

# Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme 2025-2026 2025-26 DPRFS Progress Funding Report

Application No. RBG-08-DPRFS2025 From Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc  
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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")

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

## 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

Pest Plant Program

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including herbicide treatment of declared plant pests (Arum Lily, Cape Tulip, Blackberry, Cotton Bush, Cleavers, Apple of Sodom, Bridal Creeper), loan of weed wiper and Quikspray equipment, mapping infestations, and delivery of a contractor spray program.

Measures include delivery of site visits and herbicide treatments, amount of mapping completed, uptake of equipment loans, and number of properties treated.

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

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

Declared Plants enquires for the period (01/07/2025- 25/05/2026)by Species:

Apple of Sodom ( x2 Control queries Feb 2026- Localities Henty & Newlands)

Arum Lily x 30 Engagements with Properties for on ground control, Herbicide subsidy program and control advice for range 05/08/2025- 01/12/2026 Localities: Stratham, Capel, Gelorup, Donnybrook, Bunbury.

Blackberry x 20 Engagements with Properties for spray support & equipment hire between 24/11/2025- 13/05/2026 Localities: Brookhampton, Preston River, Mumballup, Collie River, Donnybrook.

Bridal Creeper x7 Engagements- requests for Rust and community reports. Main roads rust share for upcoming season- contact established. Requests from NSW and Out of ops Northam, York.

Cape Tulip x 9 Engagements with Properties for weed wiper hire program and control support- Localities: Dardanup West, Stratham, North Boyanup.

Cleavers x 4 Engagements on Properties for Contractor spray support- Localities Lowden, Queenwood, Thomson brook.

Cottonbush x 31 Engagements with Properties reporting or requesting management support for CB. One case referred to DPIRD for compliance support following 3 years of non compliance.

Localities: Thomson Brook , Crooked Brook, Henty, Capel, Bunbury, Treendale.

Requests for Weed ID support x 18 Reports actioned.

DPR leveraged for In-kind contributions to fund FTE staff and Subcontractors to deliver:

LBG Project Manager for State NRM Arum Lily Large Community Stewardship Grant, Executive Officer Hours, Project support officer hours require to oversee grant management beyond scope of funded activities.

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LBG collaborations with Shire of DBK/Balingup administered Blackberry NRM Grant. LBG engaged on in kind basis to participate in steering committee meetings, site assessments and technical advice for coordinating cross tenure blackberry program.

FTE Hours 182.50 Project Officer Hours, LPMT Spray Hours 135 and 492 LPMT hours supporting control advice, herbicide subsidy, equipment loan and induction, maintenance and site assessments.

12.01 Hectares of Chemical Weed control spanning 53 properties, 10,810 Liters of tank volume sprayed out with 1,785 Km's travelled as part of spray program.

Funds spent YTD \$43,205

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

-----Funded Activities (2)

### Funded Program

Feral Pig Program

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including expand Hoggone program, loan of hog boxes, and delivery of training sessions, installation of remote camera and pre-feeding site for research and development.

Measures include number of traps deployed, number of pigs controlled, number of training sessions, camera installed.

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

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

Feral pig engagements on Private Land x36 requests for support triaged,

2x Community Feral Pig Events Hosted by LBG (Feral Pig Management Workshop In Lowden and Hoggone Presentation to Indigenous Rangers at Roelands Village.

11x Site Visits by LBG Staff for Feral Pig Management Plans

6x Office walk in Pig enquiries

x18 Feral pig free feed & Bait sites monitored

x13 Hog boxes loaned to participants

10x hours of Subcontracted Thermal Ground shooting

x41 placebo baits consumed

x33 Sodium Nitrite baits subsidized to eligible properties

197 FTE hours committed to Project Officer role.

Expended YTD \$15,126.04

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

-----Funded Activities (3)

### Funded Program

Rabbit Program

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Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

#### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including education and training on RHDV1-K5 Calicivirus, engagement of up to 300 properties, distribution of up to 125 vials, and provision of fencing templates, materials, and fact sheets.

Measures include number of landholders engaged, number of vials distributed, uptake of control materials, and observations of rabbit control outcomes.

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

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

3 x Rabbit Management Workshops Delivered-1x Dardanup, Capel x 2

2x Rabbit engagement Webinars with National Rabbit Coordinator

4x RHDV1-K5 Releases delivering baited Calicivirus oats to 157 registered community members

Feb 02 2026

Feb 16 2026

April 7 2026

April 29th 2026

270 Engagement notes concerning Rabbit Biocontrol, Disease reports & requests for participating in Biocontrol program.

2x Private Landholder Fumigation assisted with Warren Smoker,

10x hours of Subcontractor Rabbit control assisting Fumigations,

44x RHDV1-K5 Vials used,

A total of 291 Rabbit case notes captured for the period.

