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# Chair's Report



I am pleased to present the Leschenault Biosecurity Group's Annual Report for the 2025-26 financial year. This year has been a very busy one for staff and Board members, including managing two office relocations, changes in financial management staffing both internally and externally, and expanding the delivery of on-ground projects to support landholders in our community tackling declared pests and weeds. Requests for assistance from neighbouring regions without an established Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) continue, demonstrating the ongoing demand for and value of RBGs across the south-west of WA, as well as a growing recognition of LBG's expertise beyond our operational area.

The staff and volunteer Board deserve acknowledgement for their outstanding efforts in navigating the challenges faced throughout the last financial year. Despite these difficulties the team has risen to each challenge, and we ended the year having assisted a record number of landholders and helping to remove a significant number of invasive species from our landscape.

I wholeheartedly thank all the staff at LBG for their efforts over the past year and recognize how much they have been able to achieve with so little resources. Not-for-profit Landcare organisations such as LBG often become experts at squeezing the most out of every dollar they are funded out of necessity, and it is my experience that the staff at LBG are no exception. The staff's passion for community coordinated Landcare is evident in all that they do and we are very grateful to have such a expert-filled team.

It has been great to welcome two new staff officially into the LBG team; I am proud to say Scott Bartholomew who has been working for LBG for many years as a contractor, is now an official staff member. And we also welcomed Carmel Boyce back, who has agreed to reprise the role of finance officer, as she was for the group in its infancy many years ago.

Three of my fellow board members have reached our three-year terms in office on the LBG board this year; Colleen Bandy, Wayne Irvine and John Whyatt. I would like to acknowledge their time and thank them for their service which has been most appreciated, its been a pleasure working along side them these three years. I would also like to warmly welcome new board members to the committee; the skills and experience that is held on this board are of great benefit to the strategic leadership of the LBG. It gives me great confidence and pride to hand the reigns over to the incoming Chair this year, and I plan to support them in any way I can over the next year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the LBG over the past year; I hope that your involvement with the group has helped you in some way, whether big or small, and I encourage you to actively engage with the group if you don't already, to ensure the group's focus continues to be community-led.



**Katrina Zeehandelaar-Adams**

Chair
Leschenault Biosecurity Group

# Statement from our Executive Officer



What an exceptional year it has been overseeing the Leschenault Biosecurity Group. I couldn't be prouder of how our team and community have continued to evolve, showing resilience, growth and our trademark passion for community led pest management through a period of significant global change.

It feels like yesterday that we packed up our beloved Donnybrook office and moved to our new Operations depot at Unit 2, 4 Mummery Crescent, Bunbury. We are incredibly grateful to the Cusato family for providing a welcoming base for our Declared Pest Programs, project partners, landholders, staff and volunteers for the past 5 years.

The move came just in time for the summer community rabbit biocontrol program. Achieving this required the combined efforts of our staff, subcontractors and volunteer Board, who managed the scouting, inspections, contracting, packing, unpacking, cleaning and storage of more than five years of office and plant assets.

2025-26 was a year of growth, collaboration and delivery. Through strong partnerships and targeted investment, LBG expanded our rabbit control and engagement programs, strengthened feral pig management coordination, delivered significant predator management support and continued to work with landholders in managing priority weeds, delivering measurable biosecurity benefits for the South West community and environment.

Operationally the acheivements I am most proud of are:

- LBG's continuing leadership & stewardship as community rabbit biocontrol baiting coordiator
- Acquitting the 3 year State NRM Community Stewarship program "4 LGAs, one weed- Arum lily"
- Wrapping up the collaborative "Saving Natvie Species in Wellington NP ground control program overseen by South West NRM & Leschenault Catchment Council
- Being invited to deliver interactive student focussed biosecurity workshops at Bunbury Catholic College to support their STEMXX sisters initiative.

I know that the coming year is going to be similarly busy and can't wait to get stuck in.

**Kate Duzevich**
Executive Officer
Leschenault Biosecurity Group

# About Us

The Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. (LBG) is a community-based not-for-profit organisation serving as a Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) in alignment with responsibilities as determined by the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act WA 2007 (BAM Act). Our purpose as an RBG is to support private landholders within our operational area in meeting their biosecurity obligations to manage declared pests on their properties. The group aims to help protect the region's diverse land uses and natural values against the significant impacts of pests – both animal and plant – through cooperation and collaboration.

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## Our Vision and Mission

**Vision**

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

**Mission**

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











From on-property visits and practical workshops to community markets, festivals and pest-specific events, LBG actively engages with landholders and the wider community to build awareness, share knowledge and support effective, coordinated management of declared pests across our region.

***Two successful LBG initiatives, which highlight the value of our community engagement activities are presented on the following pages.***

# From “Silver Bullet” to Integrated Rabbit Management Controls




LBG has seen a noted shift in landholder queries from “When is the next release?” to “What should I do next?” .... an encouraging sign that our integrated rabbit management message is gaining ground.

For more than seven years, LBG has facilitated an annual summer Calicivirus RHDV1-K5 Release Program in collaboration with landholders across our Operational Area.
Throughout this time, our message has remained consistent: Calicivirus K5 is an important rabbit biocontrol tool, but it is not a “silver bullet”. While a successful release can contribute to reductions in rabbit numbers, effective long-term management requires persistence and the strategic use of multiple control methods appropriate to individual properties and circumstances. **For many years, however, informal feedback suggested that participation in LBG’s annual K5 Release Program was often the only rabbit control action undertaken by participating landholders during the year. Encouragingly, we are now seeing signs that this is changing.**

**From “When is the next release?” to “What should I do next?”**
Over the past two years, LBG has formalised its collection of participant feedback through post-program surveys. Responses indicate an encouraging shift, with many landholders reporting that they are using, or planning to use, other rabbit control methods in addition to participating in our annual K5 Release Program.

We are seeing this change reflected in our everyday engagement with landholders too. Increasingly, conversations are moving beyond “When is the next K5 release?” towards “What should I do next?” and “Which other controls are appropriate for my property?”
Landholders are seeking advice and support around complementary management options including harbourage reduction, warren destruction, baiting, trapping, fencing and ground shooting. **For LBG, this represents an important measure of progress.** Rather than viewing an annual K5 release as a complete rabbit management program, more landholders are recognising biocontrol as one tool within a broader, ongoing and integrated approach to rabbit management. In 2026, the group introduced a LBG-developed Rabbit Management Plan working document as a tool to help landholders assess their property-specific circumstances, identify appropriate control methods and develop a tailored, integrated approach to long-term rabbit management for their property.

**Persistence matters -** We do not attribute this changing community approach to any single workshop, campaign or communication. Instead, it reinforces something we have learnt through rabbit management itself: persistence in engagement and messages matters.

# Engaging Young Minds. Inspiring Shared Responsibility




**Sharing our knowledge with students to build awareness of biosecurity risks and inspire the next generation to play their part in protecting our unique region.**

*LBG team members were honoured to once again participate in the STEMXX Sisters event at the Bunbury Catholic College, helping to introduce girls and young women to some of the diverse career possibilities within STEM, while sharing a little of what protecting our environment, agriculture and communities from invasive species can look like in practice.*

## LBG invited to be a part of STEMXX high school engagement for the 3rd year

In 2026, Leschenault Biosecurity Group was pleased to participate in the STEMXX Sisters at Bunbury Catholic College (BCC) for the third year in a row, joining female university students and professionals from a diverse range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics-related fields to inspire and engage Year 5 to Year 9 girls and young women from across the South West.

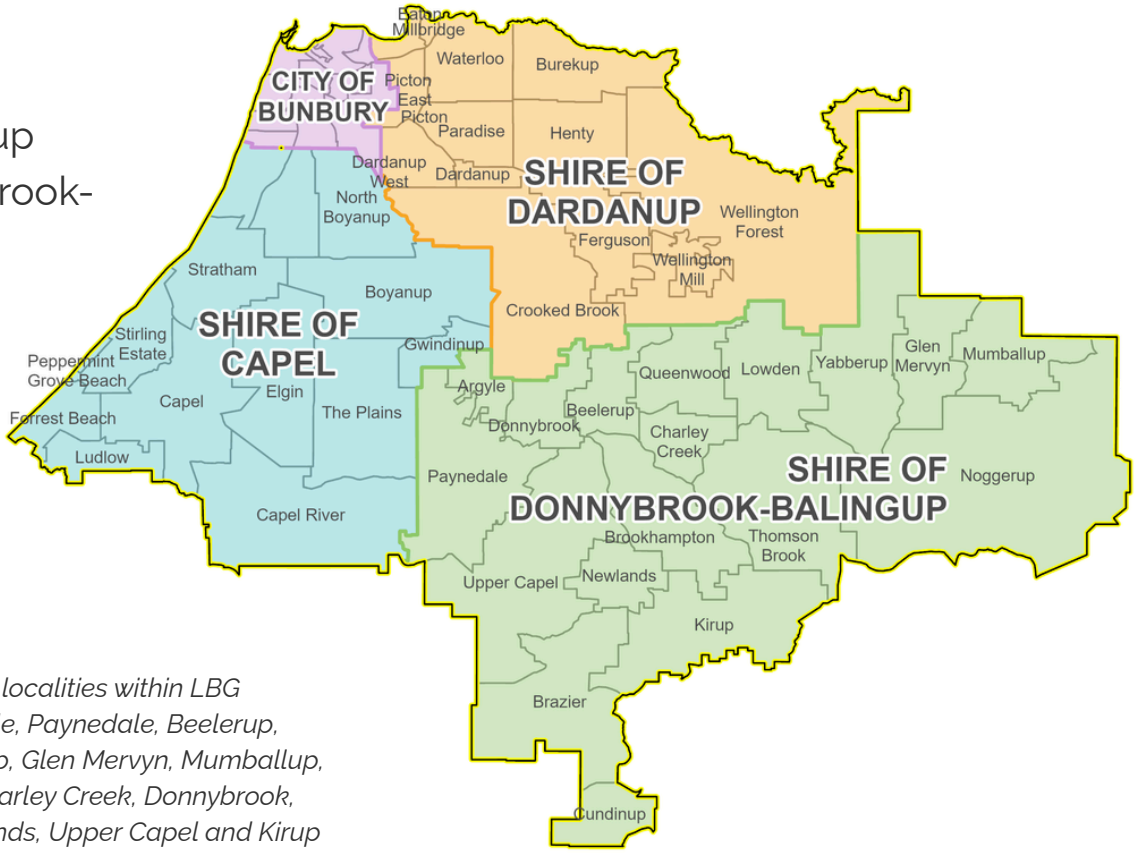
The initiative provided regional students with a valuable opportunity to explore STEM careers and pathways and hear directly from women working across a diverse range of professions. As part of the day, students participated in a STEM professional "speed dating" session, asking questions about our careers, the pathways that led us to our current roles, what inspired us and what our work looks like in practice.

