

Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025

2024-25 DPRFS Progress Report

Application No. RBG-DPR24-14 From Mrs Amanda Day

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DPRFS Progress Report Purpose

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The purpose of this Progress Report is to detail the Recognised Biosecurity Group's (RBG) achievements to date, including the activities undertaken and funding expended, for purposes as detailed in the RBG's Funding Agreement.

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RBG Name

Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc.

This question is read only.

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Funded Activities & Budget

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Funded Activities

The table below details the activities outlined in your Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme (DPRFS) Application Form and/or Funding Agreement.

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

If you have undertaken additional activities, please add rows as required.

Activity	Activity Measure	Activity Update
What are you doing?	What did you measure and how did you measure it?	Add notes if you need to provide further information

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Communications & Community Engagement included in Governance and Administration	Delivery of various communications including information days, governance workshops, financial advice to members, Annual General Meeting with guest speakers, school educational presentations, hosting stalls at local events, including the Nullarbor Muster, provision of trap training and injector training sessions, and distribution of seasonal newsletters.	GNRBA funded the CEO to attend the Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference in Sydney in July 2024 to bring attention to the impact of camel on GNRBA lands and eastern UCL. The camel was not on the agenda over there at all. We now have contacts to push the issue nationally. GNRBA continues to work with DBCA, DPIRD, RNRM and many other groups to spread the word of Declared Pest issues in the GNRBA and greater UCL regions. Some contact has been initiated with native title groups and traditional owners for land access and joint venture (camel aerial program east of Wiluna). These negotiations, communications and joint ventures take time, trust and consistent messaging for collaboration and return operations. All programs and initiated programs take much time, money and patience with effective communication - no lies- no secrets to work effectively. We are the medium between pastoralists, mining groups, traditional owners, shires, pest management technicians, government groups, consultants and many other valuable connections. Local visits to shires, ranger groups, other areas RBG's, government agencies is part of the CEO role. We held a very successful AGM and Field Day October 31st and November 1st, 2024. This had over 100 participants and valuable speakers from DPLH, RNRM, DPIRD and many other collaborators. We held a Complete Pastoral Toolbox Day on an aboriginal station Morapoi in November. This was mending bridges
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		and bringing Richard Mar-ver (drones, pasture man-agement, soil erosion, plant fodder recognition), Richard Brake (all detail succession, financial, and more) Louise O'Neill (all Mental Wellbeing, how to cope, opportunity to speak privately - of which 6 people cherished that oppor-tunity) CEO GNRBA refreshed people with the GNRBA plan and why they pay the DPR - what GNRBA Administration costs -what we actually do). We hold another one of these days on the Nullarbor in April 2025. We attend workshops with mining groups to dis-cuss pest management, we issue a seasonal Newslet-ter, we provide information and confidence to commu-nity groups. We work with the Eucla Police and Dundas Shire to complete wild dog management in the isolat-ed community supervised by the Eucla Police. Proud of that collaboration. We have been recognised by the Na-tional Established Weed Pri-orities application to have onion weed (<i>Asphdelus fis-tulosus</i>) approved as an im-pact weed on the Nullarbor. Much work into that over 10 years and we are at the next step. It may not be selected but the data is now stored for the future. The ongoing work with Northern Star Min-ing for wild dog management on their unique mallee fowl environmental site is collabo-rative and ground breaking. Consistent communications with childrens groups, shire GVROC meetings, mining companies and more keeps attention on declared pests and what GNRBA can do to assist in programs and WHY.
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Plant Pest Program	Declared plant pests including Cactus, Parkinsonia, Bathurst Burr and Onion Weed. Measures include site visits to monitor and spray plant pests and record successful application.	We have had visits to the weeds and cactus sites and more drone footage of the areas impacted. Regular communications with the impacted shires and stations as to the opportunity to run programs for weeds and pest plants. We offer an increased opportunity to pastoralists for the weed subsidy. They can collect glyphosate from GNRBA to the value of \$1000. We have not accounted for this here so will be on track for EO-FY with these costs. We plan to inject large cactus in the Laverton area before EOFY as well.
