

Annual Report



2024/25



Local people,
Local pests,
Local decisions.

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Chairman's Report

The 2024/25 financial year has been another successful year for the CWBA, with our major focus continuing on wild dogs and feral pigs.

Stock attacks by wild dogs have decreased to single digits, a record low since our inception. Feral pig numbers are trending downwards due to our control work. Our aerial contractors are finding it harder to locate pigs, which is a good outcome. These are outstanding results, and it demonstrates the value in participation in coordinated control of pests that traverse the landscape.

This has been our seventh year with a Declared Pest Rate, and although we endured another rate rise, I feel we still have overwhelming support within the CWBA area. We have nearly 100% of landholders paying their rates. The system of using a DPR to control declared pests may not be perfect, but it's the fairest and most equitable way to control pests that roam free and don't respect property boundaries. It ensures that every landholder contributes to the effort. I'm pleased to report that more than 80% of our expenditure was on-ground work and less than 20% for admin and communications.

With wild dogs, our regular wild dog LPMTs are working together as a great team and are able to be responsive and flexible when issues inevitably arise. This has ensured that any problem areas are tackled before the dogs become embedded in the area. I would like to thank our LPMTs, Jeff Taylor and Allan Straw, who are working together to cover our 4 shires, along with their co-ordinator, Russell Macpherson.

The land access issues that we experienced 2 years ago have been resolved, at least for the short term, for most areas. We continue to work closely with the indigenous groups to minimise the impact of stock attacks adjacent to the areas that we still don't have access to.

With feral pigs, we have mainly been working in the Morawa Shire, alongside the Mingenew and Mullewa regions, with Paul Pitaro as our LPMT. Using a formalised partnership with Midlands Biosecurity Group and in conjunction with Northern Biosecurity Group, we have suppressed the pig numbers, which were threatening to get out of hand several years ago.

Our control work on wild dogs, pigs, foxes, and rabbits has much wider benefits than just on-farm. The benefits are enormous for the survival of native wildlife, habitats, and the wider landscape, such as wetlands. Around 80% of our LPMT time is spent on government-managed lands, which represent only 24% of our area. Due to an increase in ULVs last year, rates for most landholders increased, which has placed our group in a sound financial position. We only anticipate a minimal increase this year, but of course, each landholder's rates are subject to changes in the ULV of their individual properties. Please be assured that prudent financial management is our Board's highest priority.

I would like to thank our Board members for their work during the year. Other than our EO, all positions on the Board are voluntary, and I know the community appreciates the time put in by the volunteers.

On volunteer roles in April, I was appointed as Chairman of the National Wild Dog Action Plan Coordination Committee. This is the first time a West Australian has held this role and I hope to increase the awareness of wild dog issues for livestock producers across Australia.

Once again, I acknowledge the exceptional work of our Executive Officer, Linda Vernon. I know the Board appreciates Linda's work for CWBA and for the wider RBG system across WA. With Linda at the helm, CWBA has become a widely respected organisation.

Looking to the future, our 2025/26 operational plan is underway with similar programs to recent years.



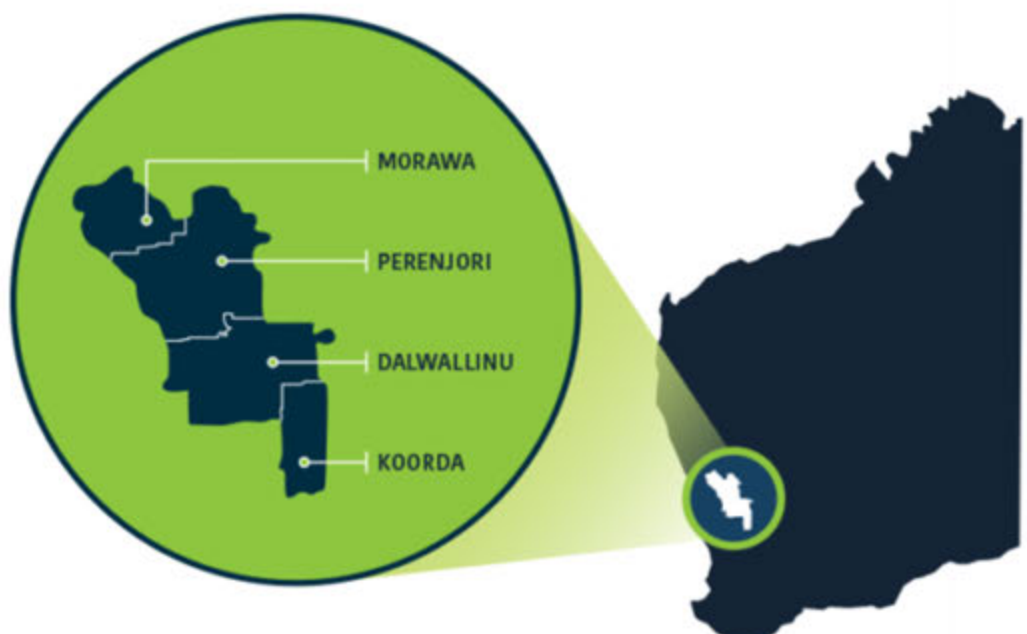
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Our Association

The Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association (CWBA) is proud to present its Annual Report for the 2024–2025 financial year. Since achieving recognition as a Biosecurity Group in 2017, CWBA has continued to demonstrate leadership, collaboration, and innovation in managing biosecurity challenges across the Wheatbelt.

Our journey began in 2012 as a Declared Species Group, and since then, CWBA has steadily grown in scale, scope, and impact. Over more than a decade, we have adapted to meet emerging threats while remaining focused on our core purpose: delivering effective, coordinated, and practical responses to declared pests that threaten agriculture, biodiversity, and community wellbeing.

Today, CWBA is a lead stakeholder for the management of wild dogs, foxes, feral pigs, and rabbits across four shires—Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa, and Perenjori. Guided by the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (BAM Act), we continue to strengthen our region's resilience through on-ground action, strategic partnerships, and robust community engagement. Our work is underpinned by the principle of collective responsibility—ensuring every landholder has a voice and every contribution counts towards protecting the productivity and environmental health of the region.



