2025/26

MIDLANDS BIOSECURITY GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT

MBG
Midlands Biosecurity Group

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The 2025/26 year was another productive year for the Midlands Biosecurity Group and I would like to thank and commend our Executive Officer, Chris O'Callaghan, and the board, as well as our LPMTs who have worked hard to ensure we continued to deliver on ground (and in air) real results to the farmers.

The board continue to target our work towards the areas and pests which we see as the most needed and we continue to engage with the members to ensure their needs are being met. This year we have attended the Dowerin Field Day and are expanding our communications plan to ensure we are keeping members informed of activities and providing a forum for feedback to be gathered by the board.

In line with the current situation and needs we continue to increase our efforts with pig control while maintaining support for other pest issues in the area as the need arises.

I would like to encourage anyone who would like to know more or to be involved to do so. By becoming an active member or should you wish, a board member, you will make significant contribution to the direction of the Group. While the current board work hard to stay informed of the needs of the members of the group it is also important that our members continue to engage with us and keep us informed of any new or ongoing challenges we can assist with.

Thank you,

Charles Wass
Board Chairperson 2025/26
As presented at the 2026 Annual General Meeting

MBG BACKGROUND

The decision to form a Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) in the Midlands region was made in December 2018 by local farmers and industry due to concerns around increasing numbers of wild dogs and feral pigs.

An interim board was established and had farmer representatives from throughout the region and regular meetings were held to start the RBG process and define the objectives of the group. The MBG was incorporated on the 19th of June, 2019, recognised by the Minister of Agriculture and Food on the 25th of October, 2019 and on the 6th of December 2019, the Midlands Biosecurity Group (MBG) members elected its first official Board of Management at its inaugural Annual General Meeting.

The primary aim of the group is to initiate, promote and foster the control of Declared Pests in the Midlands region. The MBG assists land owners and managers to adopt sound biosecurity practices and provides members with a forum to exchange information, advice and assistance. By ensuring clear communication between all relevant stakeholders, the MBG will raise awareness of issues and ensure a multi-faceted approach to pest control. This will include Landholders, Local Government Authorities, State and Federal agencies, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions and relevant industry bodies.

The Midlands Biosecurity Group covers seven shires in the Midlands region being the Shires of Moora, Dandaragan, Coorow, Carnamah, Three Springs, Mingenew and Irwin. These shires have been chosen due to the geographical features that link all seven shires as well as having similar land-uses across the region.

The Midlands Biosecurity Group was formed with the administrative support of the West Midlands grower group. The West Midlands Group is a well established grower group with a track record of managing project funding and reporting to funding bodies appropriately. This partnership between the two groups allowed for effective financial and project management as well as the ability to utilise already-established communication networks. As a result of this initial support, the Midlands Biosecurity Group is now a stand-alone organisation and fully functional recognised biosecurity group.

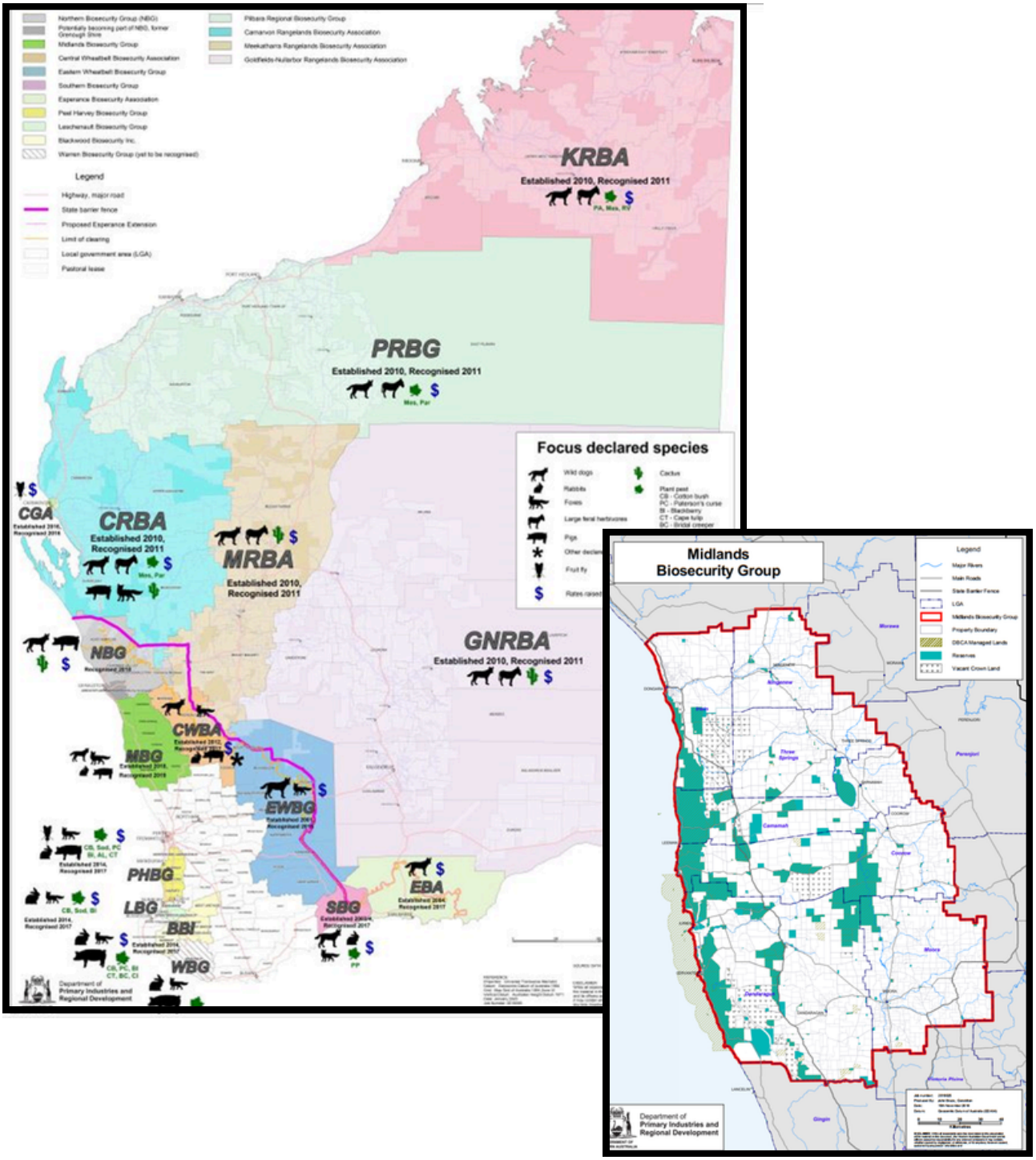
MBG OBJECTIVES

The objects and purposes of the Midlands Biosecurity Group as described in the group's constitution are to:

