



Operational Plan

2024 – 2025



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The 2024-25 Operational Plan of the Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) aims to:

- broaden our engagement with diverse community members and stakeholders to encourage, promote, and support ongoing, proactive declared pest awareness and management across all land tenures, and
- reduce the severity and occurrence of priority declared pests throughout the LBG Operational Area.

By submitting the 2024-2025 Operational Plan, LBG consents to the Minister's authorisation, permitting the Director General to transfer funds from the Declared Pest Account to the Group. These funds will be used to support declared pest management within the Local Government areas of Bunbury, Capel, Dardanup, and northern localities of Donnybrook-Balingup.

The following pages provide an overview of our proposed activities and associated budget for the upcoming financial year. These activities are subject to adjustment based on community input and emerging needs throughout the operational year.

About Our Group



The Leschenault Biosecurity Group is a community-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting the diverse land uses and natural values of our region from the significant impacts of plant and animal pests. Through collaboration and resource-sharing, we work to support and enhance sustainable land management practices across our area.

Awareness, Collaboration and Resources for Effective Long-term Impact

Our group collaborates with landowners, land managers, Local Government Authorities, and other stakeholders across our operational area to foster integrated, consistent, and cooperative pest management practices. By addressing priority pests identified by the community, we take a landscape-scale approach across all land tenures.

A key part of our role is to support landholders in meeting their responsibilities to manage declared pests on their properties, providing them with resources and guidance. In this capacity we also actively promote community engagement, raising awareness about the importance of managing invasive species and offering support and facilitate proactive, on-going sustainable pest management efforts.

We are committed to a positive, proactive approach to declared pest management. Our focus is on increasing community understanding of pest issues and supporting practical, on-ground solutions that complement the significant efforts already being made by landholders.





Our Vision

a region where effective and collaborative pest management is a shared priority, achieved through consistent, integrated efforts across all land tenures.

We envision landowners, managers, residents, and community members taking collective responsibility to proactively address and report pest incursions. This united approach will significantly reduce pest impacts, safeguarding our agriculture, native flora and fauna, diverse lifestyles, and the rich biodiversity of our unique region

Our Mission

to support landholders in meeting their obligations to manage declared pests on private properties, while fostering a collaborative, integrated approach across communities and land tenures to reduce the prevalence and impact of priority pests.

Through partnerships with landowners, land managers, local governments, industry, peer organizations, and the broader community, we aim to promote shared responsibility and provide resources to proactively manage established pests and report emerging threats. Together, we can protect and sustain our environment, agriculture, and the unique biodiversity of our region



Our Team

The LBG's operations are led by a skilled, part-time team of individuals, each contributing important skills, areas of expertise and experience to best support our mission of helping to protect areas diverse landscapes from the impact of pests. Backed by a volunteer, skills-based Board of Management for governance and strategic direction, our team works to support landholders in achieving effective, sustainable pest control. They provide community education, resources, and on-ground support, while actively promoting collaboration among stakeholders to foster a proactive, unified approach to pest management across the region.

Board of Management

The LBG is led by a volunteer Board of Management, representing the community. Board members bring a diverse range of knowledge and expertise to help shape and support the group's operations in addressing biosecurity challenges impacting our environment, industry, agriculture, and lifestyle across our operational area. The primary responsibility of the Board is to provide governance and oversight in line with the group's role and accountability as a Recognised Biosecurity Group under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (BAM Act 2007). This Act, currently under review, sets out to reduce the impact of declared pests by enabling community governance through RBGs and guidance and accountability with funding and resources.

Executive Officer

Our Executive Officer, Kate Duzevich, the LBG with dedication to both day-to-day operations and long-term goals aimed at protecting our unique landscape from invasive species. With a strong background in environmental science, extensive project management experience, and hands-on fieldwork, Kate brings valuable knowledge and practical skills to the team. Her local roots give her a deep understanding of the complex pest management challenges across our region. Additionally, she has served as a board member for the Harvey Water Department and as an inaugural officer for the WA Feral Pig Advisory Group.

Effective Governance Guides Our Team

Strategic planning and goal-setting are informed by community input, biosecurity risk priorities, and the right combination of skills and resources. Under the governance of our Board, with established policies, procedures, and oversight, our operations are guided by the following principles:

1. Robust Planning & Design
2. Probity and transparency
3. Collaboration and partnership
4. Outcomes orientation
5. Focus on achieving value for money
6. Governance and accountability
7. Evaluation and improvement
8. Proportionality



Kate Duzevich, Executive Office
Leschenault Biosecurity Group



Leschenault Biosecurity Group is led by a skills-based board, comprised of volunteer community members providing a diverse range of knowledge, experience and local perspective.

Stakeholders

Collaboration is key for effective pest management programs across our communities.

LBG advocates for cross barrier pest management by working with numerous stakeholders towards the common goal of reduction of incursions and impact of declared pests. Collaboration among our diverse stakeholders is the most effective way to combat the increasing spread of pests, both plant and animal, and to develop strategies to significantly reduce the impact of these pests across our communities, our region and our state.