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Large Feral Herbivore Program	Large feral herbivores including feral camels, horses and donkeys. Measures include the numbers of animal culled through organised culls and/or aerial shoots and landholder feedback on the stakeholder cull/shoot success.	GNRBA injected \$15,000 towards a DSS and aboriginal lands aerial shoot east of Wiluna. 1800 camel were removed as a joint venture which was an economical and successful partnership for GNRBA. Effective communication and monitoring were instrumental in this. The aboriginal groups are not keen to publicise their Post Activity Report so we have not included here. We plan to joint this collaborative activity financially later in 2025 for an ongoing commitment to pastoral and aboriginal lands pest management. GNRBA offer an Exceptional Circumstances subsidy of \$8,000 per the 10 -12 fringe desert pastoralists who are heavily impacted by mobs of 50 - 200 large feral herbivore for them to repair fencing, cull and monitor camel in particular. This is effective for GNRBA to implement a management plan without the risk of an aerial shoot. The cost for five days can exceed \$110,000 and this subsidy is a simpler more effective way. Pastoralists must commit the equal amount in time and in-kind detail to acquit. GNRB also offers an ammunition subsidy to stations effected by LFH. This is not taken up by everybody. GNRBA removes up to 1800 camel just for the harvesting of feral camel for wild dog 1080 baits. Pastoralists would remove at least a further 2000 from the population with their culls as reported to GNRBA with numbers included in the Annual Report if pastoralists report to GNRBA quarterly. Large feral herbivore is an expensive pest to have in large num-
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		bers and GNRBA are keen to commit even more funds into that space in 2025-2026.
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Wild Dog Program	Activities include monitoring, baiting and trapping of wild dogs. Measures include the number of baits laid, animals trapped or culled and feedback from landholders and Licenced Pest Management Technicians on the success of the program.	GNRBA held a successful wild dog trap training day at Minara Station for the large Minara Group Holdings. We plan another trap day before end of June. Wild dog baits this year have been available to all pastoralists and especially delivered to the goldfields and Nullarbor as weather permits November and March/ April. Our LPMT Neil White has been busy assisting with bait laying and trapping on stations that request assistance. On ground dogging is leaning towards being the preferred method of wild dog management in the GNRBA area. Wild Dog management and baits are a major part of the wild dog programs within the GNRBA including the use of thermal rifle scopes, GNRBA drones, CPE units, camera trap monitoring, training and more. GNRBA procured a new freezer-chiller for storage of wild dog baits as the need has arisen to replace an old unit. Aerial baiting has ceased as a major impact operation led by GNRBA. Individual stations may aerial bait but the risk alongside the availability suitably qualified pilots, aircraft and bombardiers plus insurance costs and heightened risk has held GNRBA back as a group activity. The GNRBA Wild Dog Bait Supplier has produced 170,000 wild dog baits this far into 2024-2025. These on the lowest take-up figures presented by Tracey Kreplins could take out over 1,000 wild dogs plus. We see significant wild dog tracks and sitings even with these baits. If we did nothing, were not strategic in our wild dog program, or had less activity the
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		wild dog numbers and impact would be catastrophic.
Subsidy into LFH Budget	Ammunition subsidy for pastoralists as required.	GNRBA offers these ammunition subsidies to support pastoralist in the management of LFH pests. Unfortunately, the firearms reform changes proposed have reduced the applications due the uncertainty of what firearms will be allowed for use into 2025. Wild Camel are increasing in number in the desert and infiltrating the pastoral leases in our area in numbers over 50 per mob. Pastoralists need tools to manage these pests.

If relevant, please attach any documents to support the achievement of Funded Activities

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Including minutes from meetings, photographs, social media posts etc.

Variation

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If required, this is an opportunity for you to formally request a variation to your 2024-25 Funding Agreement.

Does your RBG require a variation? *

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Budget (GST Exclusive)

The table below details the anticipated budget included in your DPRFS Application Form. Please complete the **Actual Expenditure** column to detail the actual values which have been expended on activities to date.

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 Program	Anticipated Expenditure (Ex GST)	Actual Expenditure (ex GST)	Notes
Name of program, e.g. Wild Dog Program.	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.	Use this to advise of any changes in budget item expenditure.
Administration & Governance	\$340,000.00	\$187,851.00	
Pest Plant Program	\$30,000.00	\$2,245.00	
Wild Dog Program	\$445,000.00	\$173,200.00	
Large Feral Herbivore Program	\$55,000.00	\$15,441.00	

Budget Totals

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

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$870,000.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$378,737.00
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2024-25 Operational Plan

Has your RBG published your 2024-25 Operational Plan on your website? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

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Declaration & Certification

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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 Progress Report.

I Agree *

☒ Yes

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Must be a date.