- initiate, promote and foster the control of Declared Pests under section 165 of the BAM act in the Designated Area;
- encourage landholders and other persons to adopt sound biosecurity practices throughout the Designated Area;
- foster the sustainable development of the Designated Area;
- encourage the control of pests other than Declared Pests in the Designated Area;
- identify direct or indirect funding sources that can be made available for the development of the objects and purposes of the Association;
- provide Members with a forum to exchange information, advice and assistance where appropriate; and
- undertake any activity that the Board of Management shall from time to time determine to be in furtherance of the objects of the Association

RECOGNISED BIOSECURITY GROUPS

Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBGs) are not-for-profit and locally governed organisations recognised under the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act (2007). There are currently 14 RBGs in Western Australia.



THE MBG TEAM

The following people made up the board of management of the Midlands Biosecurity Group in 2025/26.

Board Member	Term Expiry	Shire/s Farming
Charles Wass	Expires AGM 2029	Coorow
Maria Griffiths	Expires AGM 2028	Mingenew, Dandaragan
Peter Summers	Expires AGM 2028	Irwin
Christine Brown	Expires AGM 2027	Moora, Dandaragan
Carl Forward	Expires AGM 2027	Irwin, Mingenew
Chris Patmore	Expires AGM 2027	Irwin, Three Springs
Quinton Bricknell	Expires AGM 2026	Moora
Jim Heal	Expires AGM 2028	Three Springs

Support Staff		
Chris O'Callaghan	Ex-officio Secretary/Treasurer	Coordinator (Non-Voting)
Shayne Wass	Bookeeper/Administration Officer	Coordinator (Non-Voting)

THE MBG TEAM

The following personnel have been contracted by the MBG to deliver pest management and administration services to the group.

Contractor/ Company	Summary of work completed 2025/26
Paul Pitaro Vertebrate Pest Management Australia	• Mingenew/Morawa feral pig program • Aerial Marksmanship • Irwin pig monitoring • Wild dog monitoring, baiting and trapping work – Three Springs, Mingenew, Irwin shires • Rabbit work - 1080 grain mix-ups and Calici release oversight - Coorow and Moora shires
Andy Lockey WA Feral Animal Management	• Arrowsmith feral pig program • Feral Pig Control - Arrowsmith UCL & Wilson NR.
Andy Walker Midwest Professional Shooting and Pest Management	• Wild dog monitoring, baiting, trapping work Coorow, Dandaragan, Moora shires • Rabbit 1080 grain mix-ups - Dandaragan, Coorow, Moora shires. • Feral Pig trapping & baiting - Dandaragan Shires
Chris O'Callaghan Gerbet Pty Ltd	• Executive Officer duties • LPMT Co-ordination • Reporting • Governance
Shayne Wass Harold Park Ag	• Bookkeeping/General Administration

2025-2026 DECLARED PEST RATE FUNDING

At the group's 2024 Annual General Meeting, the MBG members endorsed the group's 2025/26 Operational Plan, including a total budget of $462,500 which included $148,062 of landholder rates, plus $251,938 in matching funds and declared pest account drawdowns, $25,000 from the WA Wild Dog Action Plan and $37,500 from the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association for the ongoing Morawa/Mingenew Feral Pig Program.

The MBG Board of Management then moved to request the implementation of a Declared Pest Rate as follows:

The Midlands Biosecurity Group request the Minister of Agriculture to approve an Ad Valorem declared pest rate for 2025/26 of $185,078 on land in the local government areas of Irwin, Three Springs, Mingenew, Carnamah, Coorow, Moora and Dandaragan that is:

a) freehold land,
b) a minimum 100 hectares,
c) with a minimum $104.50 per VEN

The operational plan identified how the funds will be spent. This system provides our communities with guaranteed annual funds and sustainability to address priority declared pests using current best practice management techniques.

The MBG, as part of our consultation process posted letters to all landholders in the region, outlining the groups planned activities and request to implement a declared pest rate in the area.

The Midlands Biosecurity Group Board of Management have been very pleased with the on-going support of landholders within the region for the implementation of the declared pest rate and pest management programs. The declared pest rate allows for long term sustainability of funding to implement effective control programs for declared pests.

2025-2026 PROJECT FUNDING

In the 2025/26 financial year, the Midlands Biosecurity Group has attracted funding from a number of different sources, these are:

WA Wild Dog Action Plan Funding

Wild Dog Funding. $25,000 per annum. Funding is a state government contribution to Wild Dog management on state government managed land in the Midlands Region. Funds LPMT time.

CWBA Feral Pig Project

Funding for a collaborative feral pig project covering the shires of Mingenew and Morawa. This project supports MBG LPMT Paul Pitaro to complete co-ordinated feral pig control in the Morawa shire. $37,500 per year.

2025-2026 PEST PROGRAMS

Wild Dogs & Foxes

Vision: Through cooperative management prevent domestic stock losses and conserve biodiversity

The wild dog and fox program is guided by the MBG board's wild dog management plan which aims to encourage strategic, integrated wild dog management across all land tenures. The strategy focuses on monitoring for signs and symptoms of wild dog movement, such as scats, tracks, live sightings and howling as well as investigating all suspicious stock attacks/deaths for signs of wild dog predation. Field cameras are deployed to assist with monitoring which allows for shorter follow-up times on suspicious activity. In 2025/26 66 stock losses were reported to the MBG, with the losses occurring in 3 wild dog attack events. That dog was subsequently destroyed by a MBG LPMT. Wild dog continues to be observed in the Three Springs and Morawa shires close to the Mingenew shire boundary.

Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) support landholders by ground baiting in hotspot areas and providing landholders with meat baits, canid pest ejectors and 1080 impregnated oats for distribution throughout the year. Meat baits are made cost-effectively using 1080 concentrate (which can only be handled by LPMTs), injected into cubes of fresh meat and then frozen on farms throughout the Midlands.

2026 Quick Stats

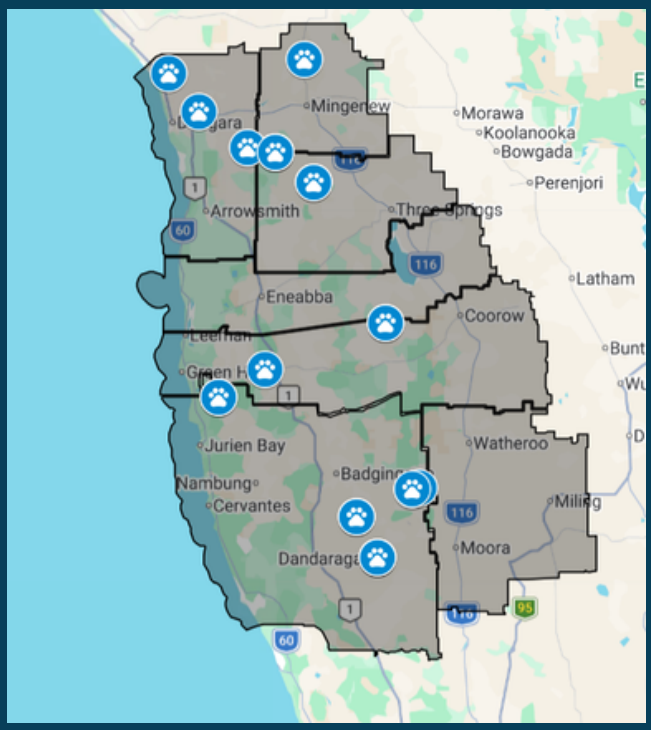
- **66 Stock losses (50 in 2025)**
- **1 Wild Dogs Controlled (2 in 2025)**
- **4000+ Total Dog Baits (4550 in 2025)**



Camera monitoring in the Cataby area

MBG Meat Bait Registers

Bait Freezer Location	Host	No. of baits removed by landholders
Watheroo	Kevin McLean	1475
Warradarge	Will Browne	300+
Three Springs	Adam Thomas	200+
Irwin	Paul Pitaro	525
Cervantes	Andy Walker	2050
Meat Bait Total		4550



Locations of LPMT activity and landholder control/baiting activities in the Midlands region.



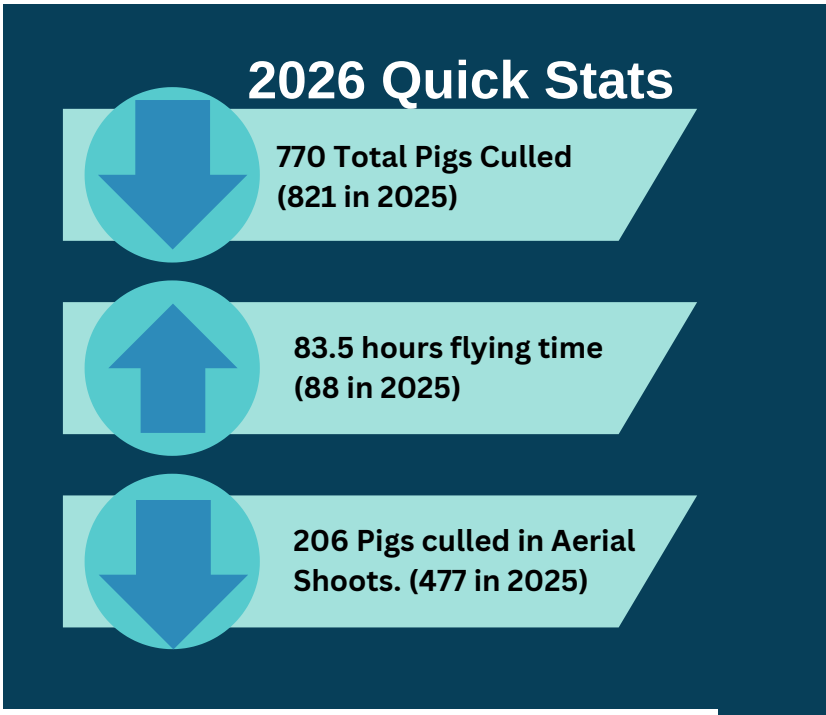
Wild Dog destroyed after an attack on livestock in Arrowsmith.

Bait rack stations have been set up at Watheroo, Warradarge, Three Springs, Irwin and Cervantes. Each station contains a locked freezer that holds around 1600 baits in bags of 25 with safety tags and warning signs made available for farmers. Farmers taking baits are required to have a registered pesticide permit and sign a register.

LPMTs are also able to set wild dog traps where appropriate. Trapping is difficult in the MBG region due to high numbers of foxes, kangaroos and livestock that can interfere with traps.

Feral Pigs

Vision: Sustainable grains and livestock industries in the Mid West where risks to production from feral pigs are reduced and natural and built environments are protected.