Our Stakeholders include:

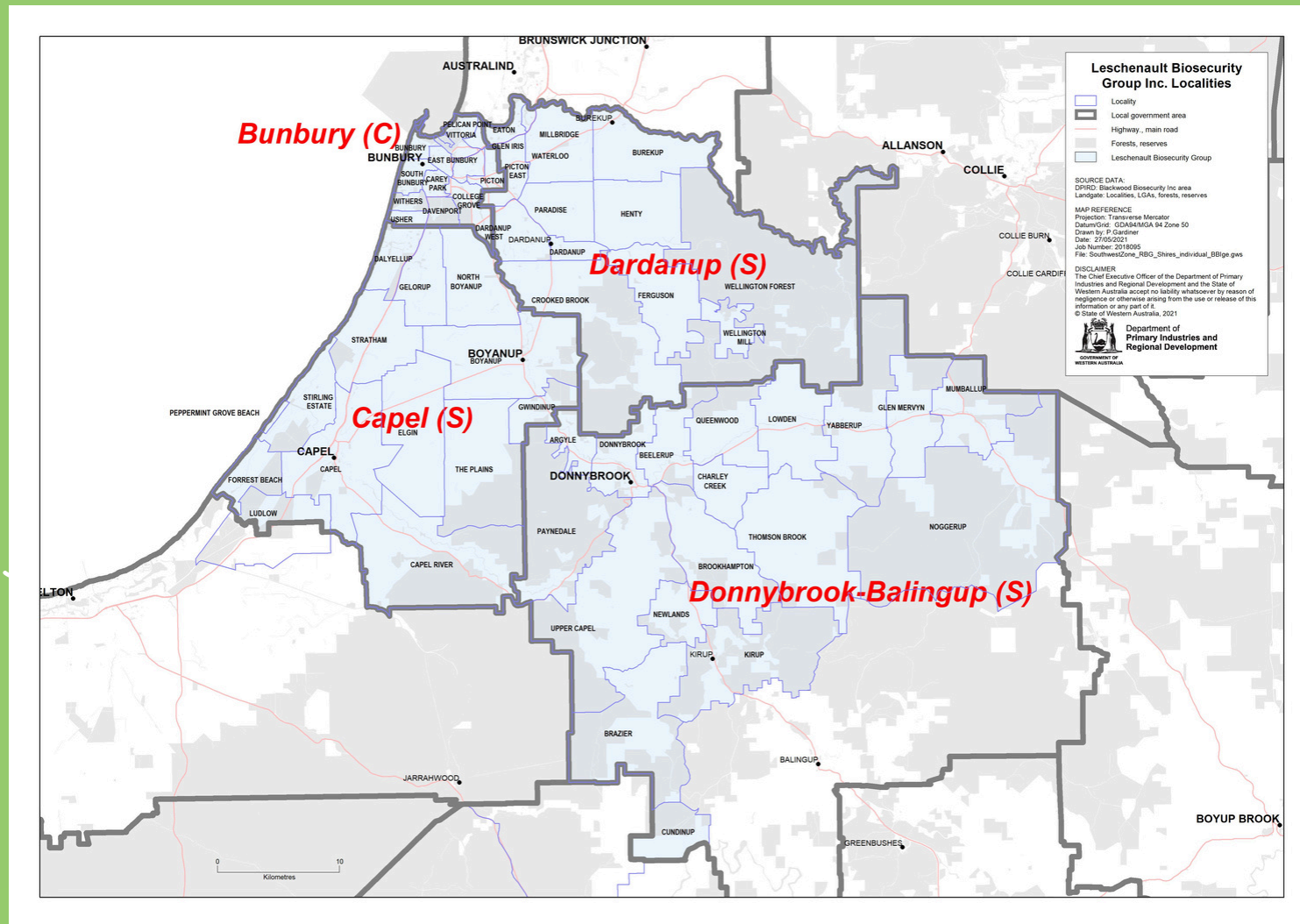
- **Landholders and Community Members within our Operational Area**
- **Local Government Authorities:**
 - City of Bunbury
 - Shire of Capel
 - Shire of Dardanup
 - Shire of Donnybrook Balingup
- **State Government Agencies:**
 - Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
 - Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions
 - Department of Communities
 - Department of Water Environmental Regulation
 - Forest Products Commission
 - South West Development Commission
 - Main Roads Western Australia
- **Other Stakeholders:**
 - Arc Infrastructure
 - Geographe Catchment Council
 - Leschenault Catchment Council
 - Pomewest
 - South West Natural Resources Management
 - Recognised Biosecurity Groups (our peer groups across WA)
 - Wespine
 - Western Australian Plantation Resources
 - Other Peer Organisations
 - Local Pest & Weed Management Operators



Our Operational Area

The Leschenault Biosecurity Group's Operational Area includes:

- City of Bunbury
- Shire of Capel
- Shire of Dardanup
- and
- Shire of Donnybrook – Balingup northern localities including:
 - Argyle
 - Brazier
 - Beelerup
 - Brookhampton
 - Charley Creek
 - Cundinup
 - Donnybrook
 - Glen Mervyn
 - Kirup
 - Lowden
 - Mumballup
 - Newlands
 - Noggerup
 - Paynedale
 - Queenwood
 - Thomson Brook
 - Upper Capel
 - Yabberup



Pillars of Operation

to promote, facilitate & support effective management of priority declared pests at a landscape scale, across our communities.