Aim & Objectives

AIM

Effective management of feral pests in the Central Wheatbelt.

OBJECTIVES

On-ground Management

- Develop and implement proactive, best practice strategies to reduce the effects of declared pests (wild dogs, foxes, feral pigs, and rabbits) on private and public lands.

Engagement and collaboration

- Increase stakeholder participation and encourage landholders and the broader community to adopt sound biosecurity practices.
- Provide members with a mechanism to exchange information, advice, and assistance where appropriate.
- Encourage and support collaboration for declared pest management in adjacent shires and regions.

Measurement

- Observe, assess, and report on the progress concerning the reduction of negative impacts of declared pests.

Our Board

The CWBA Constitution provides for a Board of Management who are responsible for overseeing the affairs of the Association. The Board of Management consists of a Chairperson; Deputy Chairperson; Secretary and Treasurer and no less than 3 and no more than 7 other members. Directors' terms of appointment are for a three-year period.

As of 30 June 2025, the CWBA Board of Management consists of:

Position	Member	Term Expires
Chairman	Chris Patmore	2026
Deputy Chairman	Peter North	2027
Secretary & Treasurer	Linda Vernon	Ex officio
Director	Carl Forward	2027
Director	Don Nankivell	2027
Director	Ashley Sanderson	2025
Director	Doug Cail	2026
Director	Mark Sutton	2026
Director	Brad Collins	2026
Director	Carl Fuchsbichler	2026

THE TEAM

The CWBA maintains a small, dedicated, and efficient team to ensure the seamless operation of the association.

- Executive Officer – Linda Vernon
- Bookkeeper – Danielle Carlson, Merredin Bookkeeping Services
- LPMT Coordinator – Russell Macpherson
- LPMTs – Allan Straw and Jeff Taylor (wild dogs/foxes/rabbits), Paul Pitaro (feral pigs)



\$417,709

**SPENT ON DECLARED PEST
CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN THE
SHIRES OF KOORDA,
DALWALLINU, PERENJORI &
MORAWA**

80:20 ONGROUND TO ADMINISTRATION FUNDING



2 LPMTs worked
312 days on Wild Dog,
Fox & Rabbit Control



1 LPMT worked
100 days on
Feral Pig Control



9 Voluntary Board
Members &
1 LPMT Coordinator



1 part-time
Executive Officer



478

FERAL PIGS DESTROYED IN
MINGENEW & MORAWA REGION
BY AERIAL CULLING



88.1hrs was spent on
aerial culling for Feral
Pig control.



14 properties were
on regular
surveillance for feral
pig activity.

\$285,743

OF THE FUNDS SPENT, WERE RAISED FROM
LANDHOLDERS PAYING THE DECLARED PEST
RATE IN 2024/25 WHICH WAS MATCHED
\$1:\$1 BY THE WA STATE GOVERNMENT



2.52 tonne of 1080 bait was
mixed to lay **450km** of bait
trail to control rabbits.

WILD DOG & FOX CONTROL

38

wild dogs
culled.

8

reported stock
attacks/deaths.

46

average number
traps in the ground
at any one time.

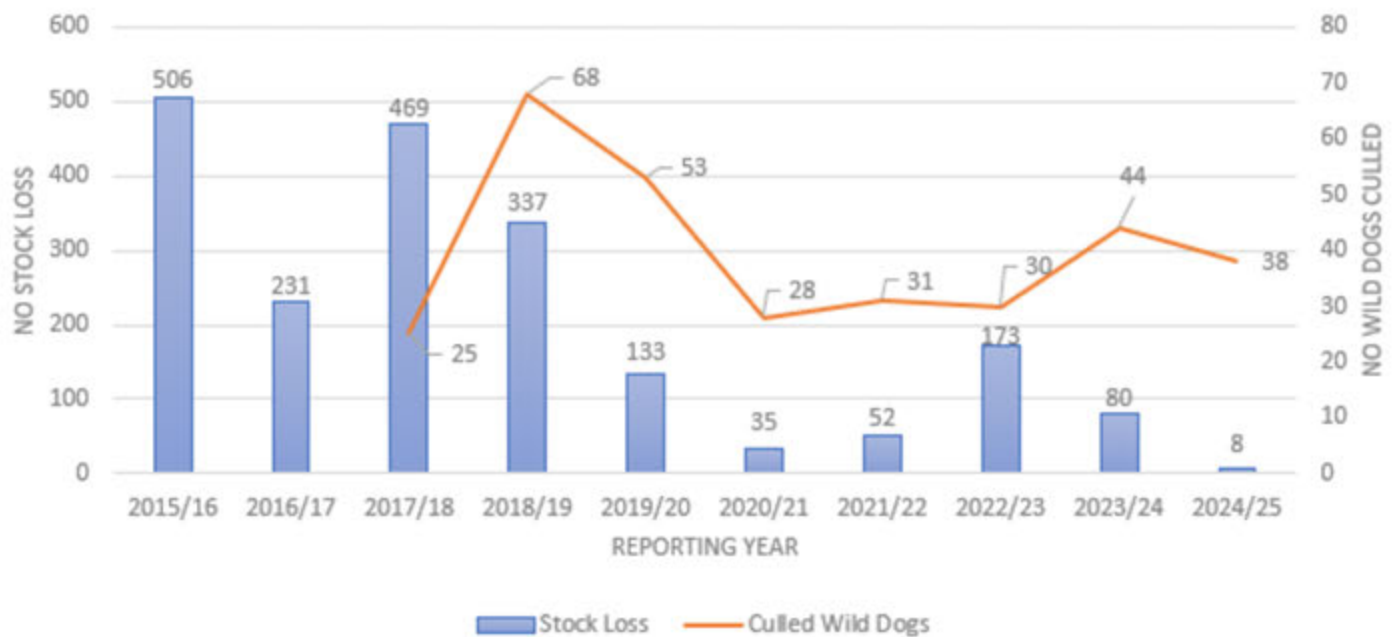
5,000

dried meat baits laid
by a coordinated aerial
baiting program.

16,125

dried meat baits
laid in targeted
locations.

