<u>106,182</u>

**NORTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.**  
**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

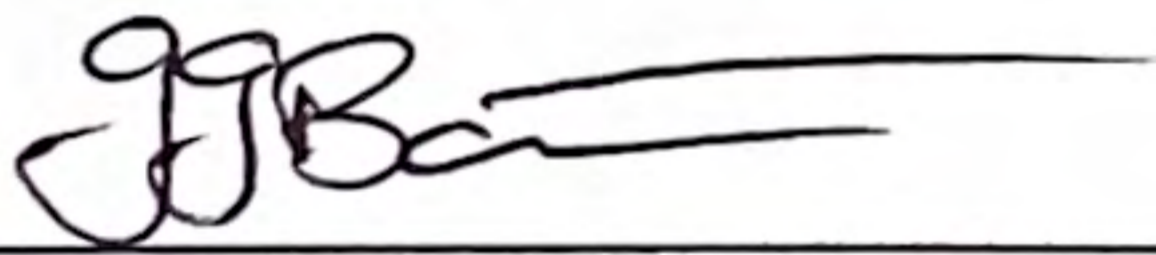
The Board have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The Board have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015* and the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board:

1. The financial statements and notes of Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. are in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015* including:
  - a) giving a true and fair view of its financial position at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date;
  - b) complying with the accounting policies described within Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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



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Jason Batten  
Chairperson  
Northern Biosecurity Group Inc.



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Scott Bridgeman  
Deputy Chairperson  
Northern Biosecurity Group Inc.

Dated this 30 day of 11 2025



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## AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

### TO THE BOARD OF NORTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the period ended 30 June 2024, there have been no contraventions of:

- i) The auditor independence requirements as set out in Section 80 of the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015* in relation to the audit; and
- ii) Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

#### AMD Chartered Accountants

**MARIA CAVALLO**  
Director

Level 1, 53 Victoria Street, Bunbury, Western Australia

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Northern Biosecurity Group Inc., being a special purpose financial report, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2024 and the statement of income and expenditure, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, and the statement by members of the board.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report has been prepared in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015*, including:

- i) giving a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position of Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- i) complying with the accounting policies described in Note 1 and the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015*.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

**Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Emphasis Matter- Financial Support**

We draw attention to note 3 to the financial statements which outlines the ongoing operation of Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. is dependent upon the continued receipt of funding from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015* and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management are responsible for assessing Northern Biosecurity Group Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the Northern Biosecurity Group Inc. or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing Northern Biosecurity Group Inc.'s financial reporting process.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

### **AMD Chartered Accountants**



**MARIA CAVALLO**  
Director

Level 1, 53 Victoria Street, Bunbury, Western Australia

Dated this 1st day of December 2025