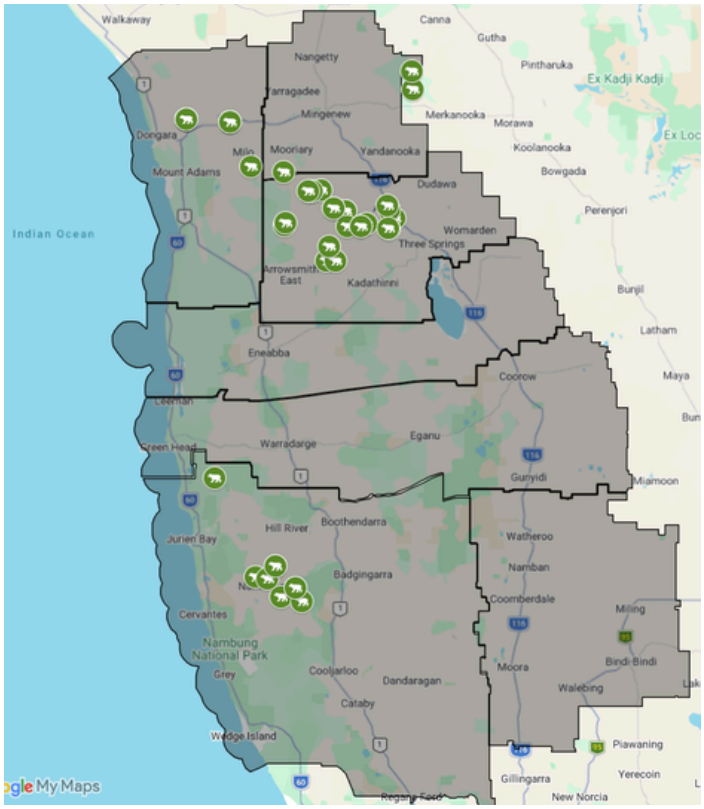
Feral pigs have a destructive impact on landscapes. Pigs impact on soil and water quality, destroy native flora and fauna including threatened species, flatten crops and predate on lambs. The MBG continued its feral pig program in 2025/26. The program is guided by the Midwest Feral Pig Management plan which has been developed by the Midlands, Northern and Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Groups.

This plan aims to achieve co-ordinated feral pig management in the Midwest region of Western Australia using effective and ethical control techniques.
The management of feral pigs in the Midlands focusses on co-ordinating efforts between landholders around known hotspot areas. Licensed Pest Management Technicians Andy Lockey, Paul Pitaro and Andy Walker have been working with growers in Irwin, Arrowsmith and Badgingarra to control feral pigs using 1080 grain baiting in conjunction with remote cage trapping. Increased time on the ground and in the air has seen a reduction in feral pigs culled, the aim continues to be to reach a population control of at least 80% to ensure a decline in the total pig numbers.

Location	Timeframe	Pigs Destroyed 2025/26	Pigs Destroyed 2024/25	Control Method
Mingenew/Morawa	Spring	49	71	Aerial Shooting
Mingenew/Morawa	Summer	53	196	Aerial Shooting
Mingenew/Morawa	Autumn	62	105	Aerial Shooting
Mingenew/Morawa	Winter	42	105	Aerial Shooting
Three Springs Shire	12months	438*	295	Baiting/Trapping
Irwin Shire	12months	91	23	Baiting/Trapping
Badgy/Warradarge	12month	35	26	1080 Baiting
Total		**770**	**821**	

*181 culled through a private aerial cull in this region.



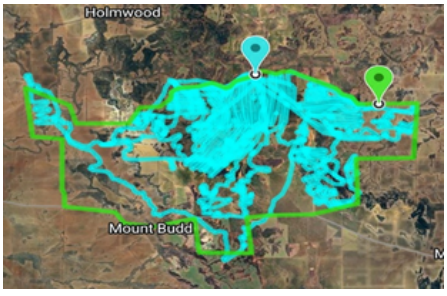


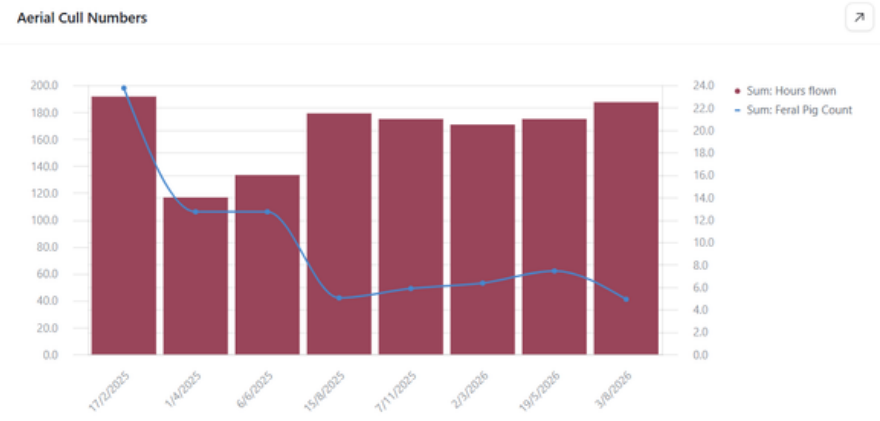
Location of Midlands Biosecurity Group Feral Pig work in 2025/26, including through the joint MBG/CWBA pig project.

Mingenew-Morawa Pig Project

The Mingenew-Morawa pig project was instigated due to a need to consistently fund and work across RBG and local government boundaries. Continuing in 2025/26, this project aims to deliver a coordinated and collaborative response to the issues of feral pigs in the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association (CWBA) and Midlands Biosecurity Group region of Western Australia.

The project contracts Paul Pitaro of Vertebrate Pest Management Australia for 100 days over an 11-month period, with MBG & CWBA committing to fund 50 days each of work in the area.





Progress of the combined MBG - CWBA Aerial Culling program since 2018. Increased intensity in aerial shoots has led to a promising decline in numbers. Above: flight path in zone 1 of the aerial shoot plan.

Rabbits

In 2025/26 the Midlands Biosecurity Group continued its control program for European Rabbits in the Midlands Region which focuses on landholder engagement and control methods using 1080 and in previous years, RDHV1-K5 Calicivirus releases.