Annual CWBA Reported Stock Loss and Culled Wild Dogs



KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Value Entity
Numbers (VENs)

1014

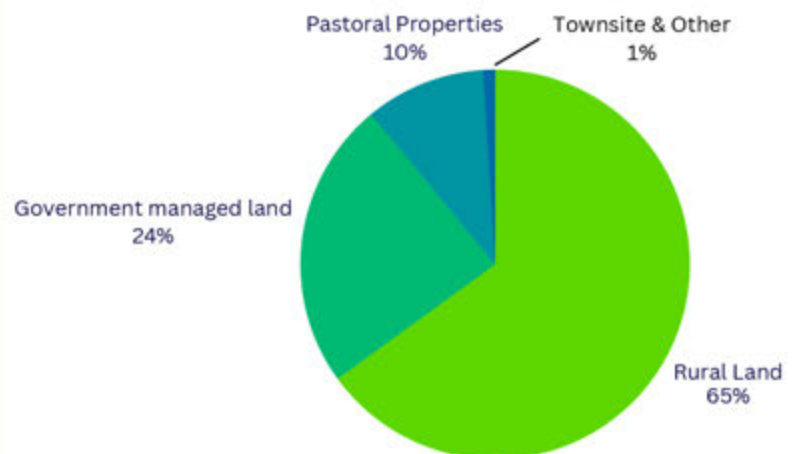
Landholders*

775

CWBA Members

49

*estimated from LGA rate database of
landholders over 100ha.



**LAND USE IN CWBA REGION OVER
2,186,890HA**

DECLARED PEST RATE

Under section 130 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007, the Minister determined rates chargeable on land in the prescribed areas for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2024 as follows –

0.0457 cents in the dollar on the unimproved value of freehold land in the local government districts of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa and Perenjori, that is no less than 100 hectares in area with a minimum rate payable amount of \$87;

Modelling of 2024/25 Rate revenue by Shire (LGA) provided by DPIRD to CWBA Board

Shire	#VENs	Rates Amount	% cont.
Dalwallinu	363	153,482.45	42%
Koorda	205	48,172.37	15%
Morawa	191	60,493.71	17%
Perenjori	255	89,140.49	26%
Total	1014	351,289.02	100%

At the 2023 AGM, the Board requested a Declared Pest Rate (DPR) of \$220,567 for the 2024/25 financial year. However, due to a 53% increase in unimproved land values across the CWBA area, actual DPR revenue rose significantly above budget, generating an estimated additional \$130,722. As a result, it is anticipated that approximately \$156,581 will be carried forward at 30 June 2025. At 30 June 2025, unpaid rates stood at \$36,141. In accordance with the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Declared Pest Account) Regulations 2014, the Minister for Agriculture and Food must consult with landholders prior to determining a rate each year. The 2024/25 consultation process conducted by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) received 28 responses from the Central Wheatbelt region, with 22 in support and 6 not supportive of the proposed DPR, representing a response rate of just 0.0996% of properties.

OTHER FUNDING & GRANTS

Royalties for Regions Program – Wild Dog Management Program

The CWBA continues to benefit from financial support through the Royalties for Regions Program – Wild Dog Management Program. This funding allows CWBA to employ one part-time (0.5 FTE) Licensed Pest Management Technician, tasked with reducing wild dog populations on government-managed lands and adjacent agricultural properties. For the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025, CWBA secured \$62,500 per annum, enabling sustained efforts in wild dog control and safeguarding the region's agricultural assets.

Fee-For-Service

CWBA explored opportunities for fee-for-service work during 2024/25. This approach enables the Association to provide specialist pest management services beyond the scope of our core operational plan, while generating additional income to support and strengthen our activities. Over the past year, fee-for-service opportunities have included the provision of rabbit control services to corporate land managers in the region. The model provides flexibility, responsiveness, and ensures that those landholders or organisations seeking extra support can directly invest in pest management outcomes to directly meet their specific needs. While still a very minor component of our operations, fee-for-service work reflects CWBA's capacity to adapt to landholder needs and has the potential to grow in importance as demand for tailored pest management services increases.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)

The CWBA's partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) remained a central element of our operations in 2024/25. With the Permits for wild dog control activities on Yamatji Joint Managed Lands successfully extended through to March 2026, providing certainty for ongoing control efforts across significant areas of government-managed land over the last 12 months has been welcomed.

CWBA also made a formal submission to the Badimia Parks and Reserves Draft Joint Management Plan in November 2024, advocating for continued access to conduct wild dog control and highlighting the agricultural, environmental, and tourism impacts of unmanaged populations. While relationships with Joint Management Boards continue to evolve, CWBA has maintained a constructive and respectful approach, balancing the need to protect livestock enterprises with recognition of cultural and environmental values. This year also saw further engagement with DBCA Mid-West staff on feral pig management, with continued discussions exploring the possibility of expanding planning for control programs in priority areas such as Barnong and Canna reserves.

The Board would also like to acknowledge and farewell Adrian Chesson, DBCA Wheatbelt, who has been a long-standing supporter of RBGs and a strong advocate for collaborative biosecurity management. Over many years, CWBA has enjoyed a productive and professional relationship with Adrian, and his commitment, encouragement, and appreciation for the work of RBGs have been greatly valued. We extend our thanks and best wishes to Adrian for the future.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD)

Office of RBG

The CWBA has continued to work closely with the DPIRD Office of RBG team to implement our Declared Pest Rate and meet all reporting obligations as a Recognised Biosecurity Group under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (BAM) Act 2007. This partnership ensures that CWBA maintains compliance, transparency, and accountability in its operations. A key highlight of the year was the Annual RBG Forum, held in Perth on the 18th and 19th of February 2025, which once again provided an important opportunity for collaboration and knowledge-sharing among RBGs, government, and industry stakeholders. CWBA representatives continue to participate actively in discussions on funding models, operational challenges, and the evolving role of RBGs in delivering landscape-scale biosecurity outcomes across Western Australia.

