

Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025

2024-25 DPRFS Progress Report

Application No. RBG-DPR24-10 From Ms Teele Hooper-Worrell

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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

Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group Inc.

This question is read only.

Contact Name *

Ms Teele Hooper-Worrell

Position *

Executive Officer

Phone Number *

0474 242 223

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Email *

executive@phbg.org

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
Rabbit Control Program	Activities including Pindone baiting program, collection and distribution of calicivirus agent, provision of specialist equipment and on-site expertise, equipment maintenance, equipment deliveries, demonstration of tools and techniques, advice and guidance and pest specific workshops and events. Measures include feedback from workshops and landholders, number of attendees at workshops and events, equipment loans, website and social media event analysis.	19 registrations 8 attendees. 100% of feedback rated the information as extremely useful 100% of feedback rated presenter as 4 or 5 100% said that attending event influence likelihood of pest control Majority of feed back rated 4 or 5 with on neutral. Facebook posts advertising event moderate-to-low engagement.

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Feral Pig Control Program	Activities including provision of specialist equipment and on-site expertise, equipment maintenance (Matlock, Pig Brigg and Hoggone trapping system), equipment deliveries, demonstration of tools and techniques, advice and guidance and pest specific workshops and events. Measures include feedback from workshops and landholders, number of attendees at workshops and events, equipment loans, website and social media event analysis.	During the first half of 25/25 the PHBG delivered a Figure 6 Pig Trapping Workshop on the 13th November with 14 attendees recording 100% positive feedback. Landholders were taught how to setup and maintain a figure 6 pig trap and undergo best practise pre-feeding and feral pig trapping activities. The PHBG provides coordinated Feral Pig Trapping activities alongside landholders at two separate sites pre-feeding was done to initiate trapping but pig activity was too low to progress to the next stage.
Fox Control Program	Activities including provision of specialist equipment and on-site expertise, equipment maintenance, equipment deliveries, demonstration of tools and techniques, advice and guidance and pest specific workshops and events. Measures include feedback from workshops and landholders, number of attendees at workshops and events, equipment loans, website and social media event analysis.	A Fox Control Workshop was delivered on the 12th October with 19 attendees. Feedback average for the workshop was 4.84 with 5 being highly satisfied. Fox traps were loaned out 14 times over the first half of the 24/25 program. This number is expected to rise over autumn when fox trapping is most effective.

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Weed Wiper Program	Activities including provision of specialist equipment to control Cape tulip. Including weed wiper maintenance, equipment deliveries, demonstration of tools and techniques, advice and guidance and pest specific workshops and events. Measures include feedback from workshops and landholders, number of attendees at workshops and events, equipment loans, website and social media event analysis.	The PHBG Weed Wiper Program was popular again in 2024 with many new landholders loaning out equipment with a high satisfaction rate. More than 237Ha in total was treated for the toxic weed in 2024 by landholders. SMALL 36 bookings 12 NEW landholders LARGE 21 bookings 2 NEW landholders The weed wiper was presented on and demonstrated at the Weeds and Steeds event in Yarloop which was delivered as part of a drought resilience program by the Yarloop CRC. More than 30 landholders were in attendance.
Weed Control Program	Activities including provision of specialist equipment to control Paterson's curse, blackberry, apple of Sodom and arum lily. Including general weed trailer maintenance, equipment deliveries, demonstration of tools and techniques, advice and guidance and pest specific workshops and events. Measures include feedback from workshops and landholders, number of attendees at workshops and events, equipment loans, website and social media event analysis.	The weed control program is supported by loan equipment with the Weed spray trailer loaned out 6 times for 11 weeks duration and the tree poppers used for cotton bush removal loaned out 7 times. Facebook posts relating to weed equipment and general knowledge receive moderate-to-low engagement. While on the website the Weeds page is 6th most popular, weed wiper 7th, Cape tulip 10th.

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Weed ID and Advice Workshops	Delivery of two weed identification and advice workshops. Measures include feedback from workshops and landholders, number of attendees at workshops and events, website and social media event analysis.	Autumn event delivered on the 26th August. It had 19 registrations and 12 attendees. 100% of feedback rated the information as extremely useful. 100% of feedback rated presenter as 4 or 5 100% said that attending event influence likelihood of pest control. Social media engagement was moderate.
Communication & Community Engagement - Ag Shows	PHBG information stands at local events to increase landholder awareness of declared pests, responsibilities and control options. Measures include feedback from events and landholders, number of attendees at events, website and social media event analysis.	The PHBG had information stalls at the Waroona and Brunswick shows. The PHBG sent out 2 email newsletters as part of the Spring (September) and Summer (December) campaigns. There were over 510 letters sent to landholders regarding weed or feral animal hotspots or reports. The PHBG website was visited by 2.4k new users between July and December. Facebook followers rose by net 122 to 2k over this period. There were 2k content interactions, a rise of 55% compared to the previous 6-month period.
Administration & Governance	Activities include maintenance of office and grounds, insurances, financial and reporting obligations, move to new office building, professional memberships (e.g. Institute of Community Directors), meetings, stakeholder relationship management, HR obligations, recruitment of staff, and employee management and retention.	Delivery of AGM 21st August with 27 attendees. Recruitment of PHBG Feral Animal Officer. The PHBG held 2 Committee meetings and 2 Executive meetings between July and December.

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

No files have been uploaded

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

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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.
Administration & Governance	\$77,835.00	\$38,917.50	
Communication & Community Engagement	\$65,165.00	\$32,582.50	
Plant Pest Program	\$236,000.00	\$37,251.00	
Fox Program	\$35,000.00	\$17,434.00	
Feral Pig Program	\$53,290.00	\$11,717.00	
Rabbit Program	\$67,710.00	\$31,151.00	
Other Animal Pest Program	\$45,000.00	\$22,000.00	

Budget Totals

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

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$580,000.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$191,053.00
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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

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 *

Ms Teele Hooper-Worrell

Position *

Executive Officer

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Date *

23/01/2025

Must be a date.