

# Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025

## 2024-25 DPRFS Final Report

### Application No. RBG-DPR24-13 From Miss Tanya Argent

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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.

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

## 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.

Any information provided (personal, financial or otherwise) will be solely used for this purpose of this Funding Scheme.

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.

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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 coordinated community aerial and ground baiting program.</p> <p>Numbers of baits laid, areas covered, animals culled and feedback from landholders and Licenced Pest Management Technicians about wild dog sightings and stock injury data.</p>	<p>15 TONNE BAIT MEAT DISTRIBUTED ACROSS 57 PROPERTIES. LANDHOLDER REPORTS ARE NOTED OF SUCCESS OF BAITS. CONTINUED DNA SAMPLES BEING OBTAINED FOR RESEARCH. INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS HELD UP BY FINDING A SUITABLE TRANSPORT COMPANY TO DELIVER CHEMICALS.</p>
Large Feral Herbivore Program	<p>Declared animal pests including donkeys, horses and camels.</p> <p>Activities include aerial culls.</p> <p>Numbers of animal culled through control methods and landholder, and Licenced Pest Management Technician feedback on the aerial shoot success.</p>	<p>82.5 HR PROGRAM COMPLETED. FAR GREATER NUMBERS THAN FY23/24. DEMONSTRATES THAT CONTINUED PROGRAMS ARE IMPORTANT.</p>
Feral Pig Program	<p>Activities including ground and aerial baiting, trapping, shooting, and surveillance monitoring.</p> <p>Measures include the number of baits and traps laid, animals culled and surveillance monitored.</p>	<p>DEVELOPING PLAN. MEETING WITH TOPH AND OTHER FUNDING PARTNERS TO EXECUTE.</p>
Administration & Governance	<p>Activities include meetings, financial and reporting obligations, maintenance of insurances and general office management.</p>	<p>ONGOING.</p>

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Declared Plant Pest Program	Plant pests including mesquite.  Management activities include site visits to monitor and spray plant pests and record successful applications.	PLANT PEST CONTRIBUTED TO PMMC. REPORT ATTACHED IN ANNUAL REPORT.
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### Optional - Supporting Information

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

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File size: 1.1 MB

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.

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	\$83,800.00	\$49,837.00
Plant Pest Program	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Wild Dog Program	\$457,000.00	\$297,226.00
Large Feral Herbivore Program	\$95,000.00	\$13,985.00

### Budget Totals

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

<b>Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$675,800.00	<b>Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$401,048.00
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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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Supporting information Audited Financial Statements

### Provide supporting documents

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Supporting information Annual Report

### Provide supporting documents

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Further supporting information

## RBG Website

<https://www.pilbararbg.org.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;

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(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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\$77,111.93

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**

This value is inclusive of GST. Refer to the Audited Financial Report Cash Reconciliation. This is due to the draw down of funds held from other Funding partners to the PRBG. Refer to the Balance Sheet and Audited Financial Report of FY23/24 as we explained we would draw down on funds once clarified in FY24/25. This is reflected in the Balance Sheet in FY24/25.

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\***

\$363,431.93

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**

\$1,320.00

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**

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\$85,000.00

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**

\$200,000.00

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**

\$77,111.93

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**

PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP

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

**Name \***

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Miss TANYA ARGENT

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Must be an email address.

**Date \***  
21/01/2026  
Must be a date.

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

#### **About the Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group Inc.**

The PRBG is a non-profit organisation established in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2015. It specialises in delivering pest control services for land managers, with a primary focus on the pastoral zone. The association's main objective is to manage declared pests; utilising funding sourced from Declared Pest Rates paid by pastoral lease holders. These funds are then matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the Western Australian Government, recognising the public benefit of controlling declared pest animals and weeds.

The PRBG operates within the Shires of Ashburton and East Pilbara, the Town of Port Hedland, and the City of Karratha. It holds formal recognition from the Honourable Minister for Agriculture and Food as a Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG).

The association is overseen by a committee of dedicated volunteers who invest a significant amount of their time during the year managing the operations and ensuring compliance with PRBG initiatives.