Apple of Sodom



Arum Lily



Blackberry



Bridal Creeper



Cape Tulip



Narrow-leaf Cotton Bush



European Fox



Feral Pig



European Rabbit



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**2024-2025
Priority
Declared
Pests**

Related programs and actions specific to our pillars of operation are presented on the following pages.



Feral Pig Management

The management of feral pig population spread and growth is essential and an on-going need within the LBG operational area, requiring awareness, collaboration, persistence and resources.



Rabbit Control

As the most destructive agricultural pests in the country, on-going rabbit control efforts remain essential to helping to protect our natural biodiversity and diverse land uses from the significant damage caused by this pest.



Fox Program & Other Vertebrates

Foxes have survived throughout the world despite almost constant attempts by humans to reduce numbers or to eradicate them. Nevertheless, it is possible and essential in specific areas to protect livestock and native fauna from fox predation.



Declared Plants Management

Invasive pest plants pose significant challenges to our local ecosystems and land uses, demanding ongoing vigilance and innovative management approaches. Guidance and support to encourage and facilitate effective control programs and practices is a key focus of the LBG.



Community Engagement

Together we can better protect our unique and beautiful area from the significant impact of invasive pests. Building and contributing to community awareness of priority pests, potential threats and related best practices and resources is key to achieving effective pest management and reduction of related biosecurity risks.



Governance & Administration

The group operates under a strong governance framework, led by a dedicated, volunteer, skills-based Board of Management. This leadership is supported by well-developed policies and procedures, ensuring responsible and transparent administration. Across all operations, we implement efficient systems and processes that promote strategic effectiveness, accountability, and transparency, driving successful outcomes and responsible management of resources.

Fox Control & Other Vertebrate Pests

Resources

LBG will provide fox control support to landholders within our operational area, including:

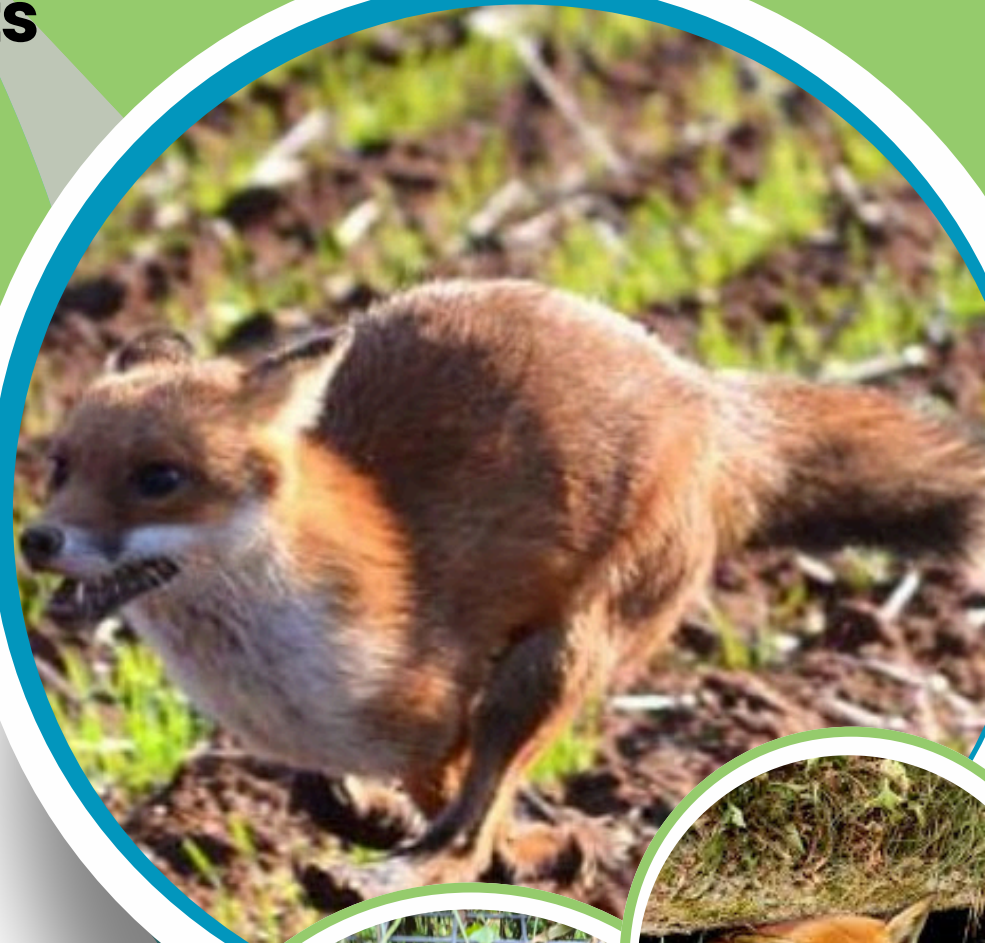
- Trapping Support:
 - free loan of surveillance cameras & traps to landholders
 - set-up and trapping strategy support
 - post-trapping animal dispatching plan
- 1080 Baiting Support:
 - Restricted Pesticide Permit application assistance and fee subsidy
 - Liaise with DPIRD for guidance and training
 - Liaise with
- Free Community Workshops presenting:
 - fox control methods
 - best timing
 - "Feral Scan" app for mapping and coordinated control
- Community Education & Awareness Outreach through:
 - Events
 - Website - online resources
 - Social Media