LBG also delivered three hands-on biosecurity workshops, providing an introduction to biosecurity, invasive species and declared pests, why their management matters and some of the ways we work with landholders to help protect our local area from their impacts. Students participated in a hands-on preparation of Bridal Creeper Rust Spore Water, learning how this naturally occurring rust fungus can be used as a biological control to help manage Bridal Creeper, one of our area's priority declared weeds. They also participated in an activity around tracks and scats from selected invasive and native animals found in our area, with emphasis on ways to identify which animals may be present in an area, the clues they leave behind and why being able to recognise both native and invasive species can be important for effective biosecurity and pest management.

# Operational Area & Key Stakeholders

## Operational Area is comprised of:

- City of Bunbury
- Shire of Capel
- Shire of Dardanup
- Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup, northern localities*




**Shire of Donnybrook Balingup localities within LBG Operational Area include: Argyle, Paynedale, Beelerup, Queenwood, Lowden, Yabberup, Glen Mervyn, Mumballup, Noggerup, Thomson Brook, Charley Creek, Donnybrook, Brookhampton, Brazier, Newlands, Upper Capel and Kirup*

## Key Stakeholders:

We value our relationships and collaboration with our diverse stakeholders, including:

- Private landholders
- Our local shires
- State agencies
- Peer organisations
- Public land managers
- Local community members










# Governance & Administration




LBG Board of Management, left to right: Andrew White, Carmel Boyce, John Whyatt, Katrina Zeehandelaar-Adams, Colleen Bandy, Wayne Irvine; not pictured here, Katie MacIntyre and Kate MacGregor.

## Our Board of Management

LBG is led by a passionate, skills-based Board of volunteer members representing the community and providing a diverse range of knowledge and experience for guiding the group's strategic direction and acting as the caretakers of the operational and financial accountability of our group.

As residents and primary landholders within our Operational Area, our Board members bring both knowledge from their individual areas of expertise, as well as local insights, providing valuable, timely and locally relevant guidance for our operational team to address biosecurity issues affecting the environment, industry, agriculture and lifestyles within our area.

### Leschenault Biosecurity Group Board members during Financial Year 2025-2026

| Board member | Role | Locality |
|---|---|---|
| • Katrina Zeehandelaar-Adams | Chairperson | Donnybrook |
| • John Whyatt | Vice Chairperson | Thomson Brook |
| • Colleen Bandy | Secretary | Argyle |
| • Carmel Boyce | Treasurer | Eaton |
| • Katie Macintyre | Committee Member | Thomson Brook |
| • Wayne Irvine | Committee Member | Cundinup |
| • Andrew White | Committee Member | Crooked Brook |
| • Kate MacGregor | Committee Member | Ferguson |



Our Board of Management regularly reviews organisational performance, financial management and strategic priorities to ensure DPR funding continues to deliver effective, transparent and accountable biosecurity outcomes for the community.

## Our Board of Management guides our operations with focus on:

### On ground outcomes & strategy

- Consultation
- Program development
- Strategic Planning
- Governance oversight
- Operational Budget development
- Business development & sustainability
- Risk Management

### Governance & financial compliance

- Operations & governance policies & procedures
- Transparent financial management
- Regular reporting to DPIRD
- Annual independent financial audit
- ACNC reporting
- Associations Online reporting

### Evaluation & continuous improvement

- Review of Operational & Financial Performance
- Effective use of resources
- Strategic funds allocation in alignment with our Pillars of Operation
- Board succession planning & recruitment

## Responsible Stewardship of Declared Pest Rate Funding

Responsible stewardship of Declared Pest Rate (DPR) funding is a core priority of our governance. Our Board of Management is committed to ensuring these public funds, together with matching State Government contributions, are managed transparently, responsibly and in accordance with legislative and funding requirements.

**The group's governance provides for policies and procedures to ensure:**

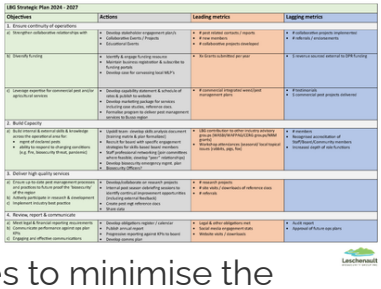
- DPR and related State-matching funds are used to address an identified pest management need within the group's operation area
- LBG has the capacity and capability to manage these received funds
- The group has an acquittal process in line with the value of these funds
- Evidence of stakeholder engagement and consultation
- Evidence that the funds have achieved the desired outcome

# Strategic Operations

## Our Strategic Plan 2024 - 2027 Guided Our Operations

Throughout the 2025 - 2026 Financial Year, we continued to operate under guidance from the Leschenault Biosecurity Group Strategic Plan 2024-2027, which was adopted by the LBG Board in March 2023. This plan identifies the organisation's purpose as to coordinate, educate, facilitate and collaborate. It highlights LBG's values of courage, respect, empathy and accountability.



The Executive Officer provides direction and resources for effective development and implementation of strategic initiatives that support the five areas of focus for the group's actions as outlined in the Strategic Plan, including:

- Support landowners/managers to uphold their responsibilities to minimise the impact of pests.
- Develop larger-scale projects to assist in the ongoing management of pests.
- Work tirelessly to ensure our stakeholders have access to contemporary, evidence-based best practices for pest management.
- Share relevant and timely information to our stakeholders.
- Maintain systems to keep our landowners/managers aware of new incursions.
- Seek additional funding sources.

## FY 2025-2026 Operational Plan

The aims of the LBG 2025-2026 Operational Plan were to:

- Engage with a broader range of community members and other stakeholders
- Reduce severity and occurrences of the priority declared pests, across our operational area.




Declared Pests Focus:
Our Operational Plan outlines focus for nine priority declared pests for our operational area as presented here.

**Key activities and achievements across 5 of our 6 operational pillars during the 2025–2026 FY are presented on the following pages in order as follows for:**

1.Declared Pest Plants; 2. Feral Pigs, 3. Foxes & Other Vertebrates; 4. Rabbits; & 5. Community Engagement.

*Our 6th Pillar of Operation, Governance and Administration, is addressed throughout this report.*

# Declared Pest Plants



LBG's declared pest management support is tailored to the particular pest, extent of infestation and often to individual property circumstances.

Throughout FY 2025–2026, LBG continued to deliver on one of our core objectives: raising awareness of priority declared pest plants and providing practical guidance, resources and support to help landholders across our operational area meet their responsibilities for managing these invasive weeds on their private properties.

LBG's support continued to focus around **eight declared pest plants** identified as a priority for management within our operational area:

- Apple of Sodom
- Arum Lily
- Blackberry
- Bridal Creeper
- Cape Tulip
- Cleavers
- Cotton Bush
- Paterson's Curse



Landholder Engagements to Support Declared Pest Management

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Equipment Loans to Support Declared Pest Management

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Our initiatives focused on building landholder knowledge, confidence and capacity to undertake effective and ongoing weed management, including:

- expert pest-specific technical advice
- pest-specific control programs
- practical workshops
- property visits
- equipment loans
- technical advice

## Collaboration remains central to our approach

By working alongside landholders, community groups, local governments and partner organisations, LBG helps facilitate coordinated management efforts that extend beyond individual properties and contribute to broader regional biosecurity outcomes. This year, LBG continued our role in the following two collaborative programs:

### Four LGAs, One Weed: Arum Lily Control SNRM Grant Program

In 2025-26, LBG continued its role as Program Administrator for the final phase of the State Natural Resource Management (SNRM) grant-funded Four LGAs, One Weed Arum Lily Control program. Delivered in collaboration with the Cities of Bunbury and Busselton and the Shires of Capel and Harvey,

### Blackberry Control: SNRM Grant Program Support

In 2025-26, LBG continued to support the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup in promoting landholder participation in a State Natural Resource Management (SNRM) grant-funded program supporting blackberry control and broader landscape restoration.

## Category C3 Declared Pest Plants Programs FY2025 – 2026
## Actions, Measurements and Outcomes

| Species | Arum Lily (*Zantadeschia aethiopica*) |
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| **Program Area** | Bunbury, Capel, Gelorup, Stratham |
| **Actions**<br><br>LBG conducted Arum Lily control workshops to raise awareness of its impact and resources available to support landholders in its management while also providing general and property-specific control guidance. | Year two as project manager for State NRM Arum Lily control program, including acquittal and in-kind contributions as approved in workplan, including infestation mapping, herbicide application records, photo points. *LBG also extended Arum Lily control program services to localities within the LBG Operational Area, but outside of the scope of this project through use of our DPR funding.*<br><br>Collaborated with private and public land managers to implement Arum Lily control works.<br><br>Provision of:<br>• Arum Lily control workshops<br>• Control guidance<br>• Herbicide kits<br>• Equipment loan<br>• Subsidies for contractor control for eligible properties with set available funding |
| **Measurements** | • Final program audit & metrics<br>• Register of participants and case notes<br>• Number of equipment loans<br>• LPMT contract and decant tracking<br>• Number of related promotions |
| **Outcomes**<br><br>LBG provided free herbicide kits to landholders to support & encourage Arum Lily control. | • 45 landholders provided with pest management advice and support<br>• 42 landholders registered for 4 LGAs, 1 Weed grant program<br>• 6 equipment loans provided to support landholder control activities<br>• 25 communication and promotional activities delivered to increase community awareness and engagement |