State DPIRD-RBG Advisory Group

CWBA's Executive Officer, Linda Vernon, continued in her role as Vice Chair of the DPIRD-RBG Advisory Group throughout 2024/25. The Advisory Group met regularly via bi-monthly online meetings, providing an effective forum for communication between Recognised Biosecurity Groups and the Department. Over the year, the group has consolidated its role in shaping policy and operational discussions, ensuring that the perspectives and challenges faced by RBGs are clearly represented at a state level. Reinforcing the importance of collaborative, two-way communication to support the ongoing development and sustainability of the RBG system in Western Australia.

Invasive Species Management and Research

CWBA continued its strong collaboration with Tracey Kreplins, Research Scientist in Invasive Species, Sustainability and Biosecurity, throughout 2024/25. This partnership has been instrumental in informing and advancing wild dog research in Western Australia. CWBA has supported ongoing collection of DNA samples from wild dogs to build understanding of genetic relationships and movement patterns, contributing valuable data to state-wide research. The collaboration has also helped maintain and expand the landscape-scale monitoring network, with eVorta cameras providing critical insights into wild dog and feral pig activity across our region. These initiatives ensure that CWBA's operational programs are underpinned by the latest science, strengthening our ability to implement effective and evidence-based pest management.

State Barrier Fence

The State Barrier Fence (SBF) remains a vital piece of infrastructure for controlling declared pests and reducing the risk of wild dogs entering the CWBA region from the Rangelands. CWBA once again secured annual permits to undertake wild dog control activities along the western side of the SBF, ensuring coordinated management in this critical buffer zone.

In September 2024, DPIRD advised that replacement works were to commence on the section of fence between Lake Moore and the Great Northern Highway, starting from the Lake Moore end. This long-awaited upgrade marks a significant investment in the ongoing effectiveness of the fence. While grid maintenance and accessibility remain ongoing challenges, the replacement of this section will improve the reliability of the SBF and support CWBA's broader wild dog control program.

Australian Wildlife Conservancy and the Mt Gibson Southern Fence Boundary

The CWBA has continued its collaborative relationship with the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) at Mt Gibson Sanctuary, where the southern boundary fence adjoins agricultural land within our region. This fence remains of critical importance for both AWC's conservation goals and CWBA's ongoing efforts to manage wild dog incursions.

In February 2025, CWBA representatives met with Greg O'Reilly (Sanctuary Manager), Robin Sinclair (Field Ecologist), and Aaron Jacks who provided a briefing on AWC's conservation activities and feral animal control work. The meeting reinforced the value of practical cooperation along this shared boundary. An agreement was reached to grade the access track for the southern fence line, and CWBA acknowledges the Shire of Dalwallinu for promptly completing this work, which was greatly appreciated. Further discussions included the need for regular spraying of weeds and regrowth by both landholders and AWC to ensure the track remains in good condition, thereby supporting ongoing fence maintenance and accessibility.

This partnership continues to highlight the importance of cooperation between agriculture and conservation, with both organisations committed to maintaining a secure and well-managed boundary for the benefit of livestock, native wildlife, and biodiversity values.

Liebe Group

The CWBA continues to value its partnership with the Liebe Group, leveraging their communication networks, resources, and facilities to enhance landholder engagement across our region. Their support has remained instrumental in amplifying our reach and providing valuable opportunities to connect with the wider agricultural community. We are grateful for this ongoing collaboration, which remains a cornerstone of our stakeholder engagement strategy.

Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC)

During 2024/25, CWBA has worked in close cooperation with NACC on emerging biosecurity priorities. A key focus has been joint exploration of feral cat control and management strategies across the region. CWBA has provided input and support for a funding application towards a proposed project aimed at coordinated feral cat management, recognising the growing need for a strategic and well-resourced approach.

In addition, CWBA has supported NACC in their submission to have *Verbesina encelioides* (Golden Crownbeard) listed as a Nationally Significant Weed. This weed poses a substantial threat to both agricultural productivity and natural ecosystems, and CWBA's support reflects our commitment to broader landscape-scale biosecurity outcomes that extend beyond declared animal pests.

Grower Group Alliance (GGA)

As an associate member of the Grower Group Alliance (GGA), CWBA continues to benefit from access to a network that strengthens capacity and visibility within the agricultural industry. GGA's collaborative framework has helped us stay engaged in broader discussions and initiatives, enhancing opportunities to form meaningful partnerships across the agricultural sector.

RBG Monthly Meetings

Monthly online meetings with other Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBGs) have again proved to be a valuable platform for sharing information, updates, and strategies. This regular exchange has enabled CWBA to remain informed about statewide biosecurity developments and emerging threats, while fostering collaboration and identifying joint opportunities.

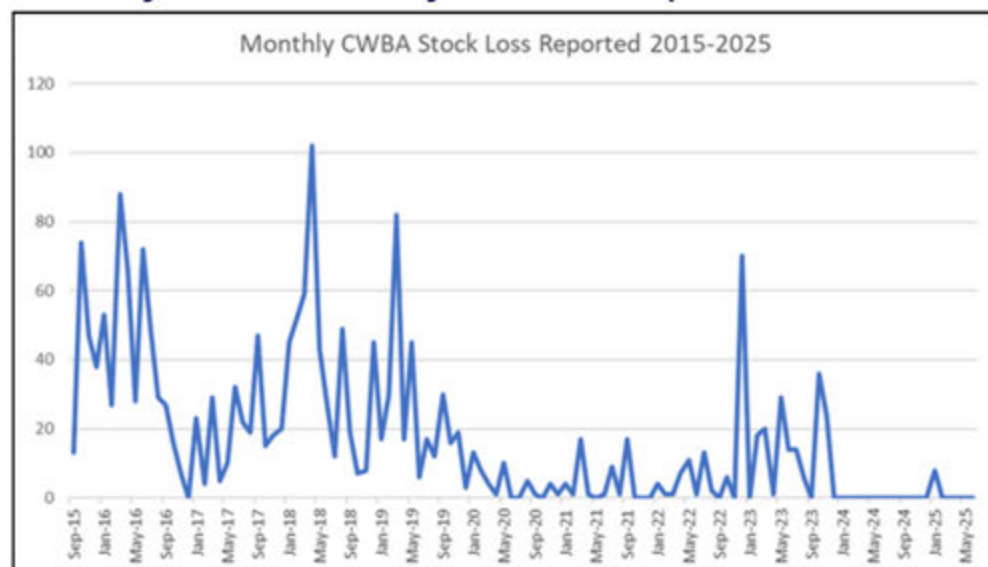
WILD DOG & FOX CONTROL PROGRAM

In 2024/25, CWBA recorded a significant reduction in wild dog impacts across the region, with only 8 stock losses reported compared to 80 in the previous year. While this reflects the effectiveness of control programs, it may also be linked to broader industry change, with the Federal Government's decision to uphold the live sheep export ban leading to uncertainty in the sector. Many landholders have chosen to reduce or cease running sheep as part of their farming enterprises, which in turn reduces both the visibility and the reporting of wild dog impacts.

