

Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025

2024-25 DPRFS Progress Report

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

Form Submitted 22 Jan 2025, 5:13PM AWST

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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☒ Yes

Recipient Details

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RBG Name

Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc.

This question is read only.

Contact Name *

Ms Margi Weir

Position *

Executive Officer

Phone Number *

0408 210 285

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Email *

eo@mrba.asn.au

Must be an email address.

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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Wild Dog Program	Activities including ground and aerial baiting, trapping and shooting. Measures include the number of baits and traps laid, animals culled and a reduction in stock losses.	Bait Rack days were held in Spring 2024 and at the seven (7) stations (pastoral leases) where the bait racks are located. At these bait rack days landholders processed 9.7 tonne of bait meat, producing "1080 baits" for use on landholders' properties for the purpose of wild dog control across the MRBA region. This was considerably less than the planned 12 tonne as would normally occur in Spring. Due to a statewide shortage of meat suitable for bait preparation, we were only able to access 9.7 tonne. Since July 1st, 2024 our 7 LPMTs have recorded a total of 67 wild dogs trapped or shot and more than 3,000 baits laid. In addition our LPMTs have recorded 11 Feral Cats. Whilst these are not targeted and thus are purely "bycatch" it shows the numbers of Feral Cats are particularly high across the MRBA region. Feral Cats are not a threat to livestock, they do pose considerable threat to native fauna. Individual efforts are also made on properties, but these figures are mostly not reported. One property in the northern area of MRBA where we do not have contract LPMTs, does report its annual vermin control efforts and recorded 14 wild dogs for the year. In the northern area of the MRBA region where the country is inaccessible for trapping and shooting, wild dog control is done by aerial baiting. This took place in late September 2024.
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Large Feral Herbivore Control Program	Declared pests including donkeys, wild horses, and camels. Activities include aerial and ground culls. Measures include the number of animals culled.	A Large Feral Herbivore (LFH) aerial cull operation was carried out by DPIRD from November 2nd - 8th 2024 which destroyed a total of 3,035 LFH. This consisted of 2,698 donkeys, 35 camels and 302 horses. LPMTs and landholders are also encouraged to destroy LFH whenever possible. In the first six months of this reporting period, our LPMTs have destroyed 20 donkeys.
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If relevant, please attach any documents to support the achievement of Funded Activities

Filename: 2024 2025 Compiled Dogger Reports DPA ONLY to Dec 31 2024.pdf
File size: 115.5 kB
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.

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.

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Administration & Governance	\$73,000.00	\$23,750.00	
Communication & Community Engagement	\$2,000.00	\$3,025.00	
Wild Dog Program	\$541,210.00	\$285,998.00	
Large Feral Herbivore Program	\$22,000.00	\$11,087.00	

Budget Totals

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

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$638,210.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$323,860.00
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	This number/amount is calculated.		This number/amount is calculated.

2024-25 Operational Plan

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

Declaration & Certification

* 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:

- 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

Name *

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