| Species | Blackberry (*Rubus sp.*) |
|---|---|
| **Program Area**<br><br>LBG supported landholders with blackberry control guidance and free loan and delivery of our trailer-mounted QuikSpray unit for control of large and hard to reach infestations. | Promotion of the status of this pest plant, importance and responsibility for its management and related available resources to support landholders within the LBG Ops Area<br><br>Across the LBG Operational Area, including:<br>• Private tenure where evidence of previous control or intent to control is observed.<br>• Waterways where LGA, Crown land manager, and Traditional owners have been engaged.<br>• Where control supports existing vertebrate pest management activities undertaken in coordination with LBG or private works. |
| **Actions**<br><br>*LBG-developed promotional materials for this SNRM blackberry control project* | Collaborated with private and public land managers to implement control works<br><br>Continued support to the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup for State NRM grant-funded blackberry control program with promotions to raise awareness of available funding opportunities and encouraging eligible landholders to participate, as well as provided technical guidance to maximise effectiveness of blackberry management undertaken through the program.<br><br>Provided landholders across the LBG Operational Area support to meet their blackberry management needs with:<br>• Control guidance<br>• Equipment loan<br>• Property visits<br> |
| **Measurements** | • Final program audit & metrics<br>• Register of participants and case notes<br>• Number of equipment loans<br>• LPMT contract and decant tracking<br>• Number of related promotions |
| **Outcomes** | • 30 landholders provided with pest management advice and support<br>• 5 equipment loans provided to support landholder control activities<br>• 8 communication and promotional activities delivered to increase community awareness and engagement |

| Species | One-leaf Cape Tulip (*Moraea flaccida*) |
|---|---|
| **Program Area** | Shire of Dardanup, specific to Dardanup West & The Plains |
| **Actions** | Promotion of the status of this pest plant, importance and responsibility for its management and related available resources to support landholders within the LBG Ops Area<br><br>Provision of:<br>• Control guidance<br>• Property Visits<br>• Equipment loan, including delivery to/from landholders' properties |
| **Measurements** | • Number of landholder enquiries<br>• Number of equipment loans<br>• Number of related promotions |
| **Outcomes** | • 12 landholders provided with pest management advice and support<br>• 4 equipment loans provided to support landholder control activities<br>• 5 communication and promotional activities delivered to increase community awareness and engagement |



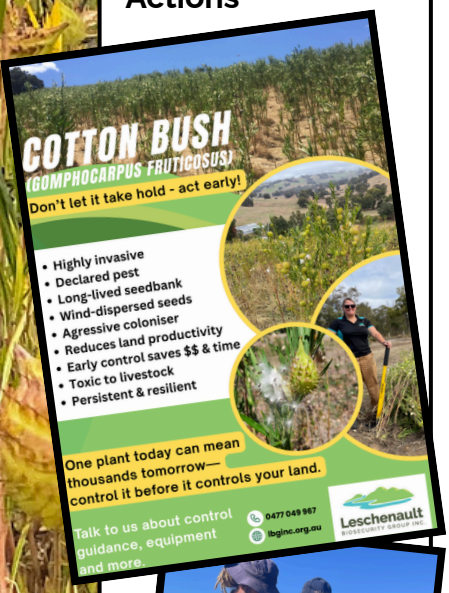




**Images: Front & back of postcards sent to residents in known Cape Tulip hotspots within the LBG Operational Area, such as Dardanup West, to raise awareness of impact of this declared pest plant & available resources to support landholders for its management.**



**LBG provided free loan and delivery of our weed wipers to landholders for their use in controlling Cape Tulip on their private properties.**

| Species | Cottonbush (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus*) |
|---|---|
| **Program Area** | Compliance reported properties within the LBG Operational Area, including private, public, State Gov and UCL land.<br><br>Private properties not requiring a compliance notice within the LBG Operational Area |
| **Actions**<br><br><br> | Promotion of the status of this pest plant, importance and responsibility for its management and related available resources to support landholders within the LBG Ops Area<br><br>For Compliance Reported Properties:<br>• Inspect sites/properties within the program area upon receipt of a community report or complaint-active growth period<br>• Engagement with land manager with support from DPIRD ISEB<br>• Refer for compliance where engagements have not been successful, or no control has been observed<br>• Provide advice on effective control methods<br>• Contractor spray program- 1st treatment fully subsidised*, 2nd treatment 1:1 cost recovery from land manager, 3rd treatment at the expense of land manager based on quote<br><br>Support to landholders not requiring compliance notice with:<br>• Control guidance<br>• Property Visits<br>• Equipment loan, including delivery to/from landholders' properties |
| **Measurements** | • Final compliance program audit & metrics<br>• LPMT contract and decant tracking<br>• Photo monitoring point collection during active growth season<br>• Number of landholder enquiries<br>• Number of equipment loans<br>• Number of related promotions |
| **Outcomes** | • 30 landholders provided with management advice & support<br>• 4 equipment loans provided to support landholder control activities<br>• 4 communication and promotional activities delivered to increase community awareness and engagement |



**Apple of Sodom**
*(Solanum linnaeanum)*



**Bridal Creeper**
*(Asparagus asparagoides)*



**Cleavers**
*(Galium aparine)*



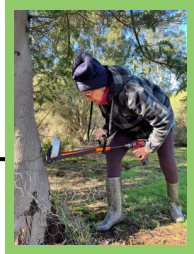
**Paterson's Curse**
*(Echium plantagineum)*

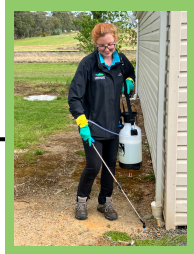
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| **Species** | **Other declared pest plants designated as a priority within the LBG Operational Area:**<br><br>**APPLE OF SODOM, BRIDAL CREEPER, CLEAVERS, & PATERSON'S CURSE** |
| **Program Area** | Private tenure within the LBG Operational Area where evidence of previous control or intent to control is observed.<br><br>LGA reserves where authorised & funded by the LGA. |
| **Actions**<br><br>*LBG helps landholders tackle declared pest plants with free access to specialised weed management equipment.* | Inspect sites/properties within the program area upon receipt of a community report or complaint during the active growth period.<br><br>Update client database and map with details of Report to Outcome.<br><br>Partner with private and public land managers to implement control work<br><br>Provision of:<br>• Control guidance<br>• Equipment loan, including delivery to/from landholders' properties<br>• Property visits |
| **Measurements** | • Number of landholder enquiries<br>• Property visits<br>• Number of equipment loans<br>• Number of related promotions |
| **Outcomes** | • 15 landholders provided with pest management advice and support<br>• 4 equipment loans provided to support landholder control activities<br>• 10 communications activities/initiatives to increase community awareness of the impact & encourage action |











# Feral Pigs

## (*Sus scrofa*)



Throughout the 2025-2026 FY, LBG continued to support landholders across our Operational Area in managing the significant impact of feral pigs on their private properties.  Our support included providing control guidance, coordination of control activities, equipment loans and set-up and collaboration for implementation of HOGGONE®  feral pig control installations.

| Related Equipment Loans | Feral Pigs Dispatched |
|---|---|
| 27 | 134 |

The HOGGONE® feral pig baiting system remained LBG's primary control tool, providing an effective, fast-acting and humane method of reducing feral pig populations. Working closely with participating landholders, LBG supported the monitoring, pre-feeding and baiting phases essential to the successful deployment of this system.
 landholders for monitoring and pre-feeding phases of this program.



*LBG's Executive Officer, Kate Duzevich, provided demonstration of use of the Pig Brig® trap at Feral Future on Farms Field Day as part of the group's role on the Saving Native Species in Wellington National Park  project.*

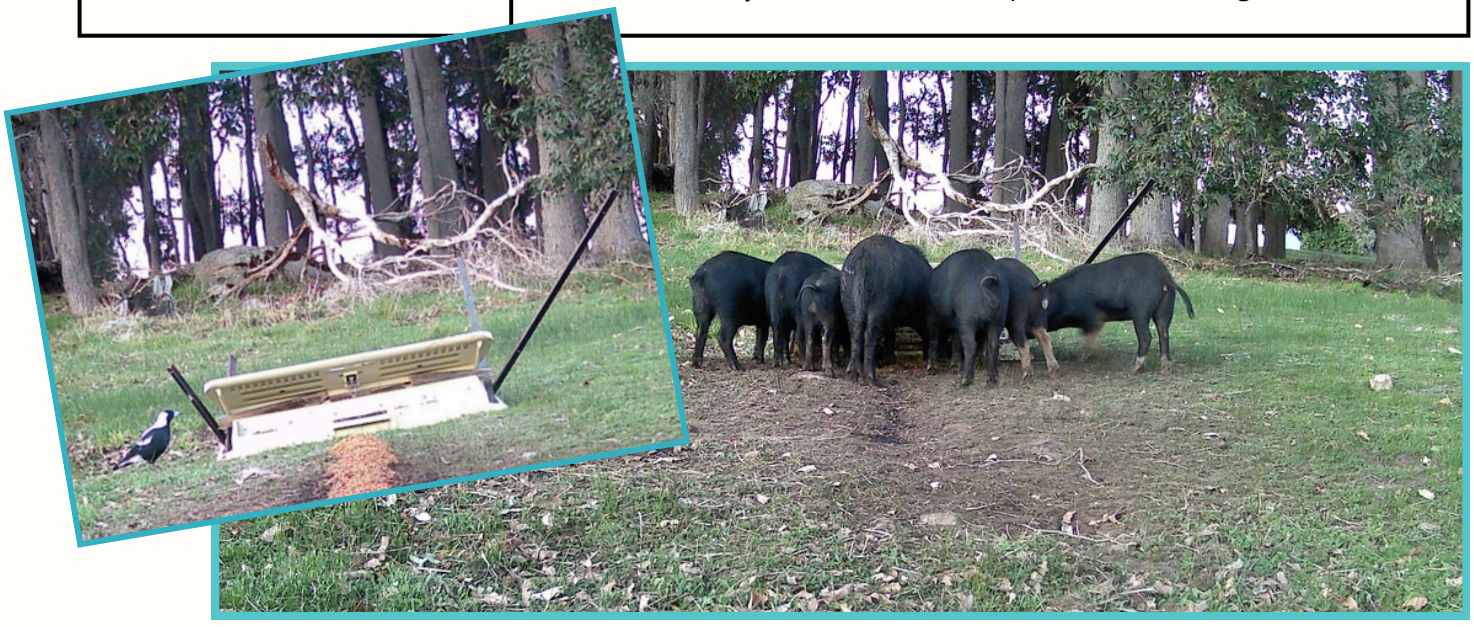
As effective feral pig management requires approaches tailored to individual landholder and property circumstances, LBG also provided advice and support for trapping strategies, including the loan of a Pig Brig® trap made available to LBG by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

Additionally, LBG facilitated professional shooting services for participating landholders, where appropriate, as part of our support for feral pig management activities under the nationally funded Saving Native Species in Wellington National Park project.