Collaboration across Communities

The LBG will continue to promote and work with collective groups of neighbouring properties to develop and implement community coordinated fox control efforts across tenure. We will continue to liaise with DPIRD, DBCA and other stakeholders to remain abreast of latest, evidence-based methods for effective, strategic and coordinated fox control efforts. Where applicable the group will work with our local Shires and others for participation in collaborative fox control efforts.

Support for Management of Other Vertebrate Pests

The LBG will collaborate with State and Local Government Authorities to remain abreast of requirements for initiatives to address support of other vertebrate pests as may become applicable to community needs and our capacity and authority to contribute, including feral cats, deer or other as may become applicable.



Feral Pig Management

Feral Pigs are a cause of serious agricultural and environmental damage within the Leschenault Biosecurity Group's operational area and remain one of the group's priority pests. Feral Pigs have a considerable impact on the environments in which they become established causing damage to both animal and plant biodiversity. Perhaps the most obvious damage caused by feral pigs is when they turn over soil, logs and rocks while searching for roots of edible plants and invertebrates. Disturbance caused by this activity can promote weed establishment, alter vegetation structure and contributes to soil erosion and contamination of waterways. There is also evidence that pigs spread *Phytophthora* (dieback). Pigs are also susceptible to several significant exotic diseases of livestock not yet present in Australia. It is important to manage feral pigs to prevent build-up of large numbers.

Use of HOGGONE Feral Pig Control System

LBG will continue to use the HOGGONE® Feral Pig Control System, as a highly effective, humane component of our Feral Pig Control Program. Since initial successful trials in 2020 with this system, the group has effectively used this system across our operational area working closely with landholders for monitoring and pre-feeding phases of this program.

The LBG have found this be a very effective, fast acting and humane feral pig management alternative, because:

- Threat of off target damage is very small
- It does not require formal training or qualifications to purchase or use
- Safe for operators (when used in alignment with manufacturers' instructions)
- Relatively low cost (Bait boxes are shared for use by multiple landholders)

Research & Development & Capacity Building

LBG will regularly liaise with the National Feral Pig Advisory Group to share knowledge, be across latest research and techniques and to promote Feral Pig management across our operational area. We will continue to upskill staff with trapping techniques and latest methodology for effective feral pig management through training and participation in the WA Feral Pig Advisory Group and other opportunities that may become available through the year.

Collaboration with Multiple Stakeholders

The group will continue to actively seek opportunities to work with private landholders and other land managers for effective monitoring and management of feral pigs within our operational area. We will also continue to work closely with the Feral Pig team at DPIRD with the aim of sharing information, knowledge and best practices.



Our team is dedicated to extensive fieldwork, setting up and monitoring feral pig control installations, including the use of the HOGGONE® system and trapping methods.



Rabbit Control

European rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) are declared pests of agriculture in Western Australia under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007. As such, landholders are required to control rabbits on their properties. Even landholders not actively using their property are still legally obliged to control rabbits to protect their neighbours' land from the impact of rabbits.

Support for Integrated Management Approach

Persistence and integration of varied tools and methods to best address property-specific circumstances is key to effective rabbit control. LBG will continue to provide rabbit control support to landholders within our operational area, including:

- **Property-specific rabbit control advice and support, including:**

- Biological Control _ Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program (conducted during summer months)
- Harborage reduction
- Exclusion fencing
- Warren ripping
- Baiting and trapping
- Other as may be applicable to property-specific circumstances

- **Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program, including:**

- Calicivirus "K5" is biological control providing a very important tool for suppressing pest rabbit numbers throughout the landscape, reducing the substantial impact rabbits have on both agricultural production and the environment. The "K5" virus will not eliminate all rabbits, but typically does result in a significant reduction in rabbit population, hopefully better enabling landholders the ability to implement other rabbit control strategies around their property.
- We will encourage and support operational-wide participation in LBG's annual RHDV1 K5 Release Program
- LBG team members will remain accredited to mix the virus and inoculate a medium to facilitate targeted virus releases. LBG uses clipped oats for this purpose.
- We will conduct free community workshops to promote program and explain process for participants
- We will plan for and facilitate releases, pre-ordering virus supply, promote program, track participant registration, landholder pre-feeding reports and the estimated number of rabbits and feeding sights at each property registered for participation and ultimately mix and distribute virus-inoculated oats to landholder participants
- We will seek participant feedback and provide guidance and support for property-specific, post-release actions to take advantage of reduced rabbit populations

- **Free Community Workshops** to provide information regarding varied rabbit control methods, including promotion of the group's Calicivirus "K5" program and explain process for program participants

- **Community Education & Awareness Outreach** with information and resources provided at community events, on LBG's website and via social media.