Farmers are required by law to utilise appropriately trained personnel (Licensed Pest Management Technicians) to mix grain baits for rabbit control. This is a significant benefit of having an RBG in the region. In 2025/26, a total of 15L of 1080 concentrate was used. No calicivirus was released due to concerns over efficacy and over-reliance. 1080 is still the most effective control tool for rabbits and thus will be the group's focus going forward.

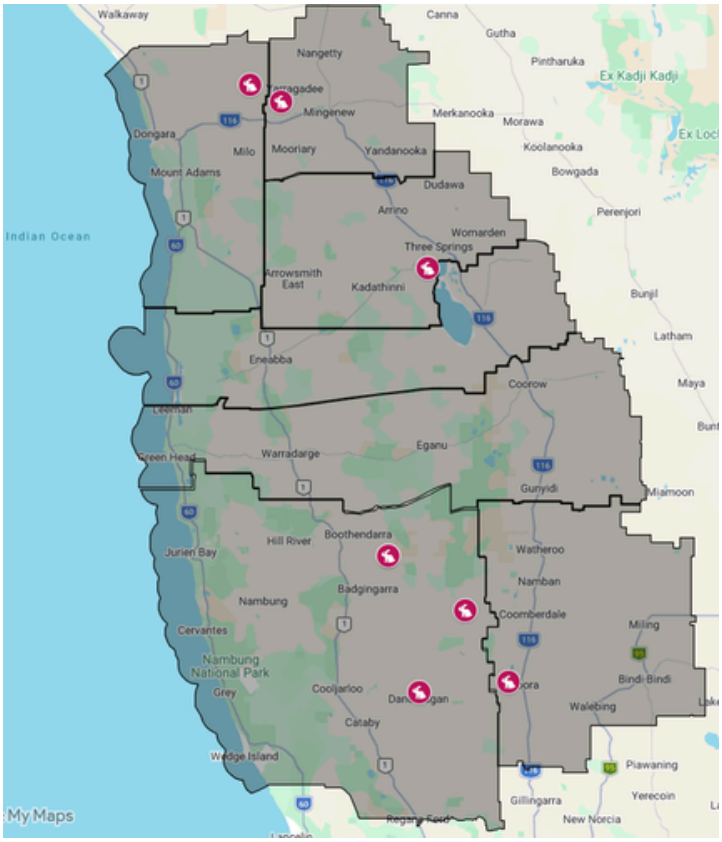


MBG LPMT's mixed up bags of 1080 poison oats for farmer use.

2026 Quick Stats

Calicivirus not deployed in 2026

15L Total 1080 Concentrate used (21L in 2025)



Rabbit 1080 baiting and monitoring sites in the Midlands region.

Registered Pesticide Permits

The MBG provides support to landholders to apply for Registered Pesticide Permits (RPPs) for their properties.

The permit process has some complexity around what is required to meet the regulations set by the Department of Health for the use of schedule 7 poisons, (1080 and Strychnine) and the group can support farmers to ensure they comply with the law and are operating safely. The restricted chemical permit form acts as a legal document in which the permit holder is taking full responsibility for the use of restricted products on their farms, which includes all persons using the approved products including MBG LPMTs. Therefore, it is crucial that applications are completed correctly and farmers understand their responsibilities. The group encourages all farm businesses to put their workers through a 1080 accreditation course which will allow them to use products on their properties. Landholders are also encouraged to add "MBG Approved LPMT'' to their permits to allow the MBG's LPMTs to supply and handle products on their properties.

2026 Quick Stats

MBG LPMTs have baiting permits on 4 Reserves and UCL Block totalling 73,000ha

318,682ha covered (414,619 in 2025)

LPMTs are licensed by the Department of Health to do this and the MBG contracts practitioners who are experienced and knowledgeable in the use of these products.

Given many permits are issued for 5 years, and the MBG has been in operation for 5 years, there are quite a number of permits that expired in 2025. The MBG are working through this list and renewing permits where required.

LPMTs have also been issued with 3 year permits on targeted government managed land throughout the district.



Parks and Reserves

The MBG LPMTs have been issued 3 year permits to work on selected parks and reserves in the Midlands Region.
These parks have been selected based on monitored activity and landholder reports.

Poison permits have been issued in high priority parks and UCL. Whilst access permits have been granted to a number of parks to allow for camera monitoring of pests to occur.

Andy Walker

Park	Shire	Permit
Watheroo NP	Dandaragan, Moora, Coorow	Renewed in DBCA name
Pinjaregga NR	Coorow	Fox & Dog Baiting
Namming NR	Dandaragan	Fox & Dog Baiting
Alexander Morrison NP	Coorow	Camera Monitoring Only
Eniminga NR	Dandaragan	Camera Monitoring Only
Wongonderrah NR	Dandaragan	Camera Monitoring Only
Southern Beekeepers NR	Dandaragan/Coorow	Camera Monitoring Only
Nambung NP	Dandaragan	Camera Monitoring Only
Badgingarra NP	Dandaragan	Camera Monitoring Only
Coomallo NR	Dandaragan	Camera Monitoring Only
Capamauro NR	Coorow/Carnamah	Camera Monitoring Only

Andy Lockey

Park	Shire	Permit
Wilson NR	Three Springs	Feral Pig Baiting
UCL 10931 & 10932	Three Springs	Feral Pig Baiting

Paul Pitaro

Park	Shire	Permit
Lesueur NP	Coorow	Monitoring Only
Beekeepers North	Irwin/Carnamah	Monitoring Only
Boothendarra NR	Dandaragan	Monitoring Only

Environmental Impacts

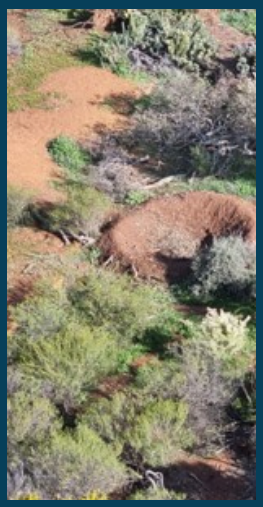
As a result of consistent best practice efforts in the fight against feral pigs and invasive predators, the improvement in the environment cannot be underestimated.

