

Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025
2024-25 DPRFS Progress Report (Version 2 of 2)
Application No. RBG-DPR24-06 From Ms Kate-Lyn Duzevich
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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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Recipient Details

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RBG Name

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

This question is read only.

Contact Name *

Miss Kate-Lyn Duzevich

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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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Feral Pig Control Program	Activities include purchase of Hoggone items and bait, 1080 permit applications, membership on the WA Feral Pig Advisory Group and engaging contractors. Measures include baiting and trapping.	Borrowed Pig Brig trapping system from DBCA to trial in Mumballup- 3 pigs removed during that campaign. Hoggone program ongoing throughout scarp properties (part of South West NRM, Leschenault Catchment Council & LBG collaborative "Saving native species program" with selected sites and experienced landholders operating ongoing free feeding, camera monitoring and bait box management, with LBG facilitating the placement of active baits at when camera proof of placebo being taken by pigs. Summer period has been quiet with 11 pigs dispatched by private hoggone programs. 7 properties currently hosting hoggone sites, key localities Lowden, Glen Mervyn, Queenwood, Paynedale and Mumballup. Pigs this year at these sites are less prevalent and smaller mob sizes since last years' observations. This year we contracted a thermal drone operator to monitor pig activity in dense bracken to determine movement of a x3 pig group that had eluded baiting and trapping programs in Lowden. Pigs that have been shy of trapping and bait boxes were dispatched by ground shooting and drone surveillance team.
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Declared Pest Plants Program	Plant pests including cotton-bush, blackberry, and Arum lily. Measures include engagement of contractors and use of chemical control measures to reduce pest population and regrowth.	LBG delivered workshops as part of the Capel shire conceived "4 LGAS, 1 weed" State NRM program, LBG LPMT Scott presenting on arum lily history and management in WA at 4 workshops throughout August and September 2024, on ground control through contractor subsidy program, Herbicide decant and application training for 41 people, Cotton bush compliance investigations- Loaned out Quick-spray and Weed wiper trailer mounted units to previous PIN issued compliance property in Brookhampton, and follow up on boundary control support for land manager. Shire of Donnybrook ratepayer declared weeds spray program delivered throughout Spring, steering committee meetings and site assessor for LGA (DBK-Balingup) Blackberry devolved grant program, Shire of Capel Arum lily program steering committee and project manager.
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Rabbit Control Program	Activities include warren identification, harbourage reduction, engagement of contractors and use of baits including Calicivirus and Pin-done. Measure include reduction in warrens and harbourage, number of baits laid and reduction in rabbit populations.	Current Rabbit K5 Biocide program 305 properties registered, and 721 individual baiting sites were coordinated to date. x3 workshops were held (Donnybrook (January 6, 2025, Dardanup January 10, 2025 and Capel January 11th 2025) and we have had 4x bulk bait mixing & release days. Dardanup Release date 24 Feb 25, Capel 25 Feb 25 and Donnybrook 2 x releases on 3 Feb and 26th Feb to manage large registrations. One final Donnybrook release is scheduled for late April to "mop up" properties that have not had an opportunity to participate to date.
Foxes & Other Vertebrate Pests Control Program	Management activities include provision of baits and traps, chemical and viral releases, hire of equipment, including personal protective equipment.	Subcontractor fox control and feral cat program with ground shooting and trapping undertaken on multiple properties- 23 properties visited, 45 shoot nights authorised, YTD 34 foxes dispatched via ground shooting and 3 feral cats, feral cat risk mitigation and social licence Flyer and mailout to ground control program property localities (flyer attached) 1 feral cat and 3x kittens via private landholder trapping using fox traps as advised by DBCA appropriate for Feral cat management. Fox trap loan facilitated to private landholders (detail in community engagement & support resources) 3x new Fox baiting permit applications to DPIRD supported this financial year.

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Community Engagement, & Support Resources	Various communication activities including pest animal and plant education and awareness sessions, baiting and chemical activities, landholders' meetings, community events, e-newsletter and social media updates as required.	Annual K5 program promotional flyer PO box bulk mailout (promo images attached), Rabbit workshop details in Rabbit Control Program above, social media posts, monthly newsletters published July through March, pop up stalls co hosted with DPIRD ISEB team, Shire of Harvey and PHBG @ bunnings Treendale 3 Sep 24 to raise awareness about invasive plants/parrots, Boyanup markets attendance with stall and LBG presented it's rabbit control workshop to 107 attendees at the request of Geocatch to assist with information and best practice for Rabbit management 27th Feb. LBG guest presenter at Yabberup Saving native species kickoff session, and Pig management workshops in August. Upcoming stalls at Balinup Small farm field day and Donnybrook Applefest in April 25. Developed draft communications strategy for inclusion in forward operations plan. Field camera, Trap and mobile weed plant hire program delivered to 7 properties for weed management and 10 properties for fox trapping and monitoring.
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Administration & Governance	Activities include general administrative duties, attendance and organisation of meetings, events and workshops, professional memberships, maintaining insurances and human resource needs.	Board meetings in August 24, October 24, December 24, February 25, 2x remaining for April and June. Focus on DPRFS budget and programs, delivery of strategic plan objectives, maintain training for staff PD and training participated in to date- 2x FTE staff attended the Environmental Practitioners Symposium hosted by Environment Institute Aus & NZ on 13 Sep 24, Train the trainer- Feral Cat and Fox management techniques, Coolup delivered by National Feral Cat Coordinator, PHBG, 24th Sep 24, attended by 3 FTE staff & 1 contractor, EO attended Public speaking training on Nov 20, 24. 3x FTE staff & 1 contractor attended annual RBG forum hosted by DPIRD in Feb 2025. 2xFTE staff attended 2 day QGIS training hosted by LCC on March 13th & 14 2025
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If relevant, please attach any documents to support the achievement of Funded Activities

Filename: 2025 K5 Mail Drop FINAL.pdf
File size: 163.5 kB

Filename: K5 Workshop Dates.jpg
File size: 143.2 kB

Filename: LBG K5 Handouts - Pre-Feeding Process.pdf
File size: 1.4 MB

Filename: LBG K5 Handouts - Selecting Pre-Feed Sites.pdf
File size: 2.2 MB

Filename: WNP Saving Native Species - Cat Mailout.pdf
File size: 4.4 MB
Including minutes from meetings, photographs, social media posts etc.

Variation

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

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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	\$68,456.00	\$34,162.00	tracking under bud- get
Communication & Community Engage- ment	\$74,789.00	\$35,361.00	Tracking under bud- get
Pest Plant Program	\$63,711.00	\$65,911.00	Budget expended
Program Fox Pro- gram	\$37,439.00	\$38,248.00	Budget expended
Feral Pig Program	\$44,361.00	\$47,347.00	Budget expended
Rabbit Program	\$93,000.00	\$51,958.00	Tracking to budget- re-forecast needed in april

Budget Totals

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

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$381,756.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$272,987.00
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2024-25 Operational Plan

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

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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