Persistence and integration of varied tools and methods are key to success for effective rabbit control. "One-off" efforts produce only short-term results as rabbit populations can recover quickly even after successful control programs. As is well known, rabbits reproduce very effectively; complete elimination of rabbits is close to impossible.

Declared Plant Management

Weeds are plants that can grow in locations where they are not desired and can have adverse effects on the environment and economy.

A diverse range of weeds, including many widespread and established declared pest weeds and threats of emerging risks to our biosecurity, presents significant and on-going challenges for the preservation of vulnerable flora and ecosystems across the LBG operational area. The LBG will continue to implement robust programs of awareness and support for proactive, on-going, effective weeds management efforts.

Focus on Priority Declared Pest Weeds

LBG will continue to provide a resources and programs to promote, facilitate and support the management of declared pest weeds identified as priorities within our operational area. Additionally the group will share timely information about awareness of and actions for arising potential threats.

The group will carry out weed pest-specific control programs, including community engagement with timely information, control guidance, equipment loan, site visits and other resources and services as applicable to the specific pest type, severity of infestation and/or risk of spread and other biosecurity risks. The group will continue to facilitate and promote pest-specific programs, including community engagement and awareness building activities, and coordinated control efforts.

Our 2024-2025 focus will be on the following identified priority declared pests weeds for our area:

- Apple of Sodom
- Arum Lily
- Blackberry
- Bridal Creeper
- Cape Tulip
- Cleavers
- Cotton Bush
- Paterson's Curse
- Other biosecurity threats that have emerged or may arise



Collaborative Approach

Weeds don't stop at fences!!

LBG continues to encourage, seek & support collaborative approaches to weed management. Collaborative approaches promote:

- Long-term sustainability of our native plants
- Improved crop & pasture productivity
- Protection of our natural biodiversity

Some of the broader collaborative weeds management initiatives in which LBG will participate in FY 2024–2025 include:

Arum Lily Control – Four LGAs, One Weed

Serving as Program Administrator, we are partnering with the environmental and natural resource management teams in the Shires of Capel and Harvey and the Cities of Bunbury and Busselton for implementation of “Four Local Government Authorities, One Weed”. a State Natural Resources Management (SNRM) grant-funded program to tackle Arum Lily infestations through ground-based reconnaissance, mapping, treatment, and monitoring. This targeted initiative aims to address and control Arum lily spread in eligible sites, helping to protect and preserve local ecosystems with much needed grant funding. LBG is providing overall administration of this program in addition to other project implementation tasks.

The program aims to tackle Arum Lily infestations through:

- *ground-based reconnaissance.*
- *guidance and support for private landholders to undertake Arum Lily control on their private properties.*
- *monitoring & mapping of identified infestations and control efforts*

Blackberry Control Funding Support

LBG is promoting landholder access to funding support for blackberry control efforts as defined by a State NRM grant obtained by the Shires of Donnybrook–Balingup and Collie. This grant provides for a Natural Resource Recovery Program supporting the community to engage with and restore the natural landscape through activities including blackberry control, rehabilitation of endemic vegetation, fencing, community events and educational workshops. LBG will directly support interested or participating landholders within the LBG operational area with control guidance, equipment loan or other resources as available to help them most effectively implement the grant funds related planned control for their property.

On-going Promotion of Collaborative Management Approach

The LBG will continue to actively seek opportunities to work with community members, peer organisations and other stakeholders for development and implementation of well-planned, collaborative weed management initiatives. The LBG will strive to remain abreast of priorities, emerging threats, latest control methodologies, guidance and resources for weeds management



2024 – 2025 Operational Programs Overview – Leschenault Biosecurity Group

Pest Program	Actions	Input	Measurement
<p>Declared Plant Pest Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackberry: Promote, support & facilitate robust blackberry control across operational area for summer control season through community engagement, property-specific guidance, equipment loan and on-ground support as applicable • Continued steering committee participation in Shire of Donnybrook & Collie Blackberry grant program Steering committee • Arum Lily: Program Coordinator, providing administration, community engagement, control guidance, equipment loan, decanted herbicide and on-ground support as applicable for State NRM grant-funded "4 LGAs, One Weed" Arum Lily Control project for support within the LGAs of Capel, Busselton, Bunbury and Harvey and including support for landholders with herbicide subsidy and LPMT spray contractor training and safe handling workshop for private landholders. • Cape Tulip: Promote, support & facilitate Cape Tulip control across Dardanup West & other areas as applicable • Cleavers: Promote, support & facilitate Cleavers control across in targeted areas in our ops area • Other Declared Pest Plants: Property-specific and plant specific weeds management control guidance and support as applicable • Equipment Loan & Site Visits • Community Workshops & Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBG Staff • LBG Equipment & Resources • Mapping Software • Community Member Queries, Requests & • Feedback Online Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of landholder engagements for weed management support • Feedback from landholder participants Implemented control activities for priority declared pest plants including Apple of Sodom, Arum Lily, Blackberry, Bridal Creeper, Cape Tulip, Cotton Bush, Cleavers and Paterson's Curse as applicable to landholder requests and/or concerns. • Reporting/validation of suspected Pokeweed sightings • Management support activities including site visits for property specific assessments, guidance, monitoring and on-ground control support • Number of equipment loans per annum. • On-going control efforts by participating landholders