CWBA's Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) trapped 37 wild dogs and shot 1 wild dog, with no sightings reported by landholders over the year. 158 images of wild dogs were captured through our Evorta camera surveillance system throughout the year. The uptick in detections on camera underscores that wild dogs remain persistent and active inside the fence, even when direct stock losses are low.

The continuing decline in reported sightings and losses demonstrates the impact of sustained, coordinated control for 8 consecutive years now in our region. The rising detection rates suggest that while broad suppression has had success, low-density animals and cryptic behaviour remain the next frontier, requiring more precision work, refined surveillance, and responsive control capabilities.

Summary of CWBA Monthly Stock Loss Reported 2015-2025



Summary of LPMT Reported Data 2017–2025

End of Year LPMT Statistics Summary	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
LPMT Days Worked	187	344	340	331.5	354.5	349.5	318	312
Baits Laid	12,814	7,700	9,880	8,300	4,960	13,880	20,800	16,125
Wild Dogs Trapped	25	67	38	25	24	17	30	37

Summary of Reporting by Landholders 2017–2025

Landholder Reports	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Wild Dogs Shot	12	7	16	3	7	12	14	1
Reported Wild Dog Sightings	51	20	20	5	7	7	3	0
Stock Loss Reports	469	337	133	35	52	173	80	8

LPMT Program

During 2024/25, CWBA re-negotiated contracts with its Licensed Pest Management Technicians (LPMTs) through to 30 June 2027, aligning with current funding commitments and ensuring continuity of service delivery. Over the year, LPMTs collectively worked 312 days across the region, maintaining an average of 46 trap sites in the ground at any given time. Control activities included targeted baiting, trapping, and shooting on both public and private lands, supported by community bait racks and coordinated aerial programs.

This year marked the seventh consecutive year that CWBA has delivered more than 300 days of LPMT field operations, underscoring the consistency and effectiveness of this program in reducing the impacts of declared pests. As in previous years, all activities and observations were recorded in FeralScan, the national database and reporting platform, ensuring transparency and compliance with DPIRD requirements. The program continues to be one of CWBA's most significant investments and most impactful tools in managing wild dogs, foxes, and other declared pests across the region.

Community Bait Rack Program

Free baits continued to play a vital role in supporting landholders with wild dog and fox control during 2024/25. CWBA operates five community bait racks across the region, coordinated by local landholders, to facilitate the making and storage of 1080 dried meat baits for use under a Restricted Pesticide Permit (RPP).

Community baiting remains a cornerstone of CWBA's wild dog control strategy. It provides a cost-effective, broad-scale approach that mitigates pest impacts on agricultural and environmental systems while fostering shared responsibility among landholders. CWBA continues to encourage landholders to remain vigilant, through regular surveillance of tracks, scats, and stock injuries, and to adopt targeted baiting year-round alongside the coordinated programs.

Aerial Baiting Program

In 2024/25, CWBA once again partnered with the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) and the Northern Biosecurity Group (NBG) to deliver our coordinated aerial baiting program. The operation was carried out between 23 September and 9 October 2024, using JL Taylor (Licensed Pest Management Technician), with support staff, and Outback Aviation as the service providers.

The program deployed approximately 5,000 dried meat baits across priority landscapes within the Shires of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa, and Perenjori. Key baiting locations included:

- DBCA-managed lands such as Kadji Kadji, Karara, Lochada, Lake Moore, Jibberding Block UCL, and Lake Goorly.
- Pastoral and private properties, including Mellenbye, Wanarra, Bunnawarra, and Perengary.
- Unallocated Crown Lands and salt lake systems, particularly around Lake Monger and Weelhamby Lake.

As in previous years, aerial baiting was excluded from Mt Gibson Sanctuary, Charles Darwin Reserve, and Biluny Wells Nature Reserve in line with those stakeholders' wishes. The operation also allowed for surveillance, with fresh dog tracks observed in some areas, ensuring that future control efforts can be directed where activity remains.

The Board continues to view aerial baiting as one of the most effective and essential investments in landscape-scale wild dog management, safeguarding livestock enterprises and biodiversity across the region.



RABBIT CONTROL PROGRAM

In February 2025, CWBA coordinated its annual rabbit control program, providing landholders with the opportunity to participate in free 1080 Rabbit Oat Bait Mixing Days. A total of 23 landholders took part in the program, collectively mixing 2.25 tonnes of bait and laying approximately 450 km of bait trails across the region. Participation was strongest in the Shires of Dalwallinu, Koorda, Morawa, and Perenjori, reflecting strong local commitment to addressing the ongoing challenge of rabbit management.

Unlike previous years, no Calicivirus (RHDV1 K5 strain) was purchased or released in 2024/25. This decision reflected both the difficulty of ensuring effective distribution and a growing lack of confidence in its impact, given inconsistent results in recent years. Instead, the program continued to emphasise bait mixing and on-ground control measures as the most reliable and cost-effective tools available.

While coordinated efforts remain essential, anecdotal reports suggest that rabbit numbers continue to fluctuate across the region, with localised increases in some areas. CWBA will continue to refine and promote the program in 2025/26, with a focus on expanding landholder participation and exploring complementary control methods to achieve greater impact at scale.