Together, these complementary approaches show LBG's commitment to practical, collaborative, coordinated feral pig management, helping landholders reduce pest impacts and contribute to broader regional biosecurity outcomes.

| Species | Feral Pig (*Sus scrofa*) |
|---|---|
| **Program Area** | Private land with reports of suspected and/or sighted feral pig activity within the Shires of Capel, Dardanup and Donnybrook-Balingup*, and for which the landholder has the capacity to collaborate with the group or facilitate the same for on-ground monitoring and control efforts.<br><br>*Program area extends to northern localities of the Donnybrook-Balingup Shire as applicable to the LBG Operational Area. |
| **Actions**<br><br><br><br><br> | **Responded to numerous landholder reports** of sighted and/or suspected feral pig activity on their private properties with:<br><br>**1. Site visits: LBG follow-up included site visits and assessment of best next action relative to:**<br>• LBG sighted/suspected pig activity<br>• The landholder's capacity & circumstances<br>• Applicability to land setting and use<br><br>**Post-Site Visit Actions included as applicable to property circumstances:**<br>• Surveillance camera loan, set-up & monitoring<br>• Implementation of LBG's HOGGONE® feral pig control system, including pre-feeding phase, loan & set-up of HOGGONE® bait boxes, support with HOGGONE® placebo and bait<br>• Trapping support<br><br>**2. Support Landholder in 1080 Baiting Permitting**<br>• Responded to landholders' queries regarding the applicability of 1080 baiting for feral pig management on their private property<br>• Provided guidance and support for 1080 permitting applications to eligible landholders who requested this service<br><br>**3. Implemented Trapping initiatives to evolve the group's capacity in this area, including:**<br>• Supported landholders with trapping strategies<br>• Loaned and supported one landholder with use of Pig Brig® trap, on loan to LBG from DBCA; support included:<br>  ◦ Strategically selected program site for installation of one remote camera and pre-feeding<br>  ◦ Progression to trapping using Pig Brig® trap with remote monitoring, working in collaboration with landholder<br>  ◦ Supported landholders with use of self-owned traps<br><br>*continued on next page* |

| **Species** | Feral Pig (*Sus scrofa*) |
|---|---|
| **Actions (continued)** | **4. Feral Pig Control Information Sharing Among Local and State Peers as subject matter expert**<br><br>**5. Promoted awareness of the importance of feral pig management and related available resources** through the group's newsletter, website, social media, local community publications and events |
| | • Number of landholder enquiries/feral pig sightings reported<br>• Number of HOGGONE® installations<br>• Number of resources available to landholders & equipment loans<br>• Number of supported 1080 permit applications<br>• Number of related promotions |
|  | • 70 landholders provided with pest management advice and support<br>• 27 equipment loans provided to support landholder control activities<br>• 67 pigs removed with our HOGGONE® program, 29 pigs removed by our contract shooters, and 38 pigs removed using our Pig Brig® trap<br>• 2 events serving as a subject matter expert/key presenter about feral pig control including the "Fighting Ferals Landcare Check-in" Landcare WA in May 2026 podcast and 5 Rivers NRM (PHCC) Feral Pig Management Primary Producer Workshop in June 2026<br>• 10 communications activities/initiatives to increase community awareness of impact & encourage action |



# Foxes & Other Vertebrate Pests



**Foxes, a prominent pest within the LBG Operational Area,** remain a widespread and prominent declared pest across the LBG Operational Area, with the region's predominantly peri-urban nature making fox management particularly challenging. LBG's support for fox management includes trapping strategies, equipment loan and 1080 permit application support where applicable to property-specific circumstances.

**Peri-Urban Operational Area Often Limits Fox Control Options** - Many reports received by LBG relate to fox activity on smaller residential properties, neighbourhood streets, peri-urban parklands and reserves. In these settings, the range of practical control options can be extremely limited. Trapping is often one of the only suitable methods for these properties and is often combined with the additional challenge of landholders not having access to an appropriate or legal means of humanely dispatching a captured animal, such as shooting. Within these constraints, LBG works with landholders to assess their individual circumstances and identify practical management options. Support includes advice on fox behaviour and control strategies, loan of surveillance cameras and trapping equipment, assistance with trap placement and set-up, and guidance on other control methods where property size, location and regulatory requirements permit their use.

**Other Vertebrate Pests -** While **feral cats and roaming domestic cats** are not currently identified as priority pests within the scope of LBG's core operational programs, the group recognises their potential impacts on native wildlife. LBG promotes community awareness and responsible pet ownership and, where capacity and external funding allow, contributes to targeted feral cat management projects. During 2025, LBG continued our role in vertebrate pest control for the Australian government-funded Saving Native Species within the Wellington National Park project. Working with participating landholders and project partners, the group supported on-ground feral pig, fox and feral cat control on private properties adjoining and surrounding the National Park, helping to extend coordinated vertebrate pest management efforts across tenure boundaries.

**Being Proactive for Emerging Pests -** During 2025–26, LBG actively participated in State forums and discussions relating to **deer and wild dog management**, while promoting community awareness of the potential impacts of these pests. Although neither is currently a priority operational focus, LBG continues to engage in related national, State and peer-group discussions to remain informed of emerging risks, management approaches and available resources.

This proactive engagement helps build LBG's preparedness to respond and support landholders should these pests become an increasing management concern within our Operational Area.

| Species | Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) & Other Vertebrates |
|---|---|
| **Program Area** | Private lands with reports of suspected and/or sighted fox activity within the Shires of Capel, Dardanup and Donnybrook-Balingup*, and for which the landholder has capacity to collaborate with the group or facilitate the same for on-ground monitoring and control efforts. *Program area extends to northern localities of the Donnybrook-Balingup Shire as per the LBG Operational Area. |
| **Actions** | **Responded to landholder reports** of sighted and/or suspected fox activity on their private properties with:<br><br>**1. Site visits: LBG follow-up site visits & assessment of best action relative to:**<br>• LBG sighted/suspected fox activity<br>• The landholder's capacity & circumstances<br>• Applicability to land setting and use<br><br>**2. Post-Site Visit Actions included, as applicable to property circumstances:**<br>• Surveillance camera loan, set-up & monitoring<br>• Loan & set-up of cage traps<br>• Trapping support<br><br>**3. Promoted use of 1080 Baiting as effective fox control option where applicable and supported landholder in 1080 Baiting Permitting**<br>• Responded to landholders' queries regarding the applicability of use of 1080 baiting for fox management on their private property<br>• Provided guidance and support for 1080 permitting application specific to fox control for eligible landholders<br><br>**4.Provided on-ground support to landholders participating in the Saving Native Species in the Wellington National Park Australian government grant-funded project, including as applicable to individual property circumstance:**<br>• Fox control guidance, individually and through project workshop<br>• Provided guidance and support for 1080 permitting application specific to<br>• Surveillance camera loan<br>• Loan & set-up of cage traps<br>• Facilitation and management of contracted professional shooters<br><br>**5. Promoted awareness of the importance of fox management and related available resources** through the group's newsletter, website, social media, local community publications and events. |
| **Measurements** | • Number of landholder enquiries<br>• Number of trap installations & equipment loans<br>• Number of supported 1080 permit applications<br>• Number of related promotions |
| **Outcomes** | • 99 landholders provided with fox management advice and support<br>• 2 landholders supported with successful 1080 permit applications for foxes<br>• 34 equipment loans, including traps & cameras to support control activity<br>• 62 foxes and 8 cats removed during the Saving Native Species project<br>• 12 communication & promotional activities to increase awareness/engagement |



*curious fox investigating LBG loaned trap*



*LBG Executive Officer, Kate, leading a discussion on fox and feral pig management at a "Saving Native Species in Wellington National Park" project workshop.*

# Rabbits

## (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)



Throughout the 2025–26 financial year, Leschenault Biosecurity Group continued to support landholders with knowledge, resources and practical support to encourage and facilitate implementation of integrated rabbit management strategies, combining complementary control methods suited to their individual property circumstances.

**LBG is encouraged by a growing shift in community attitudes towards rabbit management**, in what the group sees as reflecting years of our consistent messaging that effective, long-term control requires persistence and the integration of complementary management methods suited to individual property circumstances.






As a core component of the group's operations, LBG continued to provide a broad range of rabbit management support to landholders, including:

- Property-specific rabbit control advice and support, including:
  - Biological control Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program (conducted during summer months)
  - Harbourage reduction
  - Exclusion fencing
  - Warren ripping
  - Baiting and trapping
  - Free loan of surveillance cameras and traps
  - Other as may apply to property-specific circumstances
- Free Community Workshops providing information regarding varied rabbit control methods
- Community Education & Awareness Outreach providing and promoting information and resources

**Details of our rabbit management support program are presented on the following page.**

| Species | European Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) |
|---|---|
| **Program Area** | Private lands within the LBG Operational Area<br><br>LBG Operational Area and neighbouring areas not supported by a Recognised Biosecurity Group, as applicable to the group's capacity and non-DPR funding |
| **Actions** | **Responded to landholder reports** of sighted and/or suspected rabbit activity on their private properties with below actions as applicable to individual landholders' circumstances:<br><br>**1. Site visits: LBG follow-up site visits and assessment of best next action relative to:**<br>• LBG sighted/suspected rabbit activity<br>• The landholder's capacity & circumstances<br>• Applicability to land setting and use<br><br>**Post-Site Visit Actions including, as applicable, to circumstances:**<br>• Surveillance camera loan, set-up & monitoring<br>• Warren identification and mapping<br>• Support with warren destruction (ripping/fumigation) where appropriate<br>• Loan & set-up of cage traps or warren smokers<br>• Guidance on harbourage removal (blackberry, rubbish piles, etc.)<br><br>**2. Supported Landholder in Calicivirus RHDV1-K5 Program Participation**<br>• Respond to landholders' queries regarding eligibility and applicability of K5 release on their private property<br>• Provide guidance and support for K5 program registration, site assessment, and release logistics for eligible landholders<br><br>**3. Develop/evolve rabbit management guidance resources** for landholders, including factsheets and online resources<br><br>**4. Promote awareness of the importance of rabbit management and related available resources** through the group's newsletter, website, social media, local community publications and events |
| **Measurements** | • Number of landholder enquiries<br>• Number of equipment loans<br>• Number of RHDV1-K5 Release program participants<br>• Number of related promotions |
| **Outcomes** | • 235 landholders provided with pest management advice and support<br>• 12 equipment loans, including bait stations, cameras, traps and warren smoker, provided to support landholder control activities<br>• 134 landholders participated in our annual 2025-26 Calicivirus RHDV1-K5 Release program<br>• 15 communication and promotional activities delivered to increase community awareness and engagement |

# Community Engagement



Community engagement initiatives are core to meeting our responsibilities as a Recognised Biosecurity Group to build community awareness and knowledge about the region's priority declared pests, why their management matters, available control options and the resources available to support landholders in managing them. In addition to our focus on awareness of priority declared pests, we also aim to help raise awareness of emerging biosecurity threats that may pose a future risk to their areas.

