

# Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme 2025-2026 2025-26 DPRFS Progress Funding Report Application No. RBG-10-DPRFS2025 From Kimberley Rangelands Biosecurity Association

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## DPRFS Progress Report Purpose

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Yes

## NAME OF RBG ("Recipient")

Kimberley Rangelands Biosecurity Association

This question is read only.

## Funded Activities & Budget to Date

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### Funded Activities

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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 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 Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

#### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including one aerial baiting run, ground baiting, delivery of bait injection services, and training.

Measures include number of baits distributed, amount of 1080 concentrate used, number of leases participating, and increased calf survival reported by landholders.

This question is read only.

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

#### Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

The first aerial baiting program for 2025-26 was conducted between 9th and 25th September. In total, 21 stations participated in the program across 33 pastoral leases, bringing participation numbers back to approximately normal levels after the previous two runs were affected by unseasonal rain. Only one station was required to cancel at the last minute due to time constraints.

The total number of dog baits either supplied or injected was as follows -

- 79,700 baits injected.
- 19,500 pre-made, field-prepared dried meat baits supplied to stations.
- 1 litre of 1080 CLC supplied to pastoralists to inject their own baits.

Contractor comments included -

- Bait sizes continue to improve, with most stations that have been participating in the program for some time now clearly understanding what is required.
- A small number of bait quality issues were observed at specific stations. Some baits were too large to pass through the aircraft chute, while others had insufficient drying time after injection.
- A minor mechanical issue with the aircraft (a tyre fault) resulted in a short delay of one to two days for aerial baiting at some stations. This did result in approximately half of the stations having baits drying for one to two days longer than scheduled.
- Participation levels have remained consistently strong in recent years. Since 2015, the number of participating stations has increased by 19%. More recently, participation has grown by 4% from May 2022 to September 2025.

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

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-----Funded Activities (2)

#### Funded Program

Pest Plant Program

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Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

#### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including treatment of prickly acacia, rubber vine, mesquite and others through control partnerships, mapping, targeted control on priority sites, and delivery of a chemical subsidy program.

Measures include reduction in plant densities and distribution.

This question is read only.

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

#### Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Prickly acacia

No work was undertaken in this time period, activities to be held over until the wet season.

Mesquite

One run was undertaken in July 2025. In total 2,987ha were surveyed, with 12 plants located and treated. No seeding plants were found during this run, which is a particularly positive sign.

The evippie month biocontrol was inactive on this occasion, making plants slightly harder to detect. The next run is scheduled for February 2026.

Aerial Survey

A survey of the Fitzroy catchment was undertaken in July 2025 as the second stage of the overall survey that began in March 2025. In total, 1,144 kilometres were flown, covering:

- Fitzroy River - 330 km
- Margaret River - 80 km
- Cunninghame River - 54 km

A summary report follows:

Rubber vine: No significant new infestations were identified during this survey, suggesting the program has likely identified most major infestations along the various river and creek systems.

Mesquite: No new infestations were identified, and the two existing sites appear to be declining in numbers.

Neem: Found in several separate clusters along the Margaret, Fitzroy, and Cunninghame Rivers. It ranges from just below Margaret River Gorge downstream to Mt Anderson on the Fitzroy River. This species is rapidly increasing in both density and area infested.

Bellyache bush: Densities—and possibly its range along the Fitzroy River—appear to have diminished, albeit temporarily, since the 2023 flood when compared to the 2018 survey.

Noogoora burr: Widespread along the Fitzroy River and, to a lesser extent, the Margaret River. It was also found up to 10 kilometres from the river in old billabongs; however, density levels at all sites were lower than expected.

Datura/Thornapple: Found in very low numbers along the Margaret, Fitzroy, and Cunninghame Rivers and is not considered a significant threat at this stage.

Parkinsonia: Widespread along the Fitzroy River and many of its creeks. It was also located

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well away from river systems on grazing land, although no large stands were identified during this survey.

Calotropis/Rubber bush: Widespread but recorded only in low numbers during this survey.

Leucaena: Only one infestation was identified during this survey, located on the Margaret River just above its junction with the Fitzroy River.