#### **Committee of management members (as of 30 June 2025)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>OFFICE HELD</b>	<b>EXPIRY DATE OF TERM</b>	<b>Region &amp; Property Representing</b>	<b>NUMBER OF TERMS</b>
Dylan Corker	<b>Chairperson</b>	1 December 2027	Ashburton Red Hill Station	1
Katrina Wier	<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	25 November 2025	Ashburton Minderoo Station	2
Kim Parsons	<b>Treasurer</b>	1 December 2027	West Pilbara Coolawanyah Station	4
Haydn James	4. Full Member	8 December 2026	East Pilbara Hamersly Station	3
Doug Brownlie	5. Full Member	1 December 2027	East Pilbara Mulga Downs	2
Dave Rutherford	6. Full Member	8 December 2024	West Pilbara Karratha Station	1
Jo Willams	7. Full Member	1 December 2027	East Pilbara Roy Hill Station	3
Hamish Robertson, DBCA	8. Associate Member	25 November 2025	West Pilbara	1
Annabelle Little, PMMC	9. Associate Member	March 2028	West Pilbara	1
Richard Gratte	11. Full Member	1 December 2027	East Pilbara Ethel Creek	1
Vacant	12. Associate/Full Member			
Tanya Argent	Executive Officer	30 June 2027	West Pilbara	

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The PRBG works with local stakeholders who hold local knowledge on the region's problem pests. Utilising this local landscape understanding to form the basis of our annual operations each year.

### **Funding Summary**

The PRBG main source of funding is from DPIRD under the Declared Pest Rates (DPR) paid by pastoral leases that are matched equally by the WA State Government, with the combined funds generally referred to as the Declared Pest Account (DPA) funds. The PRBG also partners with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to allow for extension activities to be undertaken across the PRBG region.

The PRBG also secures funding through key partnerships in the region. Rio Tinto has for many consecutive years contributed funding to the PRBG to enable programs to continue. Thank you to Rio Tinto for your ongoing support.

This is the second year FMG has contributed funding to our operations as part of a three-year agreement. Thank you to FMG for your contribution.

Hancock Agriculture via Mulga Downs Partnership has contributed funding for the first time this year. Thank you for your support, Hancock Agriculture.

The PRBG has specific obligations under the BAM Act regarding the transfer of funds from the Declared Pest Account, which are detailed in sections 170 of the BAM Act. When available the group also attracts funds from other sources such as Federal and State Government, although over recent years access to additional funding has become more difficult and harder to obtain, limiting some programs.

Through the RBG funding model local people are managing the states declared pests to the best of our ability within the funding constraints. This model leverages the work already undertaken by leaseholders in our region, although does not rate all land use types within the region.

## **2. AIM AND AREA OF OPERATIONS**

### **Aim**

The PRBG aims to:

- Foster the control of declared pests throughout the Area, via the formulation, implementation, and review of appropriate management plans and programs.
- Encourage integration, coordination, and general collaboration of all Area stakeholders in pest management matters.
- Promote the adoption of sound biosecurity practices throughout the Area.

### **Area of operation**

The operational scope of the Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group (PRBG) encompasses the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Port Hedland, and City of Karratha. Spanning over 65 pastoral leases, covering approximately 13.8 million hectares, and with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, and Attractions (DBCA) overseeing more than 30 million hectares of land, the PRBG area is substantial in size.

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The population within the PRBG area stands at around 62,700, surging notably during the tourism season. Key population centres include Karratha, boasting around 17,000 residents, and Port Hedland, with approximately 15,000 residents. Numerous other towns, including Dampier, Marble Bar, Point Samson, Newman, Nullagine, Onslow, Pannawonica, Paraburdoo, Roebourne, Tom Price, and Wickham, contribute to the diverse landscape of the PRBG region.

The PRBG area features a diverse range of land use, including Karijini, Karlamiyi, Millstream Chichester, and Murujuga National Parks, Cane River Conservation Park, Barlee Range, and Mungaroon Nature Reserves. It also encompasses various mining leases, Aboriginal Reserves, and communities. The region is marked by a vibrant mix of activities. With over 50 production mines, the landscape of land tenures is carefully overseen by the PRBG in collaboration with the DBCA regional office. This cooperative effort is designed to streamline access, manage evolving land use, and ensure effective pest control measures. The goal is to minimise any adverse effects on nearby pastoral properties while assisting DBCA in fulfilling its obligations under the BAM Act.

To the north, the PRBG shares its boundary with the Kimberly Rangelands Biosecurity Association (KRBA), while to the south, it interfaces with the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association (MRBA), Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association (CRBA), and Goldfields Nullarbor Regional Biosecurity Association (GNRBA).

