

Declared Pest Rate 2024-2025
2024-25 DPRFS Progress Report
Application No. RBG-DPR24-07 From Mrs Michelle Grobler
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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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☒ Yes

Recipient Details

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RBG Name

Southern Biosecurity Group

This question is read only.

Contact Name *

Mrs Michelle Grobler

Position *

Southern Biosecurity Group

Phone Number *

0484 932 447

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Email *

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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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Communications & Community Engagement	Activities including the distribution of annual survey and newsletter, Rain e-newsletter updates, community updates via local communication methods.	Throughout the year, we have implemented various communication strategies to engage with landholders and the local community. We published articles in the Community Spirit newsletter and the RAIN e-newsletter in July, August, October, December, January, February, and March, with monthly articles also planned for April, May, and June. We continued to share project updates on our Facebook page and submitted articles to these newsletters to keep the community informed. Our Training Trailer was once again a highlight at the annual Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show. Since its first display in 2023, it has become a crucial part of the exhibit and was a great hit within the community, providing valuable engagement and an opportunity to address queries and concerns. These efforts reinforce our commitment to fostering communication and collaboration within the community. Additionally, our annual fox shoot is set for March 29th, with excellent feedback already received and a strong turnout of teams expected.
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Management of Declared Animal Pests	Animal pests including wild dogs, foxes, rabbits, and feral cats. Using Surveillance and monitoring, risk assessment and prioritization, prevention and early intervention, control and eradication, collaboration and stakeholder engagement, data management and reporting accordingly to project needs	To effectively manage animal pests, including wild dogs, foxes, and rabbits, we implement a strategic and multifaceted approach aligned with key objectives: Surveillance and Monitoring Completed spring fox control operations in Long Creek and Chadenup reserves. Scheduled autumn control activities to commence between late April and early May. Utilized camera surveillance in baiting areas, leading to a decline in wild dog sightings and occurrences. Recorded a general response time of 24 hours after stock attacks to set traps and conduct additional baiting as needed. Risk Assessment and Prioritization Secured additional traps to enhance wild dog control efforts. Continuously assess and prioritize control measures based on surveillance data and stakeholder feedback. Prevention and Early Intervention Conduct monthly wild dog baiting programs in collaboration with the LPMT. Submit monthly reports on baiting locations and wild dog activity to ensure timely intervention. Control and Eradication Maintain monthly baiting programs throughout the financial year to sustain control efforts. A summer rabbit control project showed a strong re-
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		sponse and success, with post-baiting surveys indicating significant reductions in rabbit populations. To build on this impact, an additional extended baiting project has been scheduled for April, which is expected to further enhance control efforts and have a substantial effect on rabbit numbers across the Shire. Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement Engage with the local community to raise awareness and educate on effective rabbit control methods. Work closely with the LPMT and other stakeholders to ensure coordinated pest management efforts. Data Management and Reporting Maintain detailed records of surveillance data, baiting activities, and pest-related incidents. Regularly submit reports on baiting locations and wild dog activity to relevant stakeholders, ensuring transparency and accountability.
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Management of Declared Plant Pests	Plant pests including Cactus, Apple Sodom, and Bridal Creeper. achieved by implementing surveillance, prioritization, prevention, intervention, control, collaboration, and data management per project need.	To effectively manage plant pests such as Cactus, Apple of Sodom, and Bridal Creeper, we have implemented a comprehensive approach focused on surveillance, prioritization, prevention, intervention, control, collaboration, and data management. Surveillance Control work for Cacti, Bridal Creeper, and Apple of Sodom is scheduled to commence in early autumn, with contracting completed and the first milestone payments made. Encouraged community engagement by promoting the reporting of sightings, enabling proactive identification and monitoring of pest populations. Prioritization Focused on the early commencement of control projects to ensure timely execution and maximize effectiveness. Used community feedback to identify priority areas for intervention based on observed pest distribution. Prevention and Intervention Implemented proactive control measures to prevent the spread of plant pests. Encouraged community participation in reporting infestations to enable swift response and targeted control efforts. Control Launched timely control activities to minimize the impact of targeted plant pests on the ecosystem. Applied effective control strategies informed by sur-
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		veillance data and community input. Collaboration Worked closely with the community to gather insights and enhance the effectiveness of control efforts. Streamlined reporting methods with the LWMT to ensure transparent communication and provide detailed updates to stakeholders. Data Management Improved data management practices to support informed decision-making and project monitoring. Integrated community-reported sightings into operational planning, optimizing resource allocation and control efforts.
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Administration and Governance	Managing daily operations and ensuring compliance with funding agreements and project requirements.	Over the reporting period, we have maintained a strong focus on administrative efficiency and governance to ensure smooth daily operations and compliance with all funding agreements and project requirements. Key activities undertaken include: Operational Management: Oversaw the day-to-day administrative functions, ensuring all tasks were completed efficiently to support ongoing projects and stakeholder engagement. Funding Compliance: Reviewed and adhered to funding agreements, meeting reporting deadlines and fulfilling project milestones as required by funding bodies. Financial Oversight: Processed payments, managed budgets, and ensured financial accountability in line with contractual obligations. Risk Management: Monitored compliance risks and addressed any operational challenges to maintain alignment with best practices and funding expectations. Stakeholder Reporting: Submitted required reports to funding partners, providing transparency on project progress, expenditures, and outcomes. Governance Support: Assisted the committee with governance matters, ensuring all policies and procedures were followed to maintain organizational integrity. These efforts have reinforced operational stability, strengthened accountability, and ensured that all projects
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continue to meet funding and regulatory requirements.

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

Filename: 2024 Landholder Survey Results.pdf
File size: 230.8 kB

Filename: Achievement of funded activities 2024-2025 Progress report.docx
File size: 1.4 MB

Filename: Input for Wild Dog Action Plan (WDAP) Review - LPMT Operations on State Managed Lands.pdf
File size: 980.8 kB

Filename: Notice of Baiting Cheadanup and Longcreek reserves.pdf
File size: 510.7 kB

Filename: NOTICE OF BAITING PROGRAM FOR RED FOX Cheadanup and Long Creek Reserves (002).docx
File size: 59.2 kB

Filename: Rabbit release project Spring Article.docx
File size: 36.4 kB

Filename: RAIN E-News March 2025.pdf
File size: 13.6 MB

Filename: Results from the 2023 Priority Pest Survey.docx
File size: 215.3 kB

Filename: SBG Committee Meeting 29 July 2024 minutes.pdf
File size: 72.9 kB

Filename: SBG Meeting 24 February 2025 Minutes.pdf
File size: 61.2 kB

Filename: SBG Meeting 6 September 2024.pdf
File size: 45.4 kB

Filename: Spring Rabbit Control Update 2024.docx
File size: 2.1 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.

Does your RBG require a variation? *

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Budget (GST Exclusive)

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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	\$92,450.00	\$72,820.00	
Communication & Community Engagement	\$10,305.00	\$7,650.00	
Declared Animal Pest Programs	\$66,981.00	\$52,500.00	
Declared Plant Pest Programs	\$20,500.00	\$8,500.00	

Budget Totals

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

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$190,236.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$141,470.00
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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

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Date *

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Must be a date.