

Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme 2025-2026

2025-26 DPRFS Progress Funding Report

Application No. RBG-12-DPRFS2025 From Esperance Biosecurity Association

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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

NAME OF RBG ("Recipient")

Esperance Biosecurity Association

This question is read only.

Funded Activities & Budget to Date

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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.

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Please provide an Activity Update covering the period from 1 July 2025 to the date of this report. Your update should describe what activities have been undertaken to date and any early results or outcomes achieved.

If you have undertaken additional activities which were not detailed in your DPRFS Application Form or Funding Agreement, please add rows as required.

-----Funded Activities (1)

Funded Program

Wild Dog

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including year-round integrated trapping, baiting, and monitoring of wild dogs by a Licensed Pest Management Technician.

Measures include number of wild dog incidents reported and stock survival observations.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Increase in Wild dog activity has been observed in Esperance in the last 9 months. this comes off the back of a good season on the Nullarbor and Great Western Woodlands. The farmers on the boundary to the woodlands are also on the receiving end of the funnel created by the partially constructed State Barrier Fence. These farmers have reported an increase of livestock attacks with numbers at around 400 to the end of Feb, 2026. This is the first time in over 12 years that numbers have exceeded 100 livestock attacks annually.

Exact livestock deaths can not be determined as the dogs are young and are generally pushing sheep out of the paddock into the bush where only some can be retrieved.

Additionally, wild dog activity has been observed further south especially along the Lort River system. The current gap in the SBF, due to Heritage and Environmental requirements, is almost 4km wide and the several squawker boxes set along the edge to discourage wild dogs from moving down the gap is next to useless. Livestock attacks have been reported in Coomalbidgup, 60 km south from the SBF.

Wilddog controlled YTD through trapping and shooting is 14. Reported dogs controlled by landholders is 12.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (2)

Funded Program

Fox Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including education and support for landholders on best practice control and 1080 permit applications.

Measures include number of 1080 permit applications and control campaign feedback.

This question is read only.

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What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Fox control has not been sought after by growers. All RCP applications included fox control measures.

Growers were reminded that wild dog control through 1080 baiting has limited success without rigorous fox control.

Esperance does not currently run a Red Card event, which the EBA has supported financially in the past with sponsorship. These Red Card events were run through the local gunsmith and sporting shooters clubs.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (3)

Funded Program

Rabbit Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including education and support for landholders on best practice control and 1080 permit applications.

Measures include number of 1080 permit applications and control campaign feedback.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Low numbers of Rabbit enquiries from growers. Main enquiries were from small landholders (who are not rated). Best practice control for small landholders does not usually include 1080. Landholders were encouraged to complete RHDV training and were supplied with K5 virus from stock.

Follow up control through Pindone was then recommended.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (4)

Funded Program

Communications and Community Engagement

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including newsletters and information provision.

Measures include number of newsletters produced.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Feral Pig workshop in February in conjunction with DPIRD

Feral Pig control flyer sent to all members, facebook and other grower group.

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several news articles to inform on lack of progress in SBF section 3 and current increase in Wild dog attacks.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

-----Funded Activities (5)

Funded Program

Governance and Administration

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including administrative support, committee coordination, recordkeeping, and financial and compliance reporting.

This question is read only.

What activities will be done and how will success be measured?

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

completed as required.

YTD update on activities and outcomes achieved (e.g. number of activities/pests controlled,

Budget (GST Exclusive)

The table below details the total 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 from 1 July 2025 to the date of this report.

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 Program	Anticipated Expenditure (Ex GST)	Actual YTD 2025-26 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.
Wild Dog	\$179,000.00	\$74,689.00	
Fox Program	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
Rabbit Program	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	no additional rabbit virus purchased as low uptake of stock from last year
Communications and Community Engagement	\$2,000.00		

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Governance and Administration	\$39,000.00	\$19,434.00	insurance, EO cost, IT, audit
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Budget Totals

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

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$226,000.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$94,123.00
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Optional - provide supporting information that demonstrates the achievement of Funded Activities

No files have been uploaded

Supporting information may include minutes from meetings, photographs, social media posts etc. Please note the Annual Report upload is requested below.

2025-26 Operational Plan

Has your RBG published your 2025-26 Operational Plan on your website? *

Yes No

Variation

If required, this is an opportunity for you to formally request a variation to your 2025-26 Funding Agreement.

This is your final opportunity to request to use any *unplanned unspent* DPA funds from the previous year by adding them to your 2025-26 budget and funding agreement.

An amount equal to the value of any unplanned unspent funds not covered by a variation will be deducted from the planned second transfer, returning the funds to the RBG's DPA account for future use.

After this point, variations requesting the transfer of additional DPA funds (if available) can be submitted until mid-June.

Does your RBG require a variation? *

Yes No

Variation Request

Please provide *all* of the following details to enable DPIRD to assess the request and update the funding agreement where required:

1. Provide a detailed description of the proposed change or new activity/activities to be undertaken. This should include:

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- the declared pest(s) the activity relates to
 - the type of activity (e.g. aerial control, contractor control, baiting program, mapping, community engagement)
 - whether the activity expands an existing program or introduces a new activity or program.
2. The reason for the change (timing, conditions, opportunities or delivery reasons),
 3. If the variation includes a change to the total approved budget, specify the value of the variation requested.
 - Where the variation relates to multiple pests or programs, provide the amount requested for each pest or funded program.
 4. The source of funding if budget change required (e.g. unplanned unspent funds held by the RBG from the prior year, additional DPA funds held by DPIRD or reallocation of funds within the existing approved budget).

As discussed previously - moving allocated money from Wild dog control program into new Feral Pig control program

No additional funding is sought.

DPIRD may need to contact you for further information.

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

Organisation Contact

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Executive Officer

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Must be an email address.

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Date *
31/03/2026
Must be a date.