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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#### **4. OPERATIONS OVERVIEW**

The PRBG has a Declared Pest Account into which the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is responsible, via the Office of State Revenue (OSR) to issue rates notices annually to all pastoral leases within the region. DPIRD then provide the PRBG with the Government's matching dollar for dollar contribution. One of the biggest benefits of the RBG model is that it is funded 50% by leaseholders and 50% by the State, recognising their obligation as landowners within the region.

There continues to be increasing demand on PRBG volunteer committee to meet the complexities of RBG operations. The PRBG committee rely heavily on the services provided by our Executive Officer to assist in meeting this day to day administrative and governance requirements. Our EO continues to spend considerable time dealing with the increasing pressure put on the volunteer committee by DPIRD and also spends considerable time trying to resolve many issues that arise throughout the year relating to things such as: Restricted Chemical Permits (RCPS), management of the Declared Pest Account funds and the monitoring and reporting requirements and most importantly planning and implementing PRBG Annual Operations.

#### **Large Feral Herbivore Control**

The PRBG engages the services of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to undertake programs that target Large Feral Herbivores. After some delays and many cancellations of programs in FY21/22 and FY22/23, it is pleasing to report that a second consecutive successful program was delivered in October 2024. It is pleasing to note that, as a result of the ongoing programs, one property chose to opt out for the FY23/24 program deeming the LFH to be considered as controlled at their property. For the program that ran in November 2024, that same property, opted back in as numbers once again grew. However, another property opted out for FY24/25. Therefore, we can see that ongoing control is paramount to maintaining the balance.

This program is funded through the groups DPA but also with significant funding received from key partners within our region. Those being the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Roy Hill and Rio Tinto. This additional funding is contingent on the large LFH program being delivered.

*Note: The LFH report below from DPIRD was ratified by the PRBG Management Committee at scheduled Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025.*

#### **POST ACTIVITY REPORT FROM DPIRD – PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP**



Department of  
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#### **POST ACTIVITY REPORT Pilbara RBG – Pilbara Large Feral Herbivore Control Program**

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### **Overview**

In October 2024, the Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group (PRBG) utilised the services of the Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development (DPIRD) to reduce Large Feral Herbivore (LFH) populations on their members pastoral leases via aerial control. Aerial operations provide access to otherwise inaccessible terrain and supplement ground shooting, mustering, trap yards and other landholder control methods.

The 9-day aerial activity began on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October and concluded on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Properties targeted were based on landholder permissions, known LFH locations, previous hotspots, topographical features & access to water. These factors, in correlation with local information provided by landowners, PRBG staff, DPIRD staff and licensed pest management technicians (LPMT's) yielded numbers consistent with previous operations.

### **Planning**

Local planning including fuel dumps, property engagement, landholder authorisations and daily communications was coordinated by PRBG Executive Officer, Tanya Argent and DPIRD authorised biosecurity officers.

### **Objective**

Minimise the financial and ecological impost of LFH on agricultural industries, the environment (threatened and endangered species) and waterways in addition to the associated microbiological threats to humans, domestic livestock and companion animals.

### **Analysis**

In total **1230** LFH were controlled over the 9-day operation encompassing 81.5 hours of aerial shooting. **15.09** LFH were controlled per hour of flight time. The highest concentrations of LFH were recorded on properties where the greatest timeframe between aerial control activities had elapsed. 52% of the total number of LFH controlled were located on 11% of the participating properties. Those properties had had very little to no control of LFH. The remaining 89% had low numbers by comparison, which shows that keeping consistent with control programs is successful to keeping the numbers low.

### **Summary**

The total number of LFH removed in 2024 is indicative of population reduction over time and sustained pressure. It is imperative that aerial control is maintained as there is good access to essentials for population replacement being food, water and habitat.

### **Declared Weed Control**

The PRBG has a long-standing, well-established relationship with Pilbara Mesquite Management Committee (PMMC), where the PMMC receives contributions from the PRBG via the DPA funding to carry out operational programs to control declared weeds.

During 2024/2025 PRBG contributed a total of \$40,000 for chemical and operational control of declared weeds, throughout the region.

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### **Wild Dog Control**

Wild dogs continue to be an issue in the region and have the biggest impact on pastoral businesses and other people operating across this vast landscape.

The PRBG Committee is pleased to report that the 2024 Pilbara Aerial Baiting Program was completed successfully.

Just under 150,000 baits were distributed across the PRBG service area. A total of 57 Properties participated in the program. The program ran from the mid-August to the end of September. 52 of these properties participated in the Aerial Baiting program, 1 opted for both Aerial and ground baiting, with 4 opting for ground baits only.

