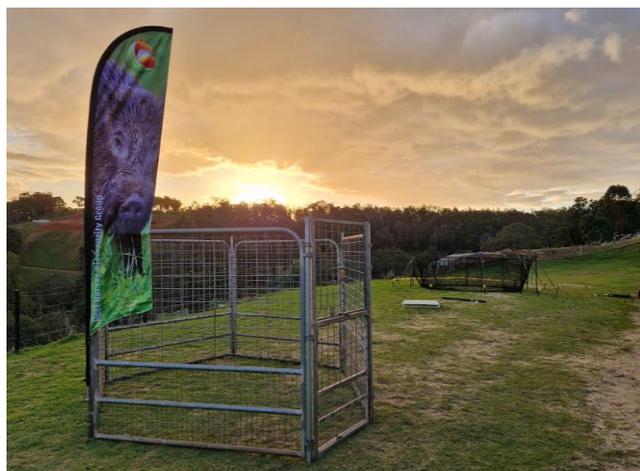




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# Empowering land manager-led feral pig management programs



The Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group (PHBG) operates across a region encompassing five local government areas in the Peel region of Western Australia, covering over 5,400 square kilometres. This diverse area includes both urban and rural landscapes and hosts a wide variety of weeds and pest species that the PHBG assists in controlling.

The region has significant areas of suitable habitat for feral pigs, ranging from river and estuarine systems to forested scarp country. When land managers are impacted by feral pigs, the PHBG offers several avenues for assistance. These include:

- an information repository- continuously updated and available in both paper and digital formats,
- workshops and forums,
- free hire of HOGGONE bait boxes, and
- producer-led trapping programs using either:
  - Matlock trap or
  - Pig Brig trap.

## Workshops and forums

Past land manager workshops have covered topics such as constructing figure 6 traps and using HOGGONE effectively. The PHBG also hosts forums including the recent Vertebrate Pest Control Forum held in June 2024 and the South West Feral Pig Forum to share information on feral animal control and the latest research outcomes. Take-home information packs are provided for land managers, that are supplemented with additional resources such as weed, rabbit or fox control information.

The PHBG also host the [Certificate III \(AHC30318\) Rural and Environmental Pest Management training](#) in

Harvey, WA once every two years to enable a greater number of people from south-west WA to attend.

## Equipment hire

### Baiting options

The PHBG's comprehensive free hire program offers land managers access to a wide range of management tools to help land managers control both vertebrate pests and weeds, ranging from spraying equipment to traps. For feral pig management, HOGGONE bait boxes are available for hire. In addition to equipment, the PHBG staff are a source of valued advice to land managers on best practice management, will deliver PHBG equipment directly to land managers, and provide guidance on free feeding and optimal placement of traps and bait stations.

### Trapping

Additionally, the PHBG facilitates land manager-led pig trapping programs. These programs include a full site visit to identify where pigs are most impactful, determine the best trap placement, and assess which trap system would be most suitable for the area. The Pig Brig system is used in areas without cellular coverage, while the Matlock system is used in areas with reliable coverage. These programs offer significant flexibility with support for the entire program as required.

By providing these resources and support, PHBG aims to empower landholders to effectively manage and control feral pig populations as well as other declared pests, to reduce their impact on their properties and the broader environment.

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