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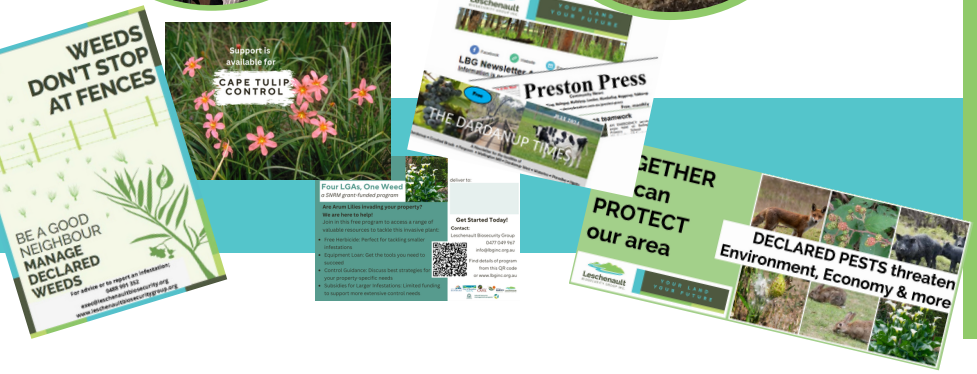
Pest Program	Actions	Input	Measurement
Animal Pest Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote awareness of and guidance and/or available support for priority declared pest animals including, Feral Pigs, Rabbits Foxes and other community concerns. • Rabbits: Promote, conduct and monitor operational area wide landholder participation in annual Rabbit control Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 program; continue to promote and support integrated management approach using varied control methods and tools as applicable to need • Feral Pigs: Continued promotion and delivery of collaborative feral pig control program, including use of HOGGONE and trapping as applicable to landholder circumstances • Fox: Promote and support fox control with trapping strategy, trap and camera loans and on-ground support as applicable • Saving Native Species in Wellington National Park Project – provide community engagement, coordination and implementation of on-ground controls for Feral Cats and Foxes as this project led by the Leschenault Catchment Council and the South West NRM and which received grant funding from the Australian Government Saving Native Species Program. • 1080 RPP: Support eligible landholders within our operational area with 1080 Restricted Pesticide Permit Application as applicable • Collaborative Pest Management Programs: Promote, support collaborative pest management initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBG Staff • LBG Equipment & Resources • Mapping Software • Community Member Queries, Requests & • Feedback Online Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of landholder queries/request for priority declared pest animal management support • Number of participants in Feral Pig controls activities • Number of participants and feeding sites used in Calicivirus RHDV1-K5 Release Program • Reporting/validation of suspected feral pig and fox incursions • Management support activities including site visits for property specific assessments, guidance, monitoring and on-ground control support • Number of equipment loans per annum. • On-going control efforts by participating landholders • Feedback from landholder who used our services

2024 – 2025 Operational Programs Overview – Leschenault Biosecurity Group

Pest Program	Actions	Input	Measurement
<p>Community Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of Declared Pest Management Needs, Responsibilities & Resources: Promotion of awareness of priority declared pests, related responsibilities and available support via face-to-face engagements, LBG newsletter, articles in local printed and online publications, social media, website and other online resources • Promotion of Seasonal Concerns/Needs: Timely promotion of seasonal pest management needs, along with information regarding guidance and available resources to support • Sharing Biosecurity Alerts/Relevant News: Sharing and promotion of DPIRD Biosecurity Alerts and/or related information and/or calls to action as applicable to our area • Community Support: Timely and beneficial responses to community member queries, feedback and/or requests for support • Community Workshops & Events: Participation community events, including the Boyanup & Districts Farmers Market, Donnybrook Apple Festival, Balingup Small Farm Field Day, City of Bunbury events, such as South West Science Fair and other events as determined applicable to our operations and/or community requests • Pest Management Program Participation: Promotion of pest-specific management programs to increase awareness and participation in programs as applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBG Staff Participation in Community Markets & Events • Site Visits • Printed Materials • Direct Mailings • Social Media • Local Publications • LBG Newsletter • LBG Website • Online Resources • Contacts Management Procedures • Communications Support Resources, including free subscriptions to graphics development and e-mail distribution apps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community member contacts, including queries, requests for support and feedback • Newsletter subscribers • Participation in collaborative pest management initiatives

Community Engagement

We are committed to engaging with our community members in ways that best suit their needs and preferences.