The Bait Meat Supplier sourced meat from LFH across only the Gascoyne region this year. This is only due to the close proximity to the Bait Meat Supplier's infrastructure. This program contributed to controlling 371 LFH numbers in the Gascoyne region.

The PRBG continued this year with the incentive-based program to control Wild Dogs. The goal for this program is the gathering of data and locations across the regions. A valuable requirement for Landholders to participate in this program is to capture DNA for DPIRD to be able to carry out research.

Almost 70 samples have been submitted to DPIRD across the region contributing to data sets from extreme hard to reach remote locations. The numbers of samples dropped in FY24/25 and PRBG aims to increase these numbers greatly in FY25/26.

The PRBG relies heavily on pastoral lease holders playing active roles in the management of declared pests and plants on their own stations. The group continues to rely on its members and key stake holders to participate in preparing wild dog control.

Pastoralists within the PRBG continue to contribute more than through the payment of their declared pest rates with landholders in the region providing meat for baits, making/distributing baits on their properties, undertaking other controls, paying bounties for control of wild dogs on their properties and even contracting LPMTs privately to undertake additional controls.

### **Community Engagement**

The PRBG covers a vast region with a large range of stakeholders. During 2024/2025 the PRBG committee has:

- Delivered 2 regional updates electronically.
- Held 3 face to face meetings, including an AGM, two committee meetings. Meetings have been held at the DBCA Offices in Karratha, in Port Hedland and online via MS Teams.
- Landholder surveys; and
- Several newsletters.

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### Partnership Summary

The PRBG continues to work with DBCA Pilbara to control the regions declared pests on their land tenures.

PRBG appreciates the ongoing financial support the group has received from FMG for the past three years. We look forward to being able to deliver programs with the support of FMG in the future to improve and maintain the balance between the natural landscape, mining and pastoral industries.

PRBG appreciates the financial support the group received from Hancock Agriculture Mulga Downs Partnership.

Roy Hill Station also provide in kind accommodation services and AVGAS supplies to the Contractors who deliver the programs for us. We look forward to being able to deliver the LFH program again with the service donations from Roy Hill Station.

PRBG appreciates the ongoing support the group receives from Rio Tinto. In addition to the financial support, Rio Tinto also provides in kind accommodation services and AVGAS supplies to the Contractors who deliver the programs for us. We look forward to being able to deliver the LFH program in Q2 2025/2026 in the PRBG service areas with support from Rio Tinto.

It is crucial to acknowledge the in-kind services in the form of accommodation, use of equipment at the property and/or AVGAS supplies provided by the landholders at the following properties; Warrawagine Station, Yarrie Station, Karratha Station, Wyloo Station, DeGrey Station & Maillina Station.

These partnerships are key to continue to support the Pilbara regional as a whole and ensure that the burden of declared pests isn't held only by pastoral leaseholders.

## **5. FY25/26 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

### Financial Report

#### 1. PRBG Westpac Bank Balances as at 30 June 2025

<b>Debit Card - 241801</b>	<b>Main Account – 270303</b>
Used for direct debit and small transactions	All PRBG funding
\$ 29,661.50	\$ 639,413.82

#### 2. Declared Pest Account (DPA) Balance

DPIRD hold paid Declared Pest Rates (DPR) from pastoral lease properties and matched WA government funds in the DPIRD Declared Pest Account. State Government funds are paid into the DPA once DPR

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invoices are raised and sent by the Office of State Revenue. Funds are paid to the PRBG via bi-annual invoices that match the approved annual Operating Plan, providing funds are available in the DPA.

Opening balance was \$324,392

Closing Balance was \$266,997

The Matching CF Appropriation is supposed to be the same throughout the year. There is a difference from Q1 and Q4 by \$1 and has been raised with DPIRD. Q2 & Q3 show different amounts to Q1.

Additionally, according to the Q4 Statement from DPIRD the DPA has received \$35,074 more than the original Q1 rates. Again, has been raised to DPIRD and has not been supplied for this Annual Report.