### Reaching, Informing & Supporting Community Members Through Diverse Communication Channels

LBG's community engagement initiatives in FY 2025-26 continued the group's goal to serve as a trusted, valuable resource for our communities and other stakeholders, fostering strong and collaborative relationships throughout our operational area.

#### Property Visits

**86**

#### Community Events

- **Balingup Small Farm Field Day**
- **Donnybrook Apple Festival**
- **Bull & Barrel Festival**
- **STEMXX Sisters**
- **Captivate Capel**

#### LBG-led Workshops

**8**

#### Publications

- **12 LBG Newsletters**
- **9 Articles the Preston Press**
- **11 Articles in the Dardanup Times**
- **1 Article in both the Bunbury Herald & Harvey Waroona Times**
- **27 Topic-specific e-mail campaigns**

#### Social Media

- **85 Posts**
- **174, 700 Post Views**
- **1,900 unique visits to LBG FB page**
- **847 Followers**

#### Collaborative Events Featuring LBG Speaker

- **5 Rivers NRM Feral Pigs Management Workshop**
- **Saving Native Species in Wellington National Park Project Wrap-up**
- **SW ABC Radio Interview**
- **WA Landcare Podcast Discussion on Fox & Feral Pig Control**

Throughout 2025–2026, LBG continued to strengthen its role as a trusted and accessible source of biosecurity information, practical guidance and support for our communities and stakeholders. Our community engagement initiatives focused on building awareness, sharing knowledge and fostering collaborative relationships that encourage proactive and coordinated declared pest management across our operational area.

Recognising the diversity of community members within the LBG Operational Area, their interests and how they access information, LBG used a broad range of communication and engagement channels to maximise our reach and connect with different audiences. From newsletters, social media, community newspapers and targeted email campaigns to workshops, community events, property visits and direct landholder interactions, our approach combined broad community awareness with more targeted, pest-specific information and practical support.

Through these efforts, we aimed to build community knowledge, confidence and capacity to take meaningful action. By raising awareness of priority declared pests, emerging biosecurity threats and available management resources, we support landholders in meeting their responsibilities while encouraging the broader community to recognise the important role we all play in protecting our region's agriculture, environment and unique biodiversity.




**Awareness Building Guidance & Support**



**Face-to-Face Engagements**



**Collaborative Pest Management Programs**

LBG used multiple channels of communication to build awareness of the importance of and proactive actions for effective management of declared pests with:

- Face-to-face Engagement
- Printed & Digital Resources
- Articles in Local Newspapers
- Website Content
- Social Media Content
- Workshops
- Radio Interviews

Throughout the year, the LBG team focused on face-to-face engagement with community members at events across our operational area, including:

- Community Events
- LBG-facilitated Pest Management Workshops
- Site Visits to Individual Properties
- On-ground Support working in Collaboration with Landholders

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

- Annual Calicivirus RHDV1-K5 Rabbit Control Program
- Feral Pig Control Program
- Focused Arum Lily, Blackberry and Cape Tulip Control Support Programs

## Communications Program & Priority Actions FY 2025 - 2026

| Month | Planned Priority Activities | Channels of Communication | Purpose |
|---|---|---|---|
| July 2025 | Promotion of Arum Lily, Bridal Creeper, Cape Tulip, Cleavers, Foxes, Pigs Management & Related Resources | LBG E-Newsletter; Social Media; LBG Website; Project-specific E-mail Campaign; Media Releases; Printed Materials, i.e., Flyers, Posters, Handouts | - Promote awareness of pest management needs and resources available for assistance. |
| August 2025 | Declared Pest Rate Focus<br>Promotion of Arum Lily, Bridal Creeper, Cape Tulip, Cleavers, Foxes, Pigs Management & Related Resources<br>Promotion of Equipment Hire & Other Available Resources | LBG E-Newsletter; social media; LBG Website; Project-specific E-mail Campaign; Media Releases; Printed Materials, i.e., Flyers, Posters, Handouts | - Provide information to stakeholders regarding DPR purpose/ benefit and raised concerns, priorities.<br>- Education re Seasonal Weeds & Vertebrate Pests Impact & Control |
| September 2025 | Promotion of Arum Lily, Cape Tulip, Cleavers, Foxes, Rabbits, Pigs Management & Related Resources<br>Promotion of upcoming Biosecurity Blitz (DPIRD) | LBG E-Newsletter; Social Media; LBG Website; Project-specific E-mail Campaign; Media Releases; Printed Materials, i.e., Flyers, Posters, Roadside Banners, etc. | - Feedback from and information to Community stakeholders to understand priorities & promote awareness of related resources.<br>- Education re Seasonal Weeds & Vertebrate Pests Impact & Control |
| October 2025 | Promotion of Arum Lily, Blackberry, Bridal Creeper, Cleavers Management & Related Resources<br>Stallholder at Dardanup Bull & Barrel Festival Community Event<br>Promotion & Facilitation of LBG Annual General Meeting | Face to Face Engagement; LBG E-Newsletter; Social Media; LBG Website; Topic-specific E-mail Campaign; Media Releases; Printed Materials, i.e., Flyers, Posters, Roadside Banners, etc. | - Collect information on community pest mgmt priorities/concerns.<br>- Promotion of available resources |
| November 2025 | Promotion of Apple of Sodom, Blackberry, Cotton Bush, Rabbit Mgmt<br>Promotion of Equipment Hire Promotion<br>Participation in Local Market or other community event<br>Promotion of upcoming Calicivirus "K5" Release Program | Face to Face Engagement; LBG E-Newsletter; Social Media; LBG Website; Topic-specific E-mail Campaign; Media Releases; Printed Materials | - Promote awareness of pest management needs and resources available for assistance.<br>- Collect information on community priorities/concerns. |
| December 2025 | Promotion of Apple of Sodom, Blackberry, Cotton Bush, Rabbit Mgmt | E-Newsletter, Website; Social Media, E-mail campaign | - Feedback on past and current programs |
| January 2026 | Promotion of Rabbit, Blackberry, Cotton Bush, Management Promotion of Calicivirus "K5" Release Program | E-Newsletter, Topic-specific E-mail Campaign; Social Media; Media Releases; Local newspapers/newsletters | - Engagement with landholders registered for Calicivirus "K5" Release program & on-going promotion of program & related LBG workshops |
| February 2026 | Promotion of Rabbit, Blackberry, Cotton Bush, Feral Pig Management<br>Promotion of Calicivirus "K5" Release Program<br>Participation in Local Market or other community event | Face to face (Calicivirus Program events); LBG E-Newsletter; Social Media; LBG Website; Topic-specific E-mail Campaign; Media Releases; Printed Materials | - Share and collect information with and from community members |
| March 2026 | Promotion of Rabbit, Blackberry, Cotton Bush, Feral Pig Management | Face to Face Engagement; LBG E-Newsletter; Social Media; LBG Website; Topic-specific E-mail Campaign; Media Releases; Printed Materials | - Share and collect information with and from community members |
| April 2026 | Promotion of Apple of Sodom, Blackberry, Cotton Bush, Paterson's Curse, Feral Pig Management<br>Stallholder at Community Events including, Balingup Farm Field Day, Donnybrook Apple Festival | LBG Newsletter, LBG Website, Local Publications (e.g., printed/digital newspapers, newsletters, etc), Social Media, Face-to-Face Engagements | - Share and collect information with and from community members.<br>- Promote awareness of LBG (RBGs) role & benefits to communities within our operational area |
| May 2026 | Promotion of Cape Tulip, Cotton Bush, Paterson's Curse, Feral Pig Mgmt<br>Calicivirus Release program Participant Feedback | Face-to-Face Engagements, LBG Newsletter & Website, E-mail campaign re Feedback Surveys, Social Media | - Share and collect information with and from community members |
| June 2026 | Winter Weeds Workshops<br>Tell Us Your Priorities | LBG Newsletter, LBG Website, Local Publications (e.g., printed/digital newspapers, newsletters, etc), Social Media, Face-to-Face Engagements | - Arum Lily impact & control information<br>- Share and collect information with and from community members |
| **Total FY 2025-2026 Budget Allocated for Communications & Community Engagement:** | | | $ 86,710.00 |

# Equipment Loans



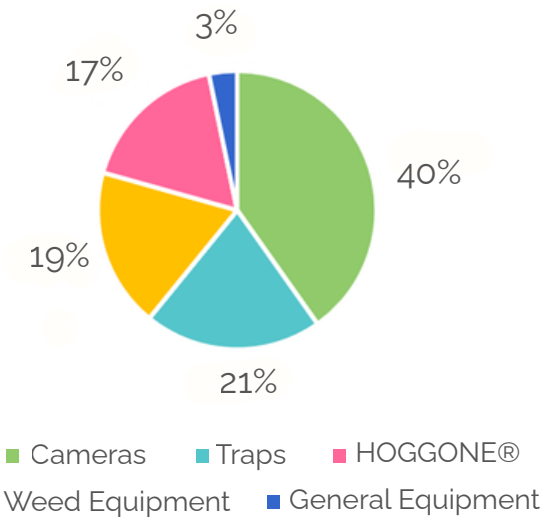
## 2025-26 Summary

Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) lends pest and weed management equipment to landholders across Bunbury, Capel, Dardanup and Donnybrook-Balingup. Across the 2025–26 financial year, we recorded 92 equipment loans spanning five categories, with cameras the most in-demand overall.