FERAL PIG CONTROL PROGRAM

In 2024/25, CWBA continued to work in partnership with the Midlands Biosecurity Group (MBG) to deliver the Morawa–Mingenew Feral Pig Control Program, a cross-RBG boundary coordinated feral pig control effort in the Mid West and Wheatbelt.

Aerial culling remained the cornerstone of the program, supported by ground baiting, trapping, and landholder participation. Between July 2024 and June 2025, a total of 4 aerial operations were undertaken, using the zone approach methodology. Across these operations:

- 478 feral pigs were culled in 2024/25.
- A total of 88.1 hours of helicopter flight time were logged.
- The average catch per unit effort (CPUE) was 5.3 pigs per hour, compared to over 20 pigs per hour earlier in the program's history (2018–2022).

This steady decline in CPUE reflects both the program's success in reducing pig numbers and the increasing difficulty of targeting smaller, more dispersed populations in rough terrain.

Rising operational costs were a significant challenge in 2024/25. The total cost per pig removed ranged from \$61.67 in March 2024 to over \$194 in October 2024, with later flights in April and June 2025 costing \$187.89 and \$179.32 per pig, respectively. These cost increases were driven by higher aviation fuel prices, mobilisation expenses, and the additional time required to locate low-density pig populations.

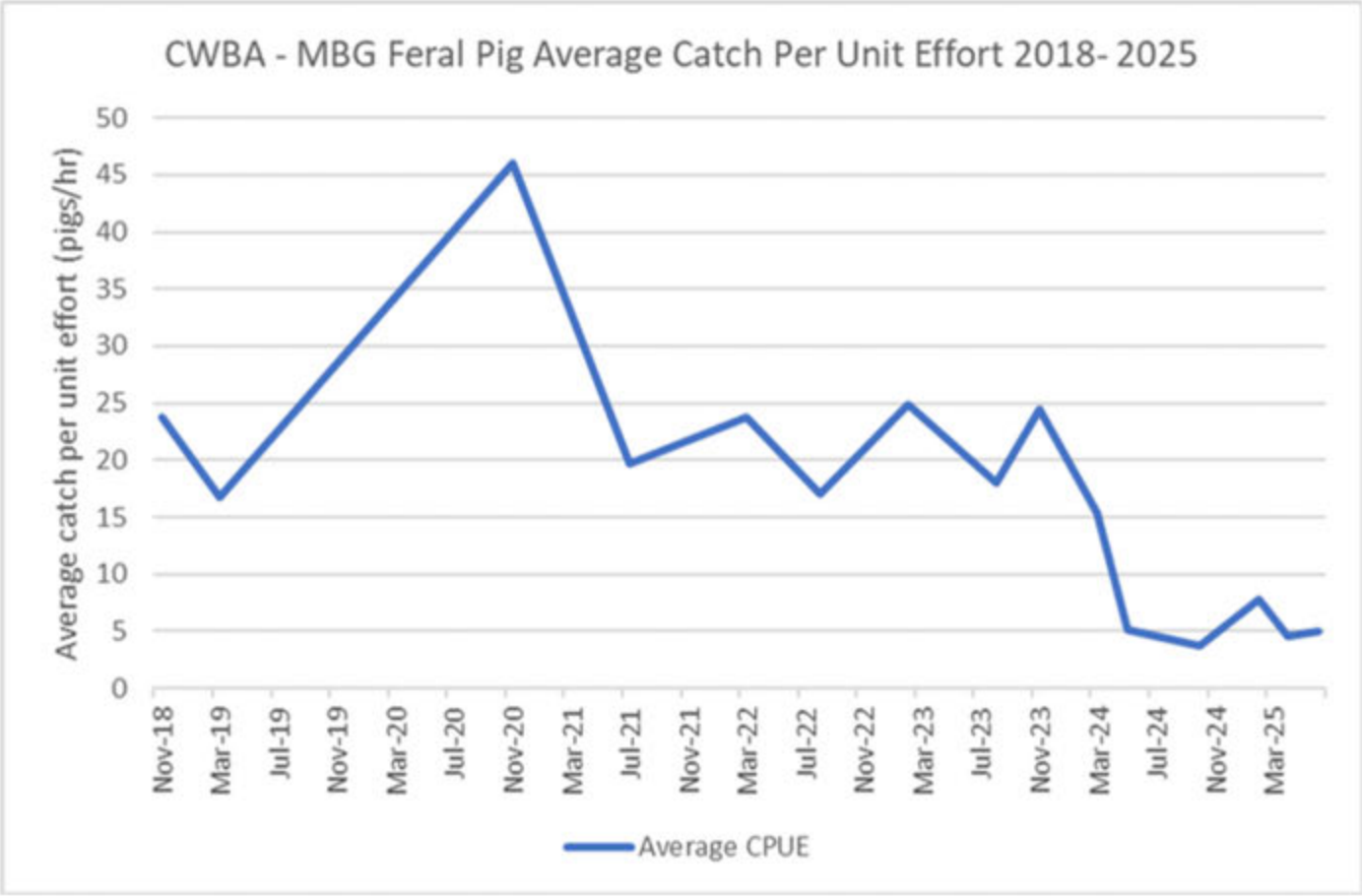
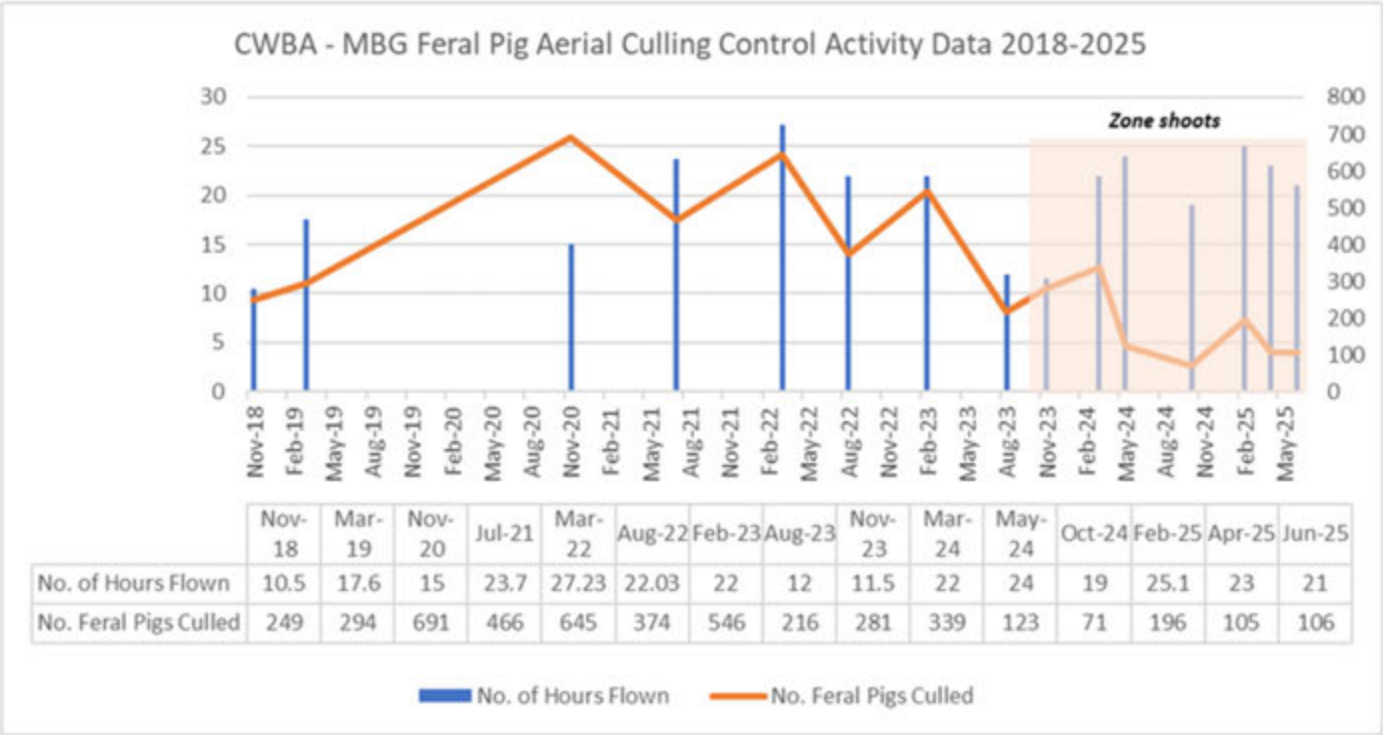
To further strengthen program delivery, Paul Pitaro of Vertebrate Pest Management Australia was contracted for 100 days to work on the Morawa–Mingenew program. His expertise and on-ground knowledge were critical in implementing effective control across the most challenging areas of the program zone.