Community Events & Workshops

Participation in local markets and other community events, as well as LBG led pest management workshops provides valuable, direct interaction with community members. Attendees and our team members are able to readily discuss priorities and concerns and to share pertinent and timely information. These events also provide opportunities to help raise awareness of pest management responsibilities and related available resources.



Site Visits and On-ground Services

Direct engagement through site visits allows us to work hands-on with community members, providing personalised advice, demonstrating best practices, and fostering trust by being present and accessible in addressing pest management concerns.



Collaboration & Partnerships

Partnerships with local organisations, government agencies, and community groups help strengthen our impact by pooling resources and expertise, enhancing the ability to deliver effective pest management solutions and promote shared responsibilities.



Newsletter, Newspapers, Flyers & more

Regular updates through newsletters and newspapers keep our community informed about ongoing activities, upcoming initiatives, and success stories, ensuring transparency and providing relevant information that supports community awareness and involvement. Additional promotion of programs and pertinent news updates are made through targeted mailings, "letter drops", distributed flyers, posters, roadside signage and other physical printed materials.



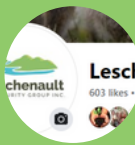
Website & Online Resources

Our website serves as a hub for up-to-date information, guides, and resources, offering easy access to tools and information to support pest management and awareness of related biosecurity priorities, programs and support.



Social Media

Social media platforms enable us to connect with a broader audience, share timely updates, promote community achievements, and create interactive opportunities for dialogue, making pest management more accessible and relevant to all community members.



Community Engagement

Our goal is to serve as a trusted, valuable resource for our communities, fostering strong and collaborative relationships throughout our operational area. By raising awareness about the significant impacts of declared pests and potential emerging biosecurity threats, we aim to empower communities with the knowledge and tools needed for proactive, sustainable pest management. We offer resources and support to assist landholders in fulfilling their responsibilities to manage declared pests on their properties while also aiming to empower the broader community to help protect our environment, agriculture, diverse land uses, and unique natural biodiversity.



Awareness Building Guidance & Support

LBG will promote awareness of and proactive actions for effective management of declared pests with:

- Printed & digital resources
- Articles in local newspapers
- Social Media Content
- Hosting Workshops
- Radio Interviews
- Biosecurity Issue Specific Videos



Face-to-Face Engagements

LBG will have face-to-face engagement with community members at event across our operational area, including:

- Community Markets and Festivals
- LBG facilitated pest management workshops
- Site visits & on-ground support



Collaborative & Pest Management Programs

LBG will continue to , develop, facilitate and promote participation in community coordinated pest management programs, such as our:

- Annual “K5” Rabbit Control Program
- Feral Pig Control Program
- Weeds Management Programs

Budget

guiding principles

for development and use of our budget



Outcomes Oriented, Robust Planning

- Focus on meaningful and measurable outcomes
- Resources directed toward initiatives with greatest impact
- Comprehensive planning methods
- Strategic resources allocation
- Responsive & adaptive to current needs & emerging challenges.



Focus on Achieving Value for Money

- Our budget aims to achieve the highest impact for use of funds
- Focus on maximizing effectiveness of our programs
- Focus on minimizing unnecessary expenditure.



Sound Governance & Transparent Accountability

- Board of Management oversight
- Sound policies & procedures
- Strong governance practices
- Transparent financial management
- Independent accountant
- Regular reporting to DPIRD
- Annual independent financial audit



Proportionality

- Strategic funds allocation in alignment with our pillars of operation
- Effective use of resources
- Fair assessment of intended use
- Support for operational goals.

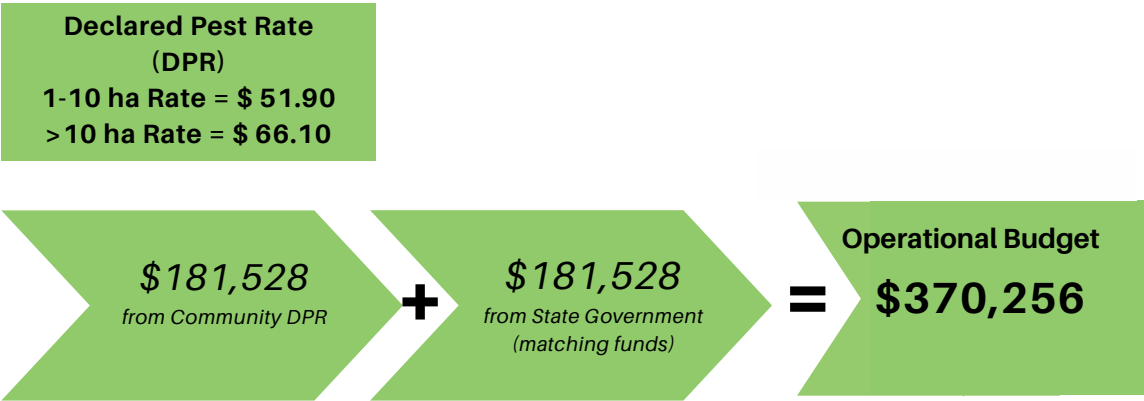


Evaluation & Improvement

- Continuous evaluation to assess financial performance to learn from past and drive improvements
- Responsive budgeting to adapt to evolving needs for maximum effectiveness
- Incorporate feedback & insights into ongoing improvement to refine resource allocation & optimise impact

