

Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme 2025-2026

2025-26 DPRFS Progress Funding Report

Application No. RBG-11-DPRFS2025 From Midlands Biosecurity Group

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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")

Midlands Biosecurity Group

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 and Foxes Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including deployment of at least 10,000 baits, Canid Pest Ejectors (CPEs), traps, and monitoring cameras.

Measures include number of baits and control tools deployed, number of wild dogs and foxes trapped, and cameras installed to monitor pest activity.

This question is read only.

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

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Wild dog activity continues to be monitored in hotspot locations, including localities of Mount Adams, Eganu, Arrowsmith and Holmwood. To date around 2000 baiting products have been used across the region. One wild dog has been controlled in the Arrowsmith area. This dog was responsible for the loss of at least 50 sheep on the property. Wild dog sightings have also occurred in Holmwood and Eganu, with these areas being monitored regularly by LPMTs. Monitoring cameras have also been set up in these locations.

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

-----Funded Activities (2)

Funded Program

Feral Pig Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including implementation of at least 40 baiting sites in hotspot areas, deployment of monitoring cameras across the region, and delivery of two aerial shoots.

Measures include number of baiting sites implemented, number of monitoring cameras installed, and number of animals culled.

This question is read only.

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

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Baiting program for feral pigs has continued in the Arrowsmith, Irwin and Mingenew areas. Collaboration with the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Associated has also continued with 3x aerial cull's completed this financial year to date. Approximately 382 feral pigs have been controlled to date via baiting and trapping, which is significantly down on previous years, indicating the effectiveness of the control program. A further 144 pigs have been culled in

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via aerial control in the Mingenew region, again a significant reduction on previous years.
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 coordinated baiting with at least 20 participating landholders.

Measures include number of landholders engaged and extent of baiting conducted.

This question is read only.

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

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Rabbit program is continuing in key areas, responding to farmer demand and reporting. A total of 5x virus release sites have been targeted. In addition, baiting sites have been targeted around Three Springs, Mingenew, Coorow, Badgingarra and Watheroo.

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 delivery of at least 6 e-newsletters, website updates, and the Annual General Meeting.

Measures include number of newsletters produced, delivery of AGM and online engagement.

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 MBG AGM was held on the 18th of September 2026. The MBG website has been maintained and 2 newsletters have been released for this financial year. MBG staff and committee attended and managed a stand at the Dowerin Field Day on the 27th & 28th of August 2025. This was a collaborative effort between the MBG, Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association and the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association.

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

-----Funded Activities (5)

Funded Program

Governance and Administration

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Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

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Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including executive and administrative support, database management, and board meetings.

This question is read only.

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

Update on Activities & Results YTD for 2025-26

Executive Officer and administration assistant have been employed to complete administrative duties. The MBG LPMT report database has been maintained and actively used a reporting tool for LPMTs that streamlines property reports and provides greater transparency to the MBG board and staff.

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 and Foxes Program	\$104,050.00	\$82,244.00	
Feral Pig Program	\$186,270.00	\$167,700.00	
Rabbit Program	\$13,000.00	\$1,700.00	
Communications and Community Engagement	\$16,680.00	\$3,695.00	
Governance and Administration	\$80,000.00	\$28,121.00	

Budget Totals

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

Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$400,000.00	Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)	\$283,460.00
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Optional - provide supporting information that demonstrates the achievement of Funded Activities

Filename: AGM Annual Report Presentation 2025.pdf
File size: 907.7 kB

Filename: MBG AGM Minutes 18.9.25.pdf
File size: 183.7 kB

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:
 - 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),

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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).

A variation is requested to reallocate budgeted funds between MBG programs. No additional funding is requested. The following program budgets would be changed:

Feral Pig Program: increased by \$30,000 to \$216,270

Wild Dog Program: increased by \$10,000 to \$114,050

Community Consultation: decreased by \$10,000 to \$6,680

Governance program: decreased by \$30,000 to \$50,000

These changes reflect changes in cost structures, with in-field program costs increasing whilst improved efficiencies in administration leading to these programs being underspent.

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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Must be an email address.

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Date *

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Must be a date.