**92**
Total loans recorded

**5**
Equipment categories

**Equipment loans by category 2025-26**




Across the year, LBG recorded 92 equipment loans spanning five equipment categories and 18 distinct items. Trail cameras were the most heavily used equipment, accounting for two in five of all loans, followed by traps, weed control equipment and HOGGONE® feral pig bait boxes.

Loan activity was strongly seasonal, opening steadily in Jul–Sep 2025, dipping to a single loan in October, then peaking across March and May 2026 at 14 loans each. Average monthly volume was 7.7 loans. Feb–May 2026 alone accounted for 47 loans, 51% of all activity, the priority window for equipment availability.

- **Surveillance Cameras**

  37 loans - 40% of all activity, mainly for remote monitoring of fox, feral pig and rabbit activity.

- **HOGGONE Feral Control Bait Boxes**

  16 loans - 17% of all activity, issued entirely through our feral pig HOGGONE® program.

- **Traps**

  19 loans - 21% of all activity. The Pederick and Magnet fox traps were the most requested.

- **Weed Management Equipment**

  17 loans - 19% of all activity, led by the 400L QuikSpray broad-acre sprayer (10 loans).

# Recommendations & Learnings - Future Planning

## Refining the way we consult with our community



### Formalising Community Feedback

Committing to program and event feedback form distribution and data collection reported by program users. Adapting future programs using customer feedback.

### Collaborative Programs

Maximising the benefit-to-cost of on-ground programs through shared funding and project collaborations with peer landcare and volunteer groups.

### National Coordinators

Actively reviewing and co-designing communications and instructional/educational content in consultation with the National Feral Animal Coordinators.

### Policy and SOP Development

Reviewing and implementing robust procedures to protect the health and wellbeing of our people, and improve our financial compliance and reporting

### Leveraging Technology

Streamlining operations & reporting using software, apps and programs to reduce officer labour and redundancy of workflows.

# Financial Overview

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc (LBG) has 2 arms to its business** - both revenue streams have their own bank accounts, and term deposits are used to maximise the return of the funds we are holding.

**DPR – Declared Pest Rate - the main business and the reason for LBG's existence.** DPR is funded through the declared pest rate. The DPR comes with a requirement (from DPIRD – Dept of Primary Industries and Regional Development - the funding body) for a standalone financial audit every year.

**IB - Independent Business:** There exists an opportunity to provide LBG services to non-ratepayers, given the resources and networks available to the LBG, to groups like local governments, state government authorities (e.g. MRD) and local businesses. IB is a fee-for-service structure that is independent of and separate from the DPR.

As the LBG is both an incorporated body that is registered with Associations Online and a charity that is registered with ACNC (Australian Charities & Not-for-profit Commission), there is a requirement for a whole-of-organisation audit, in addition to the audit of the DPR to report to DPIRD.

### Transparency, Accountability & Probity of Funding for Whole of the Organisation

- LBG's operational funding is comprised of both DPR and IB income.
- Annual Financial Reporting to DPIRD is required for transparency & accountability of DPR funds.
- As LBG is registered with ACNC, an independent audit or review of our accounts is required.
- Reporting to the ATO is for the whole of the organisation.

### DPR - Declared Pest Rate

- Raised & collected by the State from applicable landholders within the LBG Operational Area
- Collected DPR funds matched by the State through DPIRD and provided to LBG for use in alignment with the approved Operational Plan
- Is independently audited and acquitted to DPIRD

### IB - Independent Business

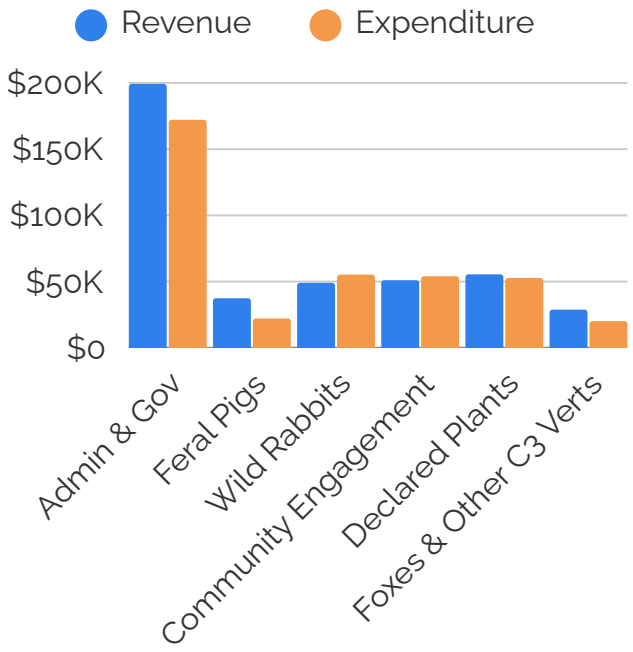
- Comprised of "fee-for-service" and outside of DPR grant-funded work
- Customers have included local government authorities & other public land managers, DPIRD (outside of the DPR), peer organisations, and private landholders not subject to the DPR
- Requirement on some work for the funds to be acquitted

**Details of our DPR funding for the 2025-2026 Financial Year are presented on the following page.**

# FY 2025-26 Declared Pest Rate Funding -

**Declared Pest Account (DPA)** – In alignment with the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act of 2007 (BAM 2007), a Declared Pest Account is established for each of Western Australia's Recognised Biosecurity Groups for deposit of Declared Pest Rate funds collected from landholders within the corresponding RBG, as well as the State's matching funds.

This account provides for a dedicated funding source for long-term, strategic pest management efforts, fostering a shared responsibility approach between the government and landholders. Any DPR funds not used by the RBG within a specific Financial Year are held in the corresponding RBG's DPA and must be requested for use by the same RBG through application to DPIRD.




**DPA Program Budget vs Actual FY 25-26**

| Program | Revenue | Expenditure | Variance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Admin & Gov | $199,263 | $172,186 | $27,077 |
| Feral Pigs | $37,407 | $22,166 | $15,241 |
| Wild Rabbits | $49,034 | $55,290 | -$6,256 |
| Community Engagement | $51,010 | $54,019 | -$3,009 |
| Declared Plants | $55,460 | $52,723 | $2,737 |
| Foxes & Other C3 Verts | $28,805 | $20,162 | $8,643 |
| **Total** | **$420,979** | **$376,546** | **$44,433** |

*Variance = Revenue – Expenditure*

This **FY 25-26** rate equates to a DPIRD approved operational budget of **$424,956- $3976** (Unspent declared pest income from FY 24-25) = total DPA revenue of **$420,980** availalable for funded C3 declared pest programs for the year.

FY 2025-2026: 1-10 ha Rate = $ 54.40; >10 ha Rate = $ 69.35

**FY 2026-27:** The Declared Pest Rate within the LBG Operational Area applicable private properties* was gazetted for the upcoming 2026–27 Operational year as follows:

1-10 ha Rate = $ 57.05; >10 ha Rate = $ 72.75 with an approved budget quantum of **$413,723**

* Freehold land described as urban farming on the non-rural valuation roll and freehold land on the rural valuation roll maintained under the Valuation of Land Act 1978.

# Performance overview

## LBG Revenue by funding source FY 25-26

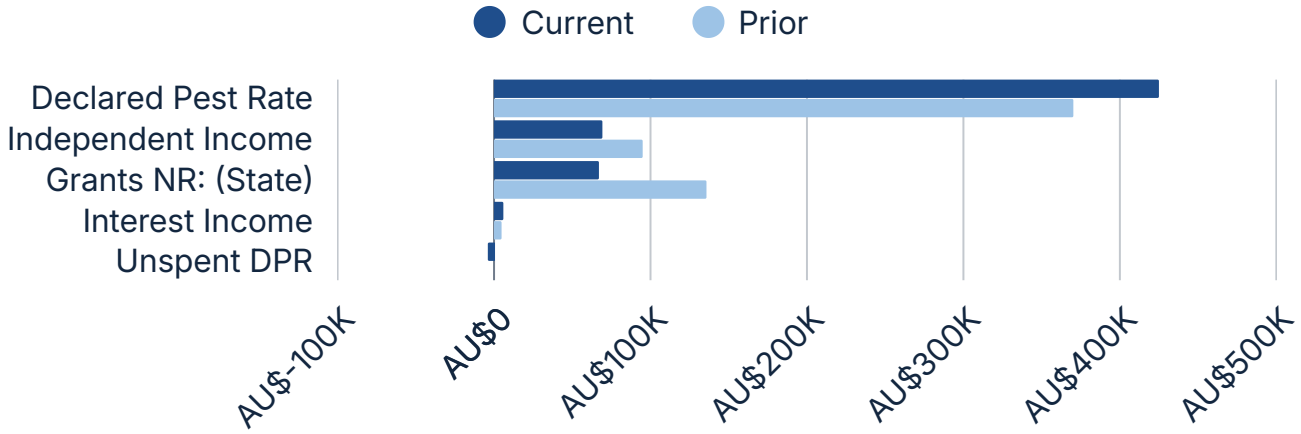
**AU$563.22K**

01 Jul 2025 to 30 Jun 2026

**Down 7.03%**

**AU$605.84K**

01 Jul 2024 to 30 Jun 2025




### Funding source comparison

| Measure | 2025-26 | 2024-25 | Variation |
|---|---|---|---|
| Declared Pest Rate (DPR) | AU$424,956 | AU$370,256 | +14.77% |
| Independent Income | AU$69,251 | AU$95,000 | -27.10% |
| Grants NR: (State) Operating – Non-recurrent | AU$67,037 | AU$135,775 | -50.63% |
| Interest Income | AU$5,952 | AU$4,808 | +23.80% |
| Unspent Declared Pest Rate Income | -AU$3,976 | AU$0 | — |

*Variation = 2025-26 – 2024-25; percentages are versus 2024-25*

## LBG Operational Expenses FY 25-26

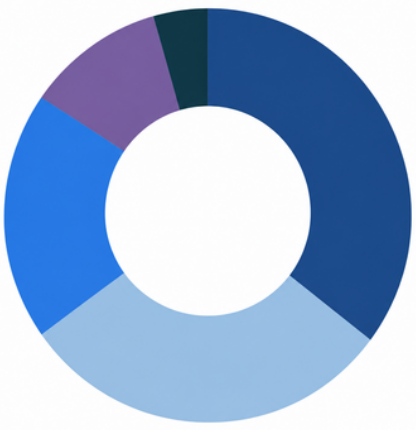
**AU$485.75K**

Accounts total 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Jun 2026

## Operational Surplus (Deficit) FY 25-26

**AU$77,466**

Profit/loss 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Jun 2026



01 Jul 2025 to 30 Jun 2026

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries & Wages | AU$180,398 | 37.14% of total |
| Other | AU$154,809 | 31.87% of total |
| Sub-Contractors - IB Expense | AU$80,314 | 16.53% of total |
| Sub-contractors (DPA) | AU$48,220 | 9.93% of total |
| S&W Superannuation | AU$22,015 | 4.53% of total |

# Audited Financial Statement

Please find our audited financial statement for the 2025-2026 Financial Year on the following pages.

