

Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025

2024-25 DPRFS Progress Report

Application No. RBG-DPR24-09 From Mr Chris O'Callaghan

Form Submitted 31 Mar 2025, 1:44PM 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.

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.

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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

Recipient Details

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RBG Name

Midlands Biosecurity Group Inc.

This question is read only.

Contact Name *

Mr Christopher O'Callaghan

Position *

Executive Officer

Phone Number *

0429 446 515

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Email *

eo@mbg.org.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
Wild Dog & Fox Program	Activities include baiting, trapping, shooting and surveillance. Measures include number of baits and traps laid, animals culled, and cameras deployed.	Monitoring and Baiting Activities have continued on an ongoing basis. Low number of wild dogs in the region have been reported, with recordings occurring at Arrowsmith, Greenhead and Mingenew. Fox number are being managed through the region via baiting including on DBCA managed land (Watheroo NP, Pinjaregga NR).
Feral Pig Program	Activities include baiting and surveillance. Measures include number of baits laid, animals culled, and cameras deployed.	Baiting program for feral pigs has continued in the Arrowsmith, Irwin and Mingenew areas. Collaboration with the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Associated has also continued with 2x aerial cull's completed this financial year to date.

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Rabbit Program	Activities include baiting, virus release, and community coordinated baiting days. Measures include number of baits laid, and landholder participation at bait days and pest management on private land.	Baiting Program in February & March is underway. Areas of Baiting have included Moora, Dandaragan, Three Springs and Mingenew.
Communication & Community Engagement	Activities include annual general meeting, newsletters, website, and advice and guidance.	AGM has been held, MBG website maintained. 2 Newsletters have been released for this financial year. MBG staff and board attended the Mingenew expo in August.
Administration & Governance	Executive and administration services contracted.	Executive Officer and administration assistant have been employed to complete administrative duties.

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

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.

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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	\$78,000.00	\$18,301.00	
Communication & Community Engagement	\$16,680.00	\$2,000.00	
Wild Dog & Foxes Program	\$101,000.00	\$25,623.00	
Feral Pig Program	\$180,077.00	\$107,850.00	
Rabbit Program	\$13,000.00	\$7,000.00	

Budget Totals

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

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$388,757.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$160,774.00
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2024-25 Operational Plan

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Declaration & Certification

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Declaration

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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 *

Mr Chris O'Callaghan

Position *

Executive Officer

Phone Number *

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Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

eo@mbg.org.au

Must be an email address.

Date *

31/03/2025

Must be a date.