This year, rabbit warrens continue to devastate native vegetation and paddocks. In more positive news, the efforts of our LPMTs to remove dense feral pig populations in our northern Shires have resulted in the rehabilitation of Mallee Fowl habitats with birds returning to breed in the area.

Rabbit Damage



Mallee Fowl Nests





Community Engagement

The community engagement program of the MBG is to ensure information about the group's activities are communicated regularly and landholders have regular opportunities to get involved with the group.

The activities related to this program are outlined below with the communication strategy located in Appendix 2.

In 2025/26, the MBG continued to engage with family farms, corporate landholders and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to ensure a coordinated approach to pest control across the region.

The group’s Annual General Meeting also acts as the key forum for the year for members and the community to engage with the group and its activities.

The MBG also attends local field days and events including the Dowerin Field Days and grower group Spring Field Days. Members and landowners within the MBG’s Shires are often in attendance and it is often a great opportunity to engage with these stakeholders.





The MBG teamed up with the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association to host a stall at the 2026 Dowerin Field Days. The 2 days allowed for a fantastic outlet to promote RBG activities and chat directly to landholders and industry.

The MBG's membership eligibility criteria is as follows:

Full Member

Open to individuals who own or occupy 100 hectares or more in the Midlands region

Associate Member

Open to any legal entity that controls, cares or manages land in the Midlands region, represented by an authorised nominee.

To date the MBG has 101 members as well as an additional 264 subscribers to the group's E-Newsletter. There is no charge to being a member of the MBG, with the key advantage of being an MBG member is that it gives people a say in the governance process of the group. Furthermore, the MBG cannot automatically make individuals a member, due to privacy laws preventing the group from accessing contact details of landholders in the region.

The MBG encourages landholders to become members as it allows them to have a greater level of engagement with the group. This is significant when it comes to declared pest management. Members are able to have their say on priority species, board members and the activities in the group's operational plan.

Community Engagement

Month	Planned Activity	Medium	Purpose
August 2025	Dowerin Field Days	Presence, Brochures, Demonstration Workshop	Consultation & Inform Participation & Inform
September 2025	MBG Update	E-news Presence, Brochure, Demonstration	Participation Inform
September 2025	MBG Annual General Meeting	Local Papers, MBG e-news, Social Media, Email	Consultation & Inform
November 2025	MBG Update Rabbit Control Info and Bait Days DPR Information	E-news Local Papers, E-news	Inform Inform & Participation
December 2025	MBG Update Working Dog Safety and Welfare when Baiting Information Community Rabbit Baiting Program	E-news E-news Local Papers, E-news, Social Media	Inform Inform Participation & Inform
March 2026	Wild dogs Update MBG Update Feral Pigs Update	Local Papers, E-news E-news Local Papers, E-news	Inform Inform Inform
May 2026	Letter to Midlands Region Ratepayers Domestic animals welfare when 1080 baiting information	Mailout Mailout	Inform Inform
June 2026	MBG Update	E-news	Inform

Monitoring & Evaluation

The MBG has established a cloud-based database that acts as a store of all the group's activity in the region. The database is tailored for the MBG and allows the group to keep accurate records of work completed, pests destroyed, permits completed and membership information.

The database has fully integrated workflows, allowing seamless information transfer from LPMTs in the field to the Executive Officer and the MBG Board. This system significantly cuts down administration costs associated with Monitoring and Evaluation of field activities and membership applications.

The MBG also utilise Feral Scan to report into national databases of declared pest management. Feral Scan has limitations to local operations, however can inform decision makers at a national level as to the significance and locations of different pest species.

The group has also utilised facial recognition technology in some of its field cameras to assist with the monitoring of key pest species in the region. The system, called EVORTA, is able to assess images of animals to determine which species is present and send an alert via SMS to LPMTs if a target species is identified.

Governance

The MBG is a not-for-profit association, governed by a Board of Management, elected at the group's Annual General Meeting. The group also contracts experienced and professional people to ensure a high quality of work is completed.

The governance program allows for an Executive Officer and a Bookkeeper to be contracted on a part-time basis to oversee the executive and regulatory requirements of running an association and recognised biosecurity group.

The Executive Officer oversees the following tasks:

- Board Processes (meeting oversight, information gathering, administrative duties)
- LPMT Co-ordinator (Job planning, resource allocation)
- Bookkeeping (MYOB coding, invoicing, payments, BAS, Board reports, work with Auditor)
- Data Management (Database maintenance and reporting)
- Registered Pesticide Permits (Support and submit applications on behalf of farmers)
- Stakeholder Liaison (DBCA, DPIRD, Mining, Events & Workshops)
- Grant funding management and reporting

The governance program ensures the group has appropriate insurance and subscriptions to allow the group to run professionally and efficiently as well as coverage for administration costs such as printing, meeting room hire and catering where necessary.

SUMMARY & FUTURE CHALLENGES

The MBG has overseen the implementation of its sixth Operational Plan and Declared Pest Rate in the 2025/26 financial year. This has been well supported by the community with consistently high payment rate, good engagement with permits and on-ground activity and a steady increase in subscribers over the last 12 months.

The continuity of the MBG team and having a stable and engaged board of management as well as an experienced Executive Officer, Bookkeeper and Licensed Pest Management Technicians has allowed the group to progress and function seamlessly.

The group's LPMTs Paul Pitaro, Andrew Lockey and Andrew Walker are now quite familiar with the landscape and much of the farming community which allows for on-ground work to be completed in a timely manner.

Feral pig populations are under significant pressure from the efforts of the Biosecurity Group's LPMTs. Hotspot areas in Arrowsmith and Irwin have had a strong focus in 2025/26 in order to significantly reduce numbers. The group increased its resources into feral pig control with the aim to try and hit the required 80% population decline. The last few pigs are going to be the hardest and most expensive ones to kill but continued pressure must be maintained in order to prevent further build-up.