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## Special Purpose Financial Report - 30 June 2026

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## General information

The financial statements cover Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.'s functional and presentation currency.

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. is a not-for-profit incorporated association, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

U2, 4 Mummery Cres,
East Bunbury, WA 6230

A description of the nature of the incorporated association's operations and its principal activities are included in the Management Committee's report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 17 November 2026 2026.

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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
# Management committees' report
# 30 June 2026

The Management Committee present their report, together with the financial statements, on the incorporated association Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

The LBG Management Committee Members as of the 30 June 2026 were:

| | |
|---|---|
| Katrina Zeehandelaar-Adams | Chairperson |
| John Whyatt | Vice Chairperson |
| Colleen Bandy | Secretary |
| Carmel Boyce | Treasurer (stepped down in June 2026) |
| Vicki Cartwright | Treasurer (appointed 10 July 2026) |
| Kate Duzevich | Executive Officer |
| Wayne Irvine | Member |
| Katie Mclntyre | Member |
| Andrew White | Member |
| Kate Macgregor | Member |

The net surplus of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2026 amounted to $77,465.

## Management committee Meeting and Attendance

| Member | Meeting Attended | Total Meeting |
|---|---|---|
| Katrina Zeehandelaar Addams (Chairperson) | 7 | 7 |
| Collen Bandy (Secretary) | 7 | 7 |
| John Wyatt (Vice Chairperson) | 5 | 7 |
| Wayne Irvine | 6 | 7 |
| Andrew White | 5 | 7 |
| Katie Mclntyre | 1 | 7 |
| Carmel Boyce (Treasurer) | 5 | 7 |
| Kate Macgregor | 4 | 5 |
| Kate Duzevich | 7 | 7 |

## Principal activities

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was to address increasing concerns of vertebrate pests and weed pests in the Leschenault Biosecurity Operational Area. The group was originally formed in 2014 out of growing community concern for declared pests, and their impact on local producers and landholders. LBG works in partnership with government agencies, industry, landholders and other organisations to support a community coordinated approach to managing pests – both animals and plants – at a landscape scale across tenure.

During the period, Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. applied the accounting policies described in Note 1 to these financial statements.

On behalf of the Management committee

Signed by:
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Name: Katrina Zeehandelaar-Adams
Position: Chairperson
17 November 2026
_____ 2026

Signed by:
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Name: Vicki Cartwright
Position: Treasurer
17 November 2026
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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
# Management committees' declaration
# 30 June 2026

In the Management committee's opinion:

- the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with Western Australian legislation the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and associated regulations;

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements;

- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the incorporated association's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporated association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The operations of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. have been carried out in accordance with its constitution.

On behalf of the Management committee

Signed by:
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Name: Katrina Zeehandelaar-Adams
Position: Chairperson
17 November 2026
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Signed by:
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Name: Vicki Cartwright
Position: Treasurer
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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
## Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
## For the year ended 30 June 2026

| | Note | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | | | |
| Grant Income | | 67,037 | 135,775 |
| Independent Income | | 69,251 | 95,000 |
| Declared Pest Rate Income | | 420,980 | 370,256 |
| Interest Income | | 5,952 | 4,808 |
| Total revenue | | 563,220 | 605,839 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| Sub-contractors | | (48,220) | (50,612) |
| Subcontractor - Grant Related | | (80,314) | (167,673) |
| Rent Expense | | (13,767) | (18,360) |
| Repairs and Maintenance | | (504) | (693) |
| Pest Weeds/Animal Supplies | | (18,040) | (23,543) |
| Depreciation Expense | | (6,671) | (9,039) |
| Administration | | (68,425) | (39,802) |
| Insurance | | (7,883) | (542) |
| Low Cost Assets | | (553) | (3,269) |
| Motor Vehicle Expenses | | (9,058) | (7,607) |
| Meeting Expenses | 5 | (2,311) | (4,441) |
| Employee Benefits Expense | | (214,304) | (226,474) |
| Tools and Equipment | | (2,049) | (3,582) |
| Bad debts | | (3,654) | - |
| Amortization expense | | (9,147) | - |
| Rent Interest Lease | | (855) | - |
| Total expenses | | (485,755) | (555,637) |
| **Surplus for the year** | 12 | 77,465 | 50,202 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | | - | - |
| **Total comprehensive income for the year** | | 77,465 | 50,202 |

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
## Statement of financial position
## As at 30 June 2026

| | Note | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | | |
| **Current assets** | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3 | 375,403 | 321,198 |
| Trade and other receivables | 4 | 3,344 | 8,672 |
| Prepayments | | 9,700 | - |
| Total current assets | | 388,447 | 329,870 |
| **Non-current assets** | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 6 | 27,037 | 31,228 |
| Right-of-use assets | 5 | 28,850 | - |
| Total non-current assets | | 55,887 | 31,228 |
| **Total assets** | | 444,334 | 361,098 |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| **Current liabilities** | | | |
| Accounts payable and Other payables | 7 | 37,464 | 29,805 |
| State NRM Arum Lily Grant income in advance | | - | 46,757 |
| Lease liabilities | 8 | 18,993 | - |
| Declared Pest Rate Employee Benefits liability | 9 | 20,025 | 10,347 |
| Declared Pest Rate Accrued expenses | 10 | 18,119 | 11,779 |
| Declared Pest Rate Income in advance | 11 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Total current liabilities | | 124,601 | 128,688 |
| **Non-current liabilities** | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 8 | 9,858 | - |
| Total non-current liabilities | | 9,858 | - |
| **Total liabilities** | | 134,459 | 128,688 |
| **Net assets** | | 309,875 | 232,410 |
| **Equity** | | | |
| Retained surpluses | 12 | 309,875 | 232,410 |
| **Total equity** | | 309,875 | 232,410 |

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
## Statement of changes in equity
## For the year ended 30 June 2026

| | Retained profits $ | Total equity $ |
|---|---|---|
| Balance at 1 July 2024 | 182,208 | 182,208 |
| Surplus for the year | 50,202 | 50,202 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | 50,202 | 50,202 |
| Balance at 30 June 2025 | 232,410 | 232,410 |

| | Retained profits $ | Total equity $ |
|---|---|---|
| Balance at 1 July 2025 | 232,410 | 232,410 |
| Surplus for the year | 77,465 | 77,465 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | 77,465 | 77,465 |
| Balance at 30 June 2026 | 309,875 | 309,875 |

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
# Statement of cash flows
# For the year ended 30 June 2026

| | Note | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash flows from operating activities** | | | |
| Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST) | | 515,837 | 646,646 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST) | | (455,102) | (530,932) |
| Net cash from operating activities | | 60,735 | 115,714 |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | | | |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment | | (2,480) | - |
| Interest received | | 5,952 | 4,808 |
| Net cash from investing activities | | 3,472 | 4,808 |
| **Cash flows from financing activities** | | | |
| Repayment of lease liabilities | | (10,002) | - |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | (10,002) | - |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | | 54,205 | 120,522 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year | | 321,198 | 200,676 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year | 3 | 375,403 | 321,198 |

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
## Profit and Loss - Declared Pest Rate Business and Independent business
## 30 June 2026

| | Declared Pest Rate Business | Independent Business | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grant Income | - | 67,037 | 67,037 |
| Independent Income | - | 69,251 | 69,251 |
| Declared Pest Rate Income | 420,980 | - | 420,980 |
| Interest Income | 187 | 5,765 | 5,952 |
| Total revenue | 421,167 | 142,053 | 563,220 |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| Sub-contractors | (46,547) | (1,673) | (48,220) |
| Subcontractor - Grant Related | - | (80,314) | (80,314) |
| Rent Expense | (13,767) | - | (13,767) |
| Repairs and Maintenance | (504) | - | (504) |
| Bad debts | (1,550) | (2,104) | (3,654) |
| Pest Weeds/Animal Supplies | (13,130) | (4,909) | (18,039) |
| Rent Interest Lease | (855) | - | (855) |
| Depreciation Expense | (6,671) | - | (6,671) |
| Administration | (64,977) | (3,449) | (68,426) |
| Insurance | (7,883) | - | (7,883) |
| Low Cost Assets | (553) | - | (553) |
| Motor Vehicle Expenses | (9,058) | - | (9,058) |
| Meeting Expenses | (2,311) | - | (2,311) |
| Employee Benefits Expense | (197,740) | (16,564) | (214,304) |
| Tools and Equipment | (2,049) | - | (2,049) |
| Amortization expense | (9,147) | - | - |
| Total expenses | (376,742) | (109,013) | (485,755) |
| **Surplus for the year** | 44,425 | 33,040 | 77,465 |