FORECASTED OPERATIONAL BUDGET FY 2024 - 2025

Budget Source and Allocation Overview



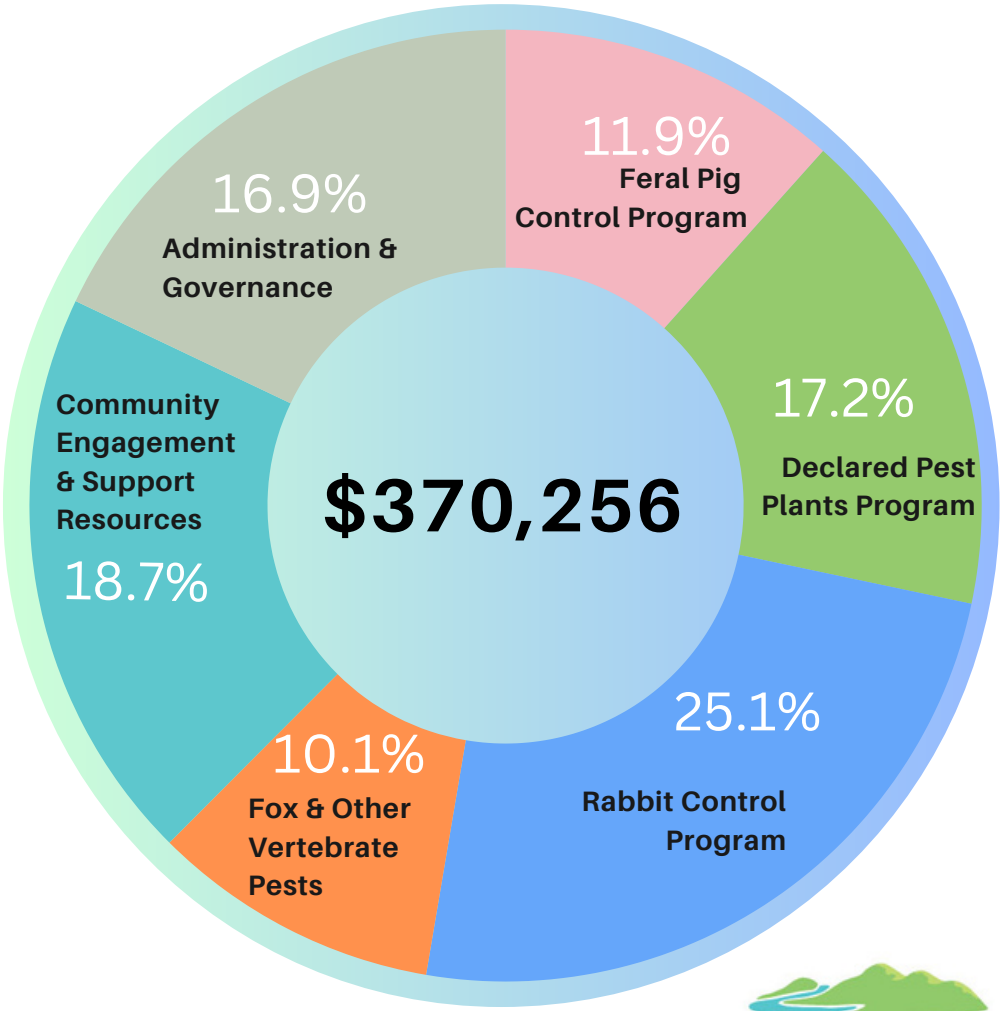
Budget Source:

As a recognised biosecurity group, The Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) operations are sustained utilising the shared responsibility funding model for declared pest management. Landowners pay a set annual Declared Pest Rate (DPR) which is matched dollar for dollar by the state government. The DPR within the LBG’s operational area for the 2024-2025 financial year is:

1-10 ha Rate = \$ 51.90 > 10 ha Rate = \$ 66.10

Allocation:

This proposed budget is allocated to support, coordinate, and promote community-driven programs focused on the sustained management of declared pests across the Local Government Areas of Bunbury, Capel, Dardanup, and northern Donnybrook-Balingup. Our commitment is to ensure the responsible and transparent use of declared pest rate funding, fostering equity in resource allocation. We prioritise transparency and accountability as we strive to maximise the impact of our available resources, ensuring that they are applied efficiently and effectively to help achieve measurable outcomes in the management of declared pests across our operational area.





YOUR LAND
YOUR FUTURE

***Collaborating with landowners, land managers and
the broader community to achieve a significant
reduction in the impact of pests across our region.***



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