

# Declared Pest Rate Funding Scheme 2025-2026

## 2025-26 DPRFS Progress Funding Report

Application No. RBG-03-DPRFS2025 From Peel Harvey 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")

Peel Harvey 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

Fox Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including the loan of cage and soft jaw traps, delivery of at least two control information sessions, trap maintenance, and demonstration of techniques.

Measures include landholder engagement through trap loans, workshop attendance and feedback, and awareness activity reach through media and digital platforms.

This question is read only.

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

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

Fox talk at Bruce Maynard Small Landholders Workshop (PHCC)

15 Attendees

21 Cage traps loaned out

RPP Applications

One new land holder application

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 delivery of at least two trapping demonstrations, use of equipment (e.g. Matlock, Pig Brigg, Hoggone), contractor support, site visits, and program coordination.

Measures include participation in pig control events, landholder involvement in trapping activities, feral pigs managed using equipment, and feedback from control efforts.

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 control workshop one

7 Registrations

7 Attendees

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Feral pig control program trapping 1  
13 pig trapped and dispatched  
4 young  
5 Sows - 3 pregnant  
4 Boars

One additional site pre feed and camera monitored pigs didn't come back  
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 a pindone baiting program and biocontrol initiative targeting low-immunity areas, with delivery of two information sessions, loan of at least 20 bait stations, and collection of over 40 rabbit blood samples for antibody mapping.

Measures include landholder participation, number of workshops delivered and attendees, number of bait stations loaned, blood samples collected, and feedback gathered.

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 talk at Cy O'Conner ERADE Village Foundations

9 Attendees

15 bait station loaned

8 rabbit cage traps loaned

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

-----Funded Activities (4)

#### Funded Program

Pest Plant Program

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

#### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including weed wiper demonstrations, loan of weed wiping equipment to control Cape tulip, and treatment of at least 50 hectares.

Measures include workshop attendance, landholder use of equipment, feedback from participants, and hectares treated through control program.

This question is read only.

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

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

Weed wiper Program

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### SMALL

48 bookings

5 cancelled

### LARGE

21 bookings

### FEEDBACK

25 NEW landholders

>200Ha TOTAL treated from Feedback responders

Weed ID and Advice workshop delivered on 13/11/2025

25 registered, 13 attended

100% positive feedback (6 completed forms) on relevance of information, whether participants will use information and would recommend the workshop

Tree popper provision for cotton bush control

10 equipment loans

5 different landholders

Weed general mail outs - 69

Weed Validations - 105

Landholder specific weed validation letters - 99

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

-----Funded Activities (5)

### 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 attendance at at least five local events and setting up PHBG information stalls to increase awareness of declared pests and management responsibilities.

Measures include attendance at stakeholder and community events, and extent of information dissemination across declared pest rate themes.

This question is read only.

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

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

Website Metrics

~4,000 active users accessed the site during the period. ~4,000 new user sessions were recorded, indicating continued discovery of the site by first-time or newly recognised visitors.

User activity increased sharply compared to the previous period, with 30-day active users up 69.5%, 7-day users up 161.4%, and 1-day users up 227.3% by the end of December

Traffic was primarily organic and direct, with approximately 2,500 users via Direct access and 1,700 via Organic Search, demonstrating strong discoverability without paid advertising

Users generated ~8,600 page views and ~5,500 sessions, with an average engagement time of 42 seconds, consistent with informational and educational content

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User interactions were active rather than passive, including ~3,300 scroll events, ~1,100 clicks, and 22 file downloads, indicating engagement with on-site resources

### Social Media Metrics

Total content views: 1.02 million, a 10.4% decrease compared to the previous six-month period, reflecting fewer large viral spikes but continued high overall reach.

1-minute video views: 141, a 39.6% increase, showing improved depth of engagement among viewers who remain beyond initial viewing.

Total watch time: 103 days, a 39.5% increase, demonstrating substantially stronger sustained viewing despite slightly lower total views.

### PLUS

Media releases: 9

Media interview/pieces: 10 (8 paper, 1 radio, 1 TV)

Community newsletters: 2 to 700+ subscribers

Printed practical information at in-person events

### NOTES

Inaugural photo competition during this period resulted in ~1,000 visitors to website.

### Pesky Pests Schools Program

5 Biosecurity Resource Boxes loaned

1 Black Cockatoo Resource Box loaned

6 school incursions delivered (259 students)

9 school holiday programs delivered (150 participants)

2026 Prospectus developed and delivered to local schools

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

-----Funded Activities (6)

### Funded Program

Governance and Administration

This question is read only.

Name of Program, e.g. Feral Pig Program

### Planned Program Activities & Measures

Activities including staff coordination, office and asset management, compliance reporting, stakeholder engagement, financial oversight, and risk management to support effective program delivery.

This question is read only.

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

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

2024/25 Financial Audit and Annual report delivered and available on PHBG website.

AGM delivered

100% retention rate over first two quarters for PHBG staff. Both Waroona and Pinjarra Offices maintained. WH&S review and audit undertaken. Insurance review delivered.

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

No files have been uploaded

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 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

#### 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.
Fox Program	\$54,991.00	\$20,282.00	
Feral Pig Program	\$53,290.00	\$24,282.00	
Rabbit Program	\$81,024.00	\$22,282.00	
Pest Plant Program	\$235,318.00	\$73,433.00	
Communications and Community Engagement	\$88,062.00	\$36,119.00	
Governance and Administration	\$77,315.00	\$50,033.00	

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### Budget Totals

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

<b>Anticipated Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$590,000.00	<b>Actual Expenditure Total (ex GST)</b>	\$226,431.00
	0		0
	This number/ amount is calculated.		This number/ amount is calculated.

### 2025-26 Operational Plan

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

Yes  No

**If you have not published your 2025-26 Operational Plan on your website, please advise why you were unable to comply with this requirement.**

Still waiting for confirmation it is approved by DPIRD

### Declaration & Certification

**\* indicates a required field**

#### 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

**Name \***

Ms Teele Hooper-Worrell

**Position \***

Executive Officer

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**Email \***

[executive@phbg.org](mailto:executive@phbg.org)

Must be an email address.

**Date \***

17/02/2026

Must be a date.