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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
## Financial position- Declared Pest Rate and Independent business
## 30 June 2026

| | Declared Pest Rate Business | Independent Business |
|---|---|---|
| **Bank** | | |
| Debit Card Account | 1,028 | - |
| Declared Pest Rate Business | 112,559 | - |
| Independent Income Account | - | 131,754 |
| Stripe AUD | - | 1,506 |
| Bendigo TD 209328715 | - | 128,556 |
| **Total Bank** | **113,587** | **261,816** |
| **Current Assets** | | |
| Account receivable | - | 3,344 |
| Prepaid expenses | - | 9,700 |
| **Total Current Assets** | **-** | **13,044** |
| **Fixed Assets** | | |
| Leasehold Improvements | - | 2,650 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation on Leasehold Improvements | - | (358) |
| Computer Equipment | - | 8,532 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment | - | (7,927) |
| Motor Vehicle | - | 18,200 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation on Motor Vehicle | - | (18,200) |
| Office Equipment | - | 24,801 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment | - | (16,054) |
| Plant & Equipment | - | 37,414 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment | - | (22,021) |
| **Total Fixed Assets** | **-** | **27,037** |
| Right of Use - Rental | - | 37,997 |
| Lease Asset Amortisation - Rental | - | (9,147) |
| **Total Right of USe** | **-** | **28,850** |
| **Total Assets** | **113,587** | **330,747** |
| **Liabilities** | | |
| **Current Liabilities** | | |
| Accounts Payable | 6,510 | 10,528 |
| ATO ICA Liability | 21,074 | - |
| Declared Pest Rate Income in Advance | 30,000 | - |
| GST | 179 | (827) |
| Lease Liability - Rental | - | 18,993 |
| Provision for Annual leave | 10,887 | - |
| Provision for TIL | 1,295 | - |
| Accrued Expense 2026 year | 18,119 | - |
| Provision for LSL | 7,843 | - |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | **95,907** | **28,694** |
| **Non-current Liabilities** | | |
| Lease Liability - Rental (NC) | - | 9,858 |
| **Total Non-current Liabilities** | - | 9,858 |
| **Total Liabilities** | **95,907** | **38,552** |
| **Net Assets** | **17,680** | **292,195** |
| **Equity** | | |
| Current Year Earnings | 44,425 | 33,040 |
| Retained Surplus/(Accumulated Losses) | - | 232,410 |
| **Total Equity** | **44,425** | **265,450** |

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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
# Cash reconciliation of DPA funds
# 30 June 2026

| Cash Reconciliation - DPA Funds as of 30 June 2026 | 2026<br>$ |
|---|---|
| DPA Opening Cash 1 July 2025 (including prior carryover) | 56,102 |
| DPA Cash received and earned (current year)<br>This includes interest and other income earned if applicable | 463,265 |
| Less: DPA expenditures actually paid (current year) | (405,779) |
| **Remaining DPA Cash 30 June 2026** | **113,588** |

## REMAINING UNSPENT DPA FUNDS BREAKDOWN:

| | |
|---|---|
| Reserve funds | 30,000 |
| Accrued expenses | 65,907 |
| Planned unspent | - |
| Unplanned unspent | 17,681 |
| | **113,588** |

These funds are reserved for DPA activities and are not available for general operational use.

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# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
# Notes to the financial statements
# 30 June 2026

## Note 1. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies that are material to the incorporated association are set out either in the respective notes or below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

## New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

## Basis of preparation

In the Management committees' opinion, the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Western Australian legislation the Associations Incorporation Act 2015, and associated regulations. The Management Committees have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for profit oriented entities.

### *Historical cost convention*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, where applicable, the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, investment properties, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments.

### *Critical accounting estimates*

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the incorporated association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

## Revenue recognition

The incorporated association recognises revenue as follows:

### *Revenue from contracts with customers*

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the incorporated association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the incorporated association: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

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## Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

***Sale of goods***
Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods, which is generally at the time of delivery.

***Rendering of services***
Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

***Interest***
Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

***Other revenue***
Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

### Income tax
As the incorporated association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

### Current and non-current classification
Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no right at the end of the reporting period to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

### Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes
Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

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## Note 1. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

### New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the incorporated association for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2026. The incorporated association has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

## Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

The fair value of assets and liabilities classified as level 3 is determined by the use of valuation models. These include discounted cash flow analysis or the use of observable inputs that require significant adjustments based on unobservable inputs.

***Estimation of useful lives of assets***

The incorporated association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

***Employee benefits provision***

As discussed in note 1, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

## Note 3. Cash and cash equivalents

| | 2026<br>$ | 2025<br>$ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Current assets*** | | |
| Cash at bank | 1,506 | 3,168 |
| Debit card account - Declared Pest Rate Funds | 1,028 | 3,001 |
| Independent income account | 131,754 | 165,119 |
| Trading account - Declared Pest Rate Funds | 112,559 | 56,102 |
| Term deposit account | 128,556 | 93,808 |
| | 375,403 | 321,198 |

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## Note 3. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

***Accounting policy for cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

## Note 4. Trade and other receivables

| | 2026<br>$ | 2025<br>$ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Current assets*** | | |
| Trade receivables | 3,344 | 7,122 |
| Bonds - Declared Pest Rate Funds | - | 1,550 |
| | 3,344 | 8,672 |

***Accounting policy for trade and other receivables***

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

## Note 5. Right-of-use assets

| | 2026<br>$ | 2025<br>$ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Non-current assets*** | | |
| Right of Use - Rental | 37,997 | - |
| Less: Lease Asset Amortisation - Rental | (9,147) | - |
| | 28,850 | - |

***Accounting policy for right-of-use assets***

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the incorporated association expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The incorporated association has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

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## Note 6. Property, plant and equipment

| | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Non-current assets*** | | |
| Leasehold improvements - at cost | 2,650 | 2,650 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (358) | (292) |
| | 2,292 | 2,358 |
| Plant and equipment - at cost | 37,414 | 34,934 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (22,021) | (17,093) |
| | 15,393 | 17,841 |
| Motor vehicles - at cost | 18,200 | 18,200 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (18,200) | (18,200) |
| | - | - |
| Computer equipment - at cost | 8,532 | 8,532 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (7,927) | (7,739) |
| | 605 | 793 |
| Office equipment - at cost | 24,801 | 24,801 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (16,054) | (14,565) |
| | 8,747 | 10,236 |
| | 27,037 | 31,228 |

***Reconciliations***

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below:

| | Leasehold improvements $ | Plant and equipment $ | Motor vehicles $ | Computer equipment $ | Office equipment $ | Total $ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance at 1 July 2025 | 2,358 | 17,841 | - | 793 | 10,236 | 31,228 |
| Additions | - | 2,480 | - | - | - | 2,480 |
| Depreciation expense | (66) | (4,928) | - | (188) | (1,489) | (6,671) |
| Balance at 30 June 2026 | 2,292 | 15,393 | - | 605 | 8,747 | 27,037 |

***Accounting policy for property, plant and equipment***

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line and diminishing value basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Motor vehicles | 5 years |
| Office and computer equipment, Plant and equipment | 2 to 20 years |

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

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## Note 6. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the incorporated association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

## Note 7. Accounts payable and Other payables

| | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Current liabilities*** | | |
| Trade payables | 18,164 | 28,044 |
| Superannuation Payable | (1,125) | - |
| BAS payable | 20,425 | 1,761 |
| | 37,464 | 29,805 |

***Accounting policy for trade and other payables***
These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

## Note 8. Lease liabilities

| | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Current liabilities*** | | |
| Lease Liability - Rental | 18,993 | - |
| ***Non-current liabilities*** | | |
| Lease Liability - Rental (NC) | 9,858 | - |
| | 28,851 | - |

***Accounting policy for lease liabilities***
A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the incorporated association's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

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## Note 9. Declared Pest Rate Employee Benefits liability

| | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Current liabilities*** | | |
| Annual leave | 10,887 | 5,479 |
| Long service leave | 7,843 | 4,864 |
| Employee benefits | 1,295 | 4 |
| | 20,025 | 10,347 |

***Accounting policy for employee benefits***

***Short-term employee benefits***

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

***Long-term employee benefits***

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

## Note 10. Declared Pest Rate Accrued expenses

| | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Current liabilities*** | | |
| Accrued Expenses – DPA Audit fees and Wages payable | 18,119 | 11,779 |

## Note 11. Declared Pest Rate Income in advance

| | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Current liabilities*** | | |
| Declared Pest Rate Income in advance | 30,000 | 30,000 |

As of 30 June 2026 the association held $30,000 in reserved cash. These funds are reserved for smoothing any cash flow issues impacting the association between DPR funding agreement payment instalments and are not available for general operational use.

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## Note 12. Retained surpluses

| | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Retained surpluses at the beginning of the financial year | 232,410 | 182,208 |
| Surplus for the year | 77,465 | 50,202 |
| Dividends paid | - | - |
| Retained surpluses at the end of the financial year | 309,875 | 232,410 |

## Note 13. Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Australian Audit, the auditor of the incorporated association:

| | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| ***Audit services - Australian Audit*** | | |
| Audit of the financial statements | 3,600 | 3,150 |
| ***Other services - Australian Audit*** | | |
| Preparation of the financial report | 1,000 | 550 |
| Acquittal fess | 1,000 | - |
| | 2,000 | 550 |
| | 5,600 | 3,700 |

## Note 14. Key management personnel disclosures

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the Chair and the Treasurer of the incorporated association:

| | 2026 $ | 2025 $ |
|---|---|---|
| Chairman Honorarium | - | 1,100 |
| Committee Sitting Fees | 2,000 | 1,700 |
| | 2,000 | 2,800 |

## Note 15. Related party transactions

***Transactions with related parties***

There were no other related party transactions during the year other than those noted above in Note 15.

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## Note 15. Related party transactions (continued)

***Receivable from and payable to related parties***

The following balances are outstanding at the reporting date in relation to transactions with related parties:

| | 2026<br>$ | 2025<br>$ |
|---|---|---|
| Current payables: | | |
| Committee Sitting Fees | 2,000 | - |

## Note 16. Economic dependency

The ongoing operations of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. are reliant on the agreement with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for grant funding from the Declared Pest Account. For Leschenault Biosecurity Group to continue to operate on a going concern basis, the grant funding support from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to meet ongoing operations is vital.

## Note 17. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the incorporated association's operations, the results of those operations, or the incorporated association's state of affairs in future financial years.

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# AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

To the Management Committee of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and section 80 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), in relation to our audit of the financial report of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2026, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
b. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* in relation to the audit; and
c. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit

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Perth, Western Australia
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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. (the entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA) and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act), including:

a. giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2026, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), the ACNC Act and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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## Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the entity to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## Responsibilities of Management and The Management Committee for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, the ACNC Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA). The responsibility of Management also includes such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Management Committee are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Management Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, the entity has complied with 60-30(3)(b), (c) and (d) of the ACNC Act and 82(1)(b), (c) and (d) of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA):

a. by providing us with all information, explanation and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit;
b. by keeping financial records sufficient to enable a financial report to be prepared and audited;
c. by keeping other records required by Part 3-2 of the *ACNC Act*, including those records required by Section 50-5 that correctly record its operations, so as to enable any recognised assessment activity to be carried out in relation to the entity; and
d. by keeping other records required by Part 5 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*, including those records required by Section 66 that correctly record its operations, so as to enable true and fair financial statements to be prepared.

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***We acknowledge the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work.***