760 FTE hours expended to Project Officer role

Expended \$48,883 YTD

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

-----Funded Activities (4)

#### Funded Program

Fox Program

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

#### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including LPMT contractor support, peri-urban fox control programs, trapping demonstrations (Foxy Friday's), assistance with up to 10 permit applications, and collaboration with local government.

Measures include number of trapping demonstrations held, number of foxes controlled, permit assistance provided, and delivery of contractor services.

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

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

132 FTE hours expended on Project Officer Role

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25x Trail Cameras loaned for Fox monitoring on private tenure  
16 Cage traps accessed over the period loaned to landholders.  
2x 1080 Permits for Foxes subsidized and supported by LBG  
59x Fox Contact notes for the period.

\$14,931 expended YTD

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

-----Funded Activities (5)

**Funded Program**

Communications and Community Engagement

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

**Planned Program Activities & Measures**

Activities including newsletters, flyer drops, post office mailouts, market and event stalls, and website updates.

Measures include distribution of materials, number of engagement events held/attended.

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

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

862.60 FTE hours expended on Communications Officer Role.

10x Monthly Newsletters distributed to 941 subscribers.

385x new contacts added to LBG Database.

Field attendances

Bull & Barrel Festival Dardanup (October 2025)

Trade stalls at Balingup Small Farm Field Day (April 2026)

Donnybrook Applefest (April 2026)

Arum Lily Workshop x3 (August 2025- Bunbury, Peppermint Grove Beach, Leschenault with Shire of Harvey/And Peel-Harvey BG)

Pop up stall

Captivate Capel May 2026

STEM XXX sisters Bunbury Catholic College mentorship programs

Gardens gone wild - October 2025

Management of LBG Social Media pages x 2 Facebook and Instagram

Articles in Preston Press, Dardanup times, Gelorup Gazette- bi monthly articles.

Humanitix implementation of event registration to semi-automate communication to program participants and to better track feedback and follow up controls reporting.

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

-----Funded Activities (6)

**Funded Program**

Governance and Administration

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

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### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including strategic plan review, staff supervision and reviews, insurance and audit preparation, contract management, WHS compliance, database maintenance, and industry participation.

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

4 committee meetings,

Office relocation and depot fit out and new rental lease agreement executed,

974 hours off FTE to manage operations, oversee finances and reporting,

AGM October 2025

Presentations at RBG Forum By LBG team regarding Community Engagment of Small landholders,

Presentations at industry events - Geocatch Rabbit Control Workshops, Saving Native Species in Wellington NP on Feral Pig management, Peer support to Leschenault Catchment Council to assist with Community engagement of local landholders to collaborate on contractor management program and event coordination.

Insurance renewals for period, Office overheads and Accounts support subcontractors Main expenditures.

Software purchased to assist operations- REFTAB asset management to digitize field equipment hire and return process,

Upgrade free QGIS mapping software to ARCGIS subscription and invested in mapping hours from Project FTE staff with gis skill set. integration of ARCGIS with field data logger for weed plant tracking and spray calculations.

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.

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Pest Plant Program	\$94,256.00	\$43,205.00	Weeds Programs contractor budget reduced from the influence of 3rd Party local Blackberry and Arum Lily programs
Feral Pig Program	\$63,560.00	\$15,126.00	Reduced DPA expenditure on Pigs from Independant pig programs due to reduced sightings and damage reports, Preston Valley
Rabbit Program	\$83,320.00	\$48,883.00	Rabbits program delivery over summer impacted by uncertainty over vial stock supply issues, and enviornmental factors (Cyclone Narelle) influencing an earlier end to the baiting season.
Fox Program	\$48,960.00	\$14,931.00	Fox program services reduced enquiries on previous years, reduced contractor expenses.
Communications and Community Engagement	\$86,710.00	\$58,424.00	tracking Ok
Governance and Administration	\$48,150.00	\$135,020.00	Rent and Office relocation and Overheads increased, Needed to purchase 3x New laptops for Project Team and increased vehicle expenses due to Fuel crisis and Staff mileage claims.

### Budget Totals

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

<b>Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$424,956.00	<b>Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$315,589.00
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### Optional - provide supporting information that demonstrates the achievement of Funded Activities

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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

## 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.

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### I Agree \*

Yes

## Organisation Contact

### Name \*

Ms Kate-Lyn Duzevich

### Position \*

Executive Officer

### Email \*

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Must be an email address.

### Date \*

28/05/2026

Must be a date.