Paul Pitaro, Vertebrate Pest Management Australia, Linda Vernon CWBA EO and Dr Clare Engelke NBG EO attended the 2025 National Feral Pig Conference.

CWBA also played a national role in promoting and sharing the outcomes of this program. Linda Vernon, Executive Officer, was invited to present at the 2nd National Feral Pig Conference held from 24–26 March 2025 in Surfers Paradise, Queensland, where the theme was “Getting the Fundamentals Right”. Her presentation, “A Zone-Based Approach to Feral Pig Management: Lessons from the Mid West Demonstration Site, Western Australia”, highlighted the importance of cross-RBG collaboration, regional coordination, landholder partnerships, and adaptive management strategies

Despite these rising costs, the program achieved meaningful reductions in pig numbers, safeguarding cropping and grazing enterprises, and reducing damage to remnant vegetation and waterways. The collaborative funding model between CWBA and MBG, and collaboration with the NBG, continues to underpin the program’s success, ensuring that feral pig control is delivered at a landscape scale. Looking ahead, the challenge will be to balance cost-effectiveness with the need for sustained pressure on residual pig populations, while exploring opportunities for innovation in monitoring, baiting, and trapping technologies.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Throughout 2024-2025, the CWBA remained proactive in engaging with the community, providing updates on declared pests, control measures, and the incoming Declared Pest Rate. Our continued efforts aim to keep landholders informed and involved in regional biosecurity initiatives.

CWBA Community Engagement Activities 2024-2025

Month	Activity Type	Details
All Year Round	CWBA Website All information about the CWBA can be found here and is current.	www.cwba.org.au
July 2024	Email to CWBA Local Governments Email sent to all four CWBA Local Governments informing them of the successful DPR outcome and offering to come and present to Council.	23rd July 2024
August 2024	AGM Notice to Members Notice of AGM and setting of DPR for 2025-2026	29 th August 2024
	Landholder Direct Letter DPR Landholder Letter Drop informing of DPR increase due to significant and unexpected rise in unimproved land values in the region.	19 th August 2024
September 2024	E-news and Local Papers Update on the activities of the Association.	30 th September 2024
October 2024	Annual General Meeting CWBA Annual General Meeting, adoption of annual report and setting of the 25-26 DPR.	7 th October 2024
November 2024	2023-2024 Annual Report Distributed to members and to key stakeholders by email and hard copy.	14th November 2024
January 2025	E-news and Local Papers. Update on the activities of the Association	9 th January 2025
April 2025	Quarterly Biosecurity Update CWBA Quarterly Biosecurity Update, Jan-Mar 2025	8 th April 2025
May 2025	Landholder E-news and Local Papers. Update on the activities of the Association	12 th May 2025
As Required	Social Media Ad hoc and social media as a part of the RBG Communications project	Facebook & LinkedIn



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3 October 2025

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Dear Committee

Financial Report Audit for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

We have completed the audit of your Association's accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025.

We direct your attention to the fact that the responsibility for the preparation of the financial statements and adequate disclosure is that of the Committee. This includes the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls, the selection and application of accounting policies, and the safeguarding of monies of the Association.

The purpose of our audit of the financial report is to express an opinion on that report, and this report on management issues includes only matters that come to our attention during the conduct of our work and, therefore, should not be regarded as a comprehensive statement of management issues that may exist.

We noted no significant matters that should be raised or brought to the attention of the Management Committee.

We thank you for the kind assistance provided during the audit. If you wish to discuss any of the above items or require any further information, please contact us immediately.