Rubber vine (Partnership program involving DPIRD and DBCA)

In the East Kimberley, the program largely proceeded as scheduled, with Dry Creek burnt in late August to assist with access during this and the following season. However, due to time constraints, 119 hectares (17%) marked for survey and control were not completed, although an additional 12 hectares identified during operations were surveyed.

In the West Kimberley, the focus area was the main infestation north of the highway at Willare, extending into the estuarine region of the Fitzroy River towards the Derby townsite. Several satellite sites were also included. A total of 155 hectares (21%) remained untreated, including several areas with flowering vines where helicopter access was required due to tidal restrictions limiting boat access.

In total, 296 hectares were surveyed on foot, and 43,324 plants were located and controlled across both regions.

Gamba grass (Partnership program involving DPIRD and DBCA)

A total of 539 ha was surveyed, with 19 plants controlled. All plants were located near areas of previous high infestation, with 17 seedlings found at a new site. No plants were reproductive.

In total, 40 person-days were spent undertaking this work.

Weed subsidies

To date, only one weed subsidy has been provided to lease managers.

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

----- Funded Activities (3)

#### **Funded Program**

Large Herbivore Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

#### **Planned Program Activities & Measures**

Activities including ground control and coordinated aerial operations targeting donkeys and horses, including one regional donkey tracking run.

Measures include reduction in animal densities and distribution.

This question is read only.

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

#### **Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26**

Aerial Operations – September 2025

Aerial activities commenced on Friday, 19th September and concluded on Tuesday, 23rd September 2025. Operations targeted the last known Kimberley Judas donkey locations, along with reports received from regional stakeholders. Priority was given to locating active collars, investigating collar mortality signals, and searching for location gaps to deploy new collars.

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Conditions were milder than during the November 2024 run, as expected; however, ground conditions remained hot and humid following the seasonal transition in preceding weeks. The landscape was dry, and extensive bushfires were present across the region, with significant areas already burnt.

Over the five-day program, a total of 191 large feral herbivores were culled, comprising:

69 donkeys

97 horses

25 pigs

Operational outcomes:

- 16 Judas collars were located.
- 10 Judas collars were tracked but not recovered (likely no longer transmitting or associated animals had already been shot).
- 16 donkeys were culled opportunistically.
- 4 new Judas collars were deployed.
- R44 helicopter 45 hours

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 quarterly newsletters, biennial surveys, meetings, conferences, signage, and website updates.

Measures include survey responses.

This question is read only.

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

#### Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

DPR Consultation:

Given the requirement for the KRBA to undergo significant consultation to increase the DPR operational budget for the 2026-27 operational plan, information was sent to lease owners in October 2025 informing them of the proposal.

In total, 62 organisations with ownership over 96 leases were contacted by way of -

- 48 organisations, letters sent via post.
- 7 organisations, letters sent via email.
- 6 organisations, could only be contacted through targeted articles sent out in newsletters.
- 1 organisation, could only be contacted by text.

(Note: Given the positive results, further consultation was undertaken in January 2026 to provide lease owners feedback on the committee's decision).

Newsletters:

One newsletter was sent out to pastoral land managers.

Biennial survey:

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Unfortunately, the scheduled biennial survey was unable to be undertaken due to financial constraints that came out of the budget been reduced for the year.

Website:

Website was updated, including the uploading of relevant news articles.

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-----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 meetings, accounting, insurances, travel, and office expenses.

This question is read only.

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

#### Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Three meetings were held, including AGM. Previous year's audit undertaken and signed off by committee at the AGM.

Funding schedules, variations, agreements and progress reports were all completed within timeframes.

All programs are currently running to budget and schedule.

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 Program	\$125,000.00	\$122,517.35	
Pest Plant Program	\$81,000.00	\$47,500.00	

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Large Herbivore Program	\$50,000.00	\$1,566.76	DPRID invoice still not received for October's work.
Communications and Community Engagement	\$10,000.00	\$4,077.13	
Governance and Administration	\$140,000.00	\$84,010.27	

## Budget Totals

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

<b>Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$406,000.00	<b>Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$259,671.51
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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

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## 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 \***

31/12/2025

Must be a date.