Year	Quarter	Opening Cash Balance	Matching CF Appropriation	Rates Income Received	Adjustment for funds received by ratepayers	Interest Received	Other Trans.	Funds released	Closing Cash Balance	Value of unpaid rates	% of rates paid total
2024/2025	Q1	324,392	251,437	-		637		535,373	41,094	576,467	113.95%
	Q2		239,035	110,938		6,323			145,316	183,417	
	Q3		239,035	279,824		7,269			315,148	14,531	
	Q4		251,436	286,511		10,137		605,480	266,997	20,246	

The PRBG committee continues to work within the budget to ensure that the impact of increased governance/administration pressures have a limited impact on the groups on ground operations. This is a task that gets more difficult each year.

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As per the comments at the end of the Annual Report in FY23/24, the PRBG has discussed with some funding partners the balance of funds held with the PRBG. While the PRBG P&L demonstrates a loss, the PRBG has drawn down on funds held to make up for this Loss in FY24/25. This is reflected in the Balance Sheet in the Audited Financial Report.

The ongoing challenges of peaks and troughs of a mining region impacts the pastoral industry negatively by way of further limiting availability of service providers to the Pilbara region. For the FY25/26 and beyond, the PRBG will need to seek out additional funding partners over and above the DPA to assist to deliver these existing programs, and more to continue the valuable biosecurity works in the region.

**PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC**

**ABN 60 056 460 680**

**Financial Statements  
For the year ended 30 June 2025**



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# **PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC**

**ABN 60 056 460 680**

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# **PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC**

**ABN 60 056 460 680**

## **Statement by Members of the Committee**

**For the year ended 30 June 2025**

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In the opinion of the Committee the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association 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:

# **PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC**

**ABN 60 056 460 680**

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members**

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### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) that the financial records kept by the association are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

#### **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 the association in accordance with 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 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.

#### **Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon**

The committee of the association is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the association's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report**

# PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC

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The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Western Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### 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 association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's 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 association'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 association 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 the committee 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.

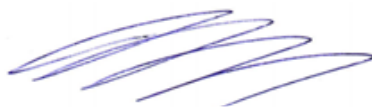
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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members**

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Signed on 18 October, 2025:



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Westwood Accountants, Institute of Public Accountants

Kevin Cassidy IPA

Geraldton

# Statement of Financial Position

Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group Inc.

As at 30 June 2025

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## Assets

### Bank

CARD Account no 241801	29,662
MAIN Account no 270303	639,414
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>669,075</b>

### Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	55,000
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>55,000</b>

### Total Assets

**724,075**

## Liabilities

### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	33,420
GST	7,244
Accrued Expenses	1,320
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>41,984</b>

### Total Liabilities

**41,984**

## Net Assets

**682,092**

## Equity

### DBCA - Reserves Unacquitted Funding

Opening Balance	190,000
DBCA - GRANT FUNDING SURPLUS	(40,000)
<b>Total DBCA - Reserves Unacquitted Funding</b>	<b>150,000</b>

### DPIRD - Reserves Unacquitted Funding

Opening Balance	332,318
DPIRD - DPR - GRANT FUNDING SURPLUS	89,054
<b>Total DPIRD - Reserves Unacquitted Funding</b>	<b>421,372</b>

### FMG - Reserves Unacquitted Funding

Opening Balance	50,000
FMG - GRANT FUNDING SURPLUS	(50,000)
<b>Total FMG - Reserves Unacquitted Funding</b>	<b>-</b>

### NRM State Grant - Reserves Unacquitted Funding

NRM State Grant - GRANT FUNDING SURPLUS	24,768
<b>Total NRM State Grant - Reserves Unacquitted Funding</b>	<b>24,768</b>

### RIO TINTO - Reserves Unacquitted Funding

Opening Balance	25,000
Rio Tinto - GRANT FUNDING SURPLUS	(25,000)
<b>Total RIO TINTO - Reserves Unacquitted Funding</b>	<b>-</b>

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**WDAP#2 Camera Grant Funds**

WDAP#2 Camera Grant Funds	10,691
<b>Total WDAP#2 Camera Grant Funds</b>	<b>10,691</b>

**Other Grant Funds - Reserves Unacquitted Funding**

Other Grant Funds - SURPLUS	41,359
<b>Total Other Grant Funds - Reserves Unacquitted Funding</b>	<b>41,359</b>

**Other - Reserves Unacquitted Funding**

Opening Balance	39,907
Other Income and Grant - FUNDING SURPLUS	(6,006)
<b>Total Other - Reserves Unacquitted Funding</b>	<b>33,901</b>

<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>682,092</b>
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# Income Statement

## Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2025

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### DPIRD DPR Income

DPIRD - DPR Rates	167,571
DPIRD - DPR Matching \$	252,784
Other DPR Rates Transferred From Kimberley RBG	11,693
<b>Total DPIRD DPR Income</b>	<b>432,048</b>

### WDAP#2 Camera Monitoring Grant Income

DPIRD - WAWDAP-RDG Grant Funding	13,000
<b>Total WDAP#2 Camera Monitoring Grant Income</b>	<b>13,000</b>

### Other Funding

FMG Funding	25,000
Rio Tinto Funding	50,000
Mulga Downs Partnership Funding via Hancock Ag	12,000
Interest Income	58
<b>Total Other Funding</b>	<b>87,058</b>

### Total Income

532,106

### Operating Expenses

#### DPR Program 1: Community Wild Dog Control

DPR - CWD - Aircraft Hire	61,385
DPR - CWD - Avgas	12,670
DPR - CWD - LPMT Bombardier	7,622
DPR - CWD - Bait Meat	106,800
DPR - CWD - Bait meat freight	5,209
DPR - CWD - Injecting LPMT	57,976
DPR - CWD - Injecting Other	492
DPR - CWD - Injecting Buildings	819
DPR - CWD - Bait Ground Support Truck/Driver	21,856
DPR - CWD - Aerial Baiting Team accomodation and meals	3,505
DPR - CWD - Repairs & Maintenance	2,918
DPR - CWD - Newspaper Adverts	1,818
DPR - CWD - Other	309
Other DPR - CWD - DPR Transfer to Carnarvon RBG	5,294
Other DPR - CWD - Kimberley RBG	11,693
DBCA - Wild Dog Program Exp	10,000
FMG CWD Control Expenses	15,000
<b>Total DPR Program 1: Community Wild Dog Control</b>	<b>325,366</b>

#### DPR Program 2: Individual Wild Dog Control

DPR - IWD - Control Incentive Program	4,509
DPR - IWC - 1080	973
DPR - IWC - Chemical Permit Applications	798

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DPR - IWC - 1080 Oats	6,817
DPR - IWC - Strychnine	750
<b>Total DPR Program 2: Individual Wild Dog Control</b>	<b>13,847</b>
<b>DPR Program 3: Large Feral Herbivores</b>	
DPR - LFH - Helicopter	5,820
DPR - LFH - AvGas	5,087
DPR - LFH - DPIRD shooter	1,200
DPR - LFH - Ammunition	1,878
DBCA - LFH - Fortescue Marsh Exp	30,000
Rio Tinto Expenses - LFH	50,000
Mulga Downs Partnership LFH Exp	12,000
FMG LFH Expenses Allocation	10,000
<b>Total DPR Program 3: Large Feral Herbivores</b>	<b>115,985</b>
<b>DPR Program 4: Declared Weeds</b>	
DPR - PMMC operations	40,000
<b>Total DPR Program 4: Declared Weeds</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>DPR Program 5: Governance &amp; Administration</b>	
DPR - Insurance	5,427
DPR - Accounting Financial Audit Fee	3,500
DPR - Legal Fees	5,030
DPR - Bookkeeping Program - XERO	764
DPR - Website & Storage	2,490
DPR - Meeting Expenses including catering	3,015
DPR - Executive Officer Travel and Office	3,005
DPR - Executive Officer	26,607
<b>Total DPR Program 5: Governance &amp; Administration</b>	<b>49,837</b>
<b>Program 6: WDAP #2 - Camera Monitoring</b>	
WDAP#2 - Grant Data Gathering Expenses	2,000
WDAP#2 - POSTAGE EXPENSES	325
<b>Total Program 6: WDAP #2 - Camera Monitoring</b>	<b>2,325</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>547,361</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(15,255)</b>

# Cash Reconciliation

	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
DPA Opening Cash 1 July 2024 (including prior carryover)	\$172,755.24
DPA Cash Received and earned (current year)	\$666,028.00
Less DPA expenditures actually paid (current year)	(\$475,351.31)
Remaining DPA Cash 30 June 2025	<b>\$363,431.93</b>

## **REMAINING UNSPENT DPA FUNDS BREAKDOWN:**

DPA Reserve Funds	\$200,000.00
DPA Accrued expenses	\$1,320.00
DPA Planned Unspent	\$85,000.00
DPA Unplanned Unspent	\$77,111.93

As of 30th June 2025, the PRBG held \$200,000 reserve funds for FY25/25 and \$85,000 planned funds for FY25/26.