The group has also established a good relationship with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, with baiting permits now issued to MBG LPMTs across 4 major parks in the Midlands Region. These permits are issued for 3 years and are regularly reviewed.

In 2022, the Minister announced there would be a review into the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act, which is the legislation that enables the Recognised Biosecurity Groups to access a consistent source of funding that can be focussed locally into pest management. This review has been completed and we anticipate DPIRD to roll out changes to how biosecurity is managed in the medium to longer term. In the short term, it is unlikely that any of these changes will affect the RBGs and their operations, however uncertainty still remains around the longer-term future of the RBGs funding model.

The group is a grass-roots organisation and relies on the community driving the activities and getting engaged with the programs. To date this has been very successful and is a testament to the commitment of the landholders who took the risk to establish the group and volunteer their time to achieving the outcomes. The group has much work to do and challenges to overcome, but is well on its way to achieving its goals of co-ordinated, nil tenure declared pest management.

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APPENDIX 1 - OPERATIONAL PLAN DETAILS

Program 1 Wild Dogs & Foxes				
Actions	*Input*	*Measurement*	*Budget*	*Timeframe*
Bait Rack & Monitoring Program	- LPMT Time - Dried Meat Baits - RCPs - 1080 - Strychnine - Signage - Traps - Cameras	At least 10,000 wild dog strength baiting products deployed (baits, CPEs, Traps) At least 10 cameras deployed to monitor the region for declared pests.	$25,000	March-April August - November
LPMT Contract	- LPMT Contract	LPMT/s Contracted.	$104,050	July-June
TOTAL			**$129,050**	

Program 2 Feral Pigs				
Action	*Input*	*Measurement*	*Budget*	*Timeframe*
Co-ordinated Integrated Feral Pig Control	- Grain - Poison - LPMT - Cameras - Signs - RCPs - Aerial Shoot - Traps	At least 40 baiting sites implemented in hotspot areas. Camera Monitoring implemented across MBG area.	$118,770	Baiting: January – May & August - November
Morawa-Mingenew Pig Program Co-ordination	- LPMT Time	100 day LPMT Contracted (includes CWBA Morawa Pig Project Contribution)	$75,000	July-June (Ongoing monitoring)
Aerial Shooting	- Helicopter Contractor - Ammunition	2 aerial shoots held per year.	$30,000	July & February
TOTAL			**$223,770**	

Program 3 Rabbits				
Action	*Input*	*Measurement*	*Budget*	*Timeframe*
Community Rabbit Baiting Program	- LPMT Time - Grain - Poison - RHDV - Baiting Trailer - RCPs - LPMT time	At least 20 landholders engaged in co-ordinated baiting program.	$13,000	January - March
TOTAL			**$13,000**	

Program 4 Community Engagement				
Action	*Input*	*Measurement*	*Budget*	
Community Consultation	- Meeting and Field Day attendance - Brochure - Workshops Social Media - Print Media - Website - Newspapers - Mail Out - E-newsletter - Communications contractor + on costs	DPR is supported across all shires. Annual General Meeting held annually. At least 6 E-newsletters produced. Website maintained	$16,680	Field days and workshops: August-September AGM: October Letter to landholders: March See consultation timeline for more detail.
TOTAL			**$16,680**	

Program 5 Governance & Administration				
Activity	*Input*	*Measurement*	*Budget*	*Timeframe*
Staff	- Executive Officer - Bookeeper - On-Costs	Executive and administration services contracted	$61,000	July-June
Administration	- IT - Insurance - Travel - Office Space - Bookkeeper - Data Management - Reporting & Auditing Costs - Admin/Comms - Meeting costs - Staff Professional Development		$19,000	
TOTAL			**$80,000**	
Grand Total All Programs			**$462,500**	



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Income Statement FY2026

Accrual mode
01 Jul 2025 - 30 Jun 2026

		Total
Income		
4-1000 Project Income	2	87,500.00
4-2000 Declared Pest Rate Income		231,991.00
4-2011 Aerial Shoot Cost DPR Recovery Income	3	8,767.20
Total Income		**328,258.20**
Cost Of Sales		
5-53121 MBG - Audit expenses		3,000.00
5-7502 MBG - Camera Equipment		36.37
53100 MBG- Bookeeping (MYOB Subscription)		374.56
53120 MBG - Admin Costs		5,142.33
53152 MBG - Community Consultation		4,372.79
53155 MBG - Insurances		14,684.57
53156 MBG - LPMT Contractor		313,025.00
53160 MBG - Travel		563.05
53550 MBG - Baiting/Poison Supplies		8,399.80
53552 MBG- Permits		819.40
53553 MBG - Consumables		9,034.54
53900 MBG - Executive Officer Contractor		24,060.00
53952 MBG - Aerial Shoot		48,032.40
53953 MBG - Baiting Meat		2,102.00
Total Cost Of Sales		**433,646.81**
Gross Profit		**(105,388.61)**
Expenses		**0.00**
Operating Profit		**(105,388.61)**
Other Income		**0.00**
Other Expenses		**0.00**
Net Profit		**(105,388.61)**

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Income Source Comparison FY2026