Yours sincerely

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**CENTRAL WHEATBELT BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION
ABN 46 359 975 258**

**Audited Financial Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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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 Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association 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

Name: Christopher Patmore



TREASURER

Name: Linda Vernon

Dated: 02/10/2025

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

Assets	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Bank		
CWBA Debit Card Account	1,000	1,000
CWBA Own Funds	6,831	128,221
Grant Funding	61,648	99,318
Term Deposit	120,000	-
DPR Rate Funding	222,259	126,846
Total Bank	411,738	355,386
Other Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	34,375	-
Total Current Assets	446,113	355,386
Non Current Assets		
Plant & Equipment	20,175	20,175
Acc Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	(15,318)	(12,210)
	4,857	7,965
Total Assets	450,970	363,350
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	6,884	(2)
GST collected	93,675	86,709
GST paid	(85,884)	(89,339)
Superannuation Payable	1,490	-
Total Liabilities	16,166	(2,632)
Net Assets	434,804	365,982
Equity		
Retained Earnings	365,982	282,130
Net Surplus (Deficit)	68,822	83,852
Total Equity	434,804	365,982

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

Income	2025	2024
DPR Rate/Matching	492,254	492,154
DPR Rate/Matching – Other RBGs	5,913	-
Grant Funding	28,940	56,895
R4R Wild Dog Funding	62,500	62,500
Total Income	589,607	611,549
Expenses		
Accountant / Bookkeeping Fees	3,406	4,254
Administration Exp	2,480	2,027
Aerial Baiting	45,000	42,000
Aerial Shooting	33,820	29,735
Baiting Racks Gen Exp	-	380
Bank Fees	73	59
Communication & Community Engagem	5,665	3,465
Contractors	310,700	320,450
CWBA Meeting Exp	883	1,284
Dogger Co-Ordinator	6,000	6,000
Equipment	-	79
Executive Officer	51,801	42,000
Executive Officer - Travel & Accommoda	6,584	3,124
Freight	73	-
Goodlands Bait Rack	-	2,800
Koorda Bait Rack	-	1,950
Insurance - Pub Liability Etc	7,640	7,007
Insurance - Workers Comp	9,530	5,247
LPMT Rabbit Bait Mixing	1,925	1,750
Materials	-	374
Mellenbye Bait Rack	1,300	-
Monitoring Expenses	14,587	22,000
Morowa Bait Rack	3,380	5,240
Perenjori Bait Rack	520	5,380
Rabbit Bait Manufacture	4,374	8,372
RCR Permit	1,196	1,167
Superannuation Expense	7,155	4,566
Telephone	5,110	1,011
Training	1,090	4,195
Traps & Poisons	200	3,374

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025 (cont)

Expenses	2025	2024
Depreciation	3,108	3,383
Total Expenses	527,600	532,674
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	62,007	78,875
Other Income		
Interest Income	6,015	4,978
Other Income	800	-
Total Other Income	6,815	4,978
Net Surplus (Deficit)	68,822	83,852

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Retained Profits	Total
Opening balance 1/07/2023	282,130	282,130
Net result for the year	83,852	83,852
Closing balance 30/06/2024	<u>365,982</u>	<u>365,982</u>
Opening Balance 1/07/2024	365,982	365,982
Net result for the year	68,822	68,822
Closing balance 30/06/2025	<u>434,804</u>	<u>434,804</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers		556,031	611,549
Payments to suppliers and employees		(505,694)	(521,021)
Interest received		6,015	4,978
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>56,352</u>	<u>95,506</u>
Cash Flow From Investing Activities			
Equipment purchased during the year		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flow From Financing Activities			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		56,352	95,506
Cash at the beginning of the year		<u>355,386</u>	<u>259,880</u>
Cash at the end of the year		<u>411,738</u>	<u>355,386</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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 and thus exempt from income tax under Division 50 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 shown inclusive of GST.

c) Plant & Equipment

Plant and equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, and accumulated depreciation. The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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ANNEXURE 1 - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2025 - DPA Only

Assets	2025
Current Assets	
Bank	
Cash	162,495
Total Bank	<u>162,495</u>
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>
Net Assets	<u>162,495</u>
Equity	
Retained Earnings	96,287
Net Surplus (Deficit)	66,208
Total Equity	<u>162,495</u>
<i>Reconciliation of DPA Cash and Activity:</i>	
Opening DPA cash balance	96,287
DPA income received during the reporting period	498,167
DPA cash expenditures during the year	431,959
Closing DPA cash on hand at 30 June 2025	<u>162,495</u>
Planned unspent funds	162,495
Unplanned unspent funds	-
	<u>162,495</u>

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ANNEXURE 2 - INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025 DPA ONLY

Income	2025
DPA – Declared Pest Account	492,254
DPA - Rates received from other RBG	5,913
Total Income	<u>498,167</u>
Expenses	
Traps & Poisons	200
LPMT Rabbit Bait Mixing	500
LPMT Contractors - Feral Pig	37,500
LPMT Contractors - Wild Dog	184,950
Accountant / Bookkeeping Fees	3,406
Administration Exp	2,208
Bank Fees	32
CWBA Meeting Exp	883
Executive Officer	51,801
Insurance - Pub Liability Etc	7,640
Insurance - Workers Comp	9,530
Communication & Community Engagement Activities	5,665
Aerial Baiting	45,000
Monitoring Expenses	14,360
Freight	73
Training	80
Rabbit Bait Manufacture	4,374
RCP Permits - Rabbits	1,196
Perenjori Bait Rack	520
Morowa Bait Rack	3,380
Aerial Shooting Feral Pigs	33,820
Mellenbye Bait Rack	1,300
Superannuation expense	7,155
Total Expenses	<u>431,959</u>
DPA surplus	<u>66,208</u>

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
CENTRAL WHEATBELT BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION.**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2025, and the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Auditors Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association as of 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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 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.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

The financial report is prepared in accordance with a special purpose framework and accordingly may not be suitable for other purposes. The opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

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.

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 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 the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



LEANNE K OLIVER CPA/CA
Director

AUDIT PARTNERS AUSTRALIA
EAST VICTORIA PARK WA

Dated: 3rd October 2025