Accrual mode
01 Jul 2025 - 30 Jun 2026

	Total			
	CWBA Project - Morawa Pig Project	DPR Funding - Declared Pest Rate Funding	WDAP Funding - Wild Dog Action Plan	Total
4-0000 Income				
4-1000 Project Income	37,500.00	0.00	50,000.00	87,500.00
4-2000 Declared Pest Rate Income	0.00	231,991.00	0.00	231,991.00
4-2011 Aerial Shoot Cost DPR Recovery Income	0.00	8,767.20	0.00	8,767.20
Total Income	**37,500.00**	**240,758.20**	**50,000.00**	**328,258.20**
5-0000 Cost Of Sales				
53100 MBG- Bookeeping (MYOB Subscription)	0.00	374.56	0.00	374.56
53120 MBG - Admin Costs	0.00	5,142.33	0.00	5,142.33
53152 MBG - Community Consultation	0.00	4,372.79	0.00	4,372.79
53155 MBG - Insurances	0.00	14,684.57	0.00	14,684.57
53156 MBG - LPMT Contractor	37,500.00	275,525.00	0.00	313,025.00
53160 MBG - Travel	0.00	563.05	0.00	563.05
53550 MBG - Baiting/Poison Supplies	0.00	8,399.80	0.00	8,399.80
53552 MBG- Permits	0.00	819.40	0.00	819.40
53553 MBG - Consumables	0.00	9,034.54	0.00	9,034.54
53900 MBG - Executive Officer Contractor	0.00	24,060.00	0.00	24,060.00
53952 MBG - Aerial Shoot	0.00	48,032.40	0.00	48,032.40
53953 MBG - Baiting Meat	0.00	2,102.00	0.00	2,102.00
5-53121 MBG - Audit expenses	0.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
5-7502 MBG - Camera Equipment	0.00	36.37	0.00	36.37
Total Cost Of Sales	**37,500.00**	**395,146.81**	**1,000.00**	**433,646.81**
Gross Profit	**0.00**	**(154,388.61)**	**49,000.00**	**(105,388.61)**
Operating Profit	**0.00**	**(154,388.61)**	**49,000.00**	**(105,388.61)**
Net Profit	**0.00**	**(154,388.61)**	**49,000.00**	**(105,388.61)**

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Balance Sheet FY2026

Accrual mode
30 Jun 2026

		Total
1-0000 Assets		
1-1110 MBG Bank Account	5	68,253.26
1-5000 Trade Debtors	6	55,000.00
Total Assets		**123,253.26**
2-0000 Liabilities		
2-1000 Trade Creditors		1,848.00
2-3001 GST Balance		(6,817.18)
Total Liabilities		**(4,969.18)**
Net Assets		**128,222.44**
3-0000 Equity		
3-8000 Retained Earnings		233,611.05
3-9000 Current Year Earnings		(105,388.61)
Total Equity		**128,222.44**

MIDLANDS BIOSECURITY GROUP

ABN: 11 513 539 345

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTSFOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (WA) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 112	Income Taxes
AASB 110	Events after the Balance Sheet Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

a) Income Tax

The Association is a non-profit organisation with Environment Stewardship purpose and thus exempted from income tax liability under the Community Service Organization category as defined by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) under Division 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

b) Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the

amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are showninclusive of GST.

NOTE 2: PROJECT INCOME

WA Wild Dog Action Plan Funding

Funding from the WA Wild Dog Action Plan totalling $100,000. The funding agreement commenced on 1st July 2023 and is scheduled to concluded on the 30th June, 2027. This contract was extended on the 10th of August 2026. In the 2026 Financial Year, the MBG received $50,000 of this funding.

Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group Feral Pig Collaboration

In July 2020 a collaborative feral pig program was launched by the Midlands Biosecurity Group and Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association to manage a feral pig population in the shires of Mingenew and Morawa. The Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association contributed $37,500 towards this project in FY26, with the Midlands Biosecurity Group taking on the administration role. This money was used to contract a Licensed Pest Management Technician to co-ordinate the control program.

NOTE 3. DECLARED PEST RATE INCOME & AERIAL SHOOT COST RECOVERY

As part of the Collaborative Mingenew-Morawa Feral Pig program, costs for Aerial Shooting have been shared between the two groups. Cost recovery income is received from the Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association for 50% of total Aerial shoot costs paid by the MBG.

NOTE 4.

The included balance sheet also acts as a statement of equity as no assets or liabilities,

have a market value different from the book values.

NOTE 5.

MBG Bank Account total: $68,253

Cash DPA - $13,620

Cash General - $54,633

NOTE 6:

Trade debtors attributable to the WDAP total $55,000. This include 1 invoice sent to the

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for $55,000 for payment for the

WDAP project, which remained unpaid as at the 30th June, 2026.

NOTE 7:

As of 30 June 2026, the total DPA retained surplus held by the organisation is $13,620. This

comprises:

- Accrued Expenses: $0

- Planned Unspent Funds: $0

- Unplanned Unspent Funds: $13,620

Cash Reconciliation – DPA Funds

Cash Reconciliation – DPA Funds	
2025 unspent DPA funds (prior year ending cash balance)	$168,009.41
DPA funds received and earned during year (including interest)	$240,758.20
Total	**$408,767.61**
DPA Funds paid to the following projects:	
Wild Dogs & Foxes	$115,648.32
Feral Pigs	$218,633.11
Rabbits	$9,668.18
Community Consultation	$4,372.79
Administration	$46,824.41
Total $	**$395,146.81**
2026 unspent DPA funds (current year ending cash balance)	**$13,620.80**

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

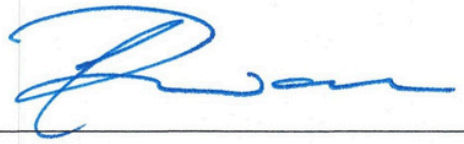
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

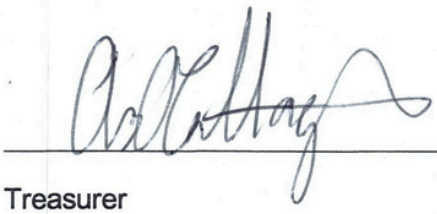
1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Midlands Biosecurity Group as at 30 June 2026 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Midlands Biosecurity Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Chairperson



Treasurer

Date: 12th October, 2026

Independent Audit Report to the members of Midlands Biosecurity Group Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Midlands Biosecurity Group Inc. (the Association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2026, the consolidated income statement, the detailed income statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2026 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015.

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 Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (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.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the Association in fulfilling their financial reporting obligations. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Association and should only be distributed to necessary parties of the Association. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act (WA) 2015, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association'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 the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism 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 Association's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the 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 Association'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 reporter, 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 Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- 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 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.

From the matters communicated with the management, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our audit report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



Daniel Papaphotis
Registered Company Auditor
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Francis A Jones Pty Ltd
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Dated: 15 October 2026