

PEEL HARVEY  
BIOSECURITY GROUP

# 2022

ANNUAL REPORT



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# 2022 BUSINESS SNAPSHOT



**153**

INITIAL LANDHOLDER  
LETTERS SENT

**1270 Ha**

AREA PROTECTED  
BY REGISTERED  
PESTICIDE PERMITS

**24**

LANDHOLDERS  
REGISTERED  
FOR THE WEED WIPER PROGRAM

**98**

DISTINCT  
POPULATIONS OF  
RABBITS  
TREATED THROUGH  
CALICIVIRUS  
PROGRAM



COMMUNITY DECLARED WEED REPORTS

**126**

**14**

EVENTS

**200+**

ATTENDEES

**200+**

PIECES OF EQUIPMENT  
LOANED OUT

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## CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to present the 2022 Annual Report of the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group. It has been a challenging year, but as you will see in this document the PHBG continued its valuable work in assisting landowners to control declared pests through a combination of communication, coordination, site visits, demonstrations, monitoring, expert guidance and equipment loans.

It was a year in which we appointed a new Executive Officer, Teele Hooper-Worrell, and in which other members of staff joined Teele in taking on new responsibilities and an expanded workload to ensure a continued high standard of service delivery for our stakeholders. My thanks to Teele, Megan, Kim, Jordon and Sarah for their efforts throughout the year, and welcome to Amanda, who joined us as our new Communications Officer in October.

In March 2022, the former Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry, Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, announced the appointment of a panel to carry out a statutory review of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (BAM Act). In announcing the review, the former Minister specifically asked the panel to conduct an assessment of the role and effectiveness of Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBGs).

The PHBG has actively participated in all stages of the review, including hosting a visit from Synergies Economic Consulting who were contracted by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to assist the panel in its assessment of RBGs.

RBGs are now well established across much of Western Australia, with secure funding through the Declared Pest Account. They work collaboratively across regional areas to ensure broader regional impacts and controls. They provide employment for local people dedicated to the control of declared pests, and have established the expertise, equipment and strategies to assist landholders. The review panel has looked at both the funding and delivery models for RBGs. We trust they will recognise the merit in the current RBG delivery model in which many people, including volunteers, staff and contractors, commit considerable time and effort to assisting public and private landholders to control declared pests in Western Australia.

Thank you to each member of our management committee for volunteering your time to ensure the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group continues to operate effectively and efficiently. I very much appreciate your advice, expertise and experience.

**Brian Doy, PHBG Chairperson**

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Teele Hooper-Worrell



It brings me pleasure to share with you the PHBG Executive Officer's Report for 2022. Coming on board as the EO in April 2022 was bittersweet as we farewelled long time EO, Dr Jonelle Cleland. However, it was also a very exciting time as I took over the reins of an organisation I have been working for since 2014.

While the creation of a Recognised Biosecurity Group and subsequent funding through the Declared Pest Account has been contentious there is no mistaking the increase in engagement by landholders across the Peel-Harvey region.

In 2022 the PHBG further increased the range of equipment, services and expertise available across its operational area. Throughout the year the PHBG website was accessed over 7,000 times, more than 200 landholders attended a PHBG event and landholders loaned more than 170 pieces of equipment. All of these services were funded through the DPA and provided at no charge to the local community.

The addition of the new PHBG vehicle has added flexibility in the provision of equipment and services to landholders. The PHBG would like to extend its thanks to the Peel Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC) who previously allowed the delivery of the Weed Wiper Program on Fridays through the provision of a PHCC ute. Increasing access to equipment is especially effective for the Weed Wiper Program which focuses on the management of Cape tulip which has a short control window.

In order to increase knowledge around the control and ongoing management of declared pests the PHBG focusses on providing access to information resources and expertise for the local community. This includes attending local agricultural shows (Waroona, Brunswick, Serpentine - Jarrahdale), community events (Step into Spring, PHCC Seedling Giveaway) and hosting information sessions on relevant topics.

In 2022 the PHBG hosted five Fox and Pizza nights with more than 60 landholders attending. Dr Trish Fleming from Murdoch University presented on the behaviour of foxes in a peri-urban environment and the recorded presentation is available to view on the PHBG website.

The current review of the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act (BAM Act), includes a focus on community-led pest and weed management and the associated funding mechanisms. The PHBG has committed its involvement to the review process and advocating for the continuation of support to landholders as they work to control established declared pests on their land. The review is due to finish late in 2023.

Each year the PHBG further develops its services and looks forward to a bigger and better year in 2023. In the meantime read on to learn more about what the PHBG delivered in 2022.

*"It makes me very proud to head a team of dedicated locals.*

*Funding through the DPA has made it possible to build on successful programs which are directed by landholder involvement and feedback."*

# WHO WE ARE



In 2017, the PHBG was recognised by the Minister for Agriculture and Food under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007. The PHBG is now one of fourteen Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBGs) implementing a Declared Pest Rate (DPR) for the first time in 2018. Each year landholders on 1Ha or more within the PHBG's operational area pay a DPR of \$30, this money is collected and administered by the State Government.

The DPR is matched dollar for dollar by the State Government and paid into the Declared Pest Account (DPA). RBG's can apply for funding through the DPA to provide services to landholders in the control of established declared pests.

The initiatives of a RBG are not intended to replace the legal responsibilities of individual landholders.

## VISION

Our vision is to see the negative impacts of declared pests (both plants and animals) reduced to a minimum, or level that is accepted locally.

## MISSION

Our mission is to use the tools at our disposal to get priority pests on the day-to-day agenda of people who live, work or operate in our patch.

## SEVEN SUCCESS OUTCOMES

The PHBG will be doing a good job, in terms of moving toward its vision, if it achieves the following as set out in our seven year strategic plan, The PHBG Blueprint.



People know that the PHBG is focused on implementing **behaviour change** at both a community and institutional level.



Local **champions**, organisations and businesses are recognised for doing the right thing.



**Compliance** is forthcoming where engagement is not successful.



People know where to go to **report pests** and are motivated to do so.



**Best practice** for pest control is endorsed, readily accessible and widely promoted.



Pest control activities are coordinated and sustained across property and management **boundaries**.

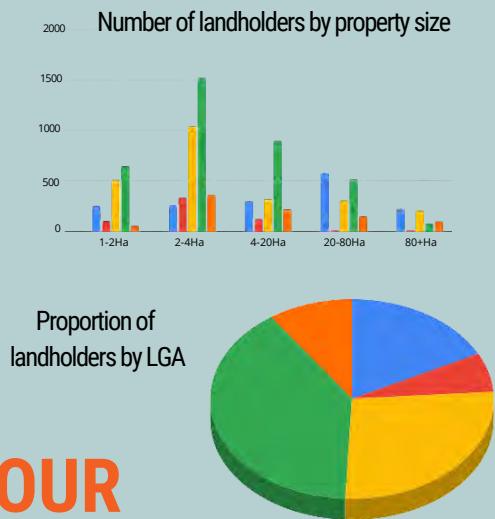


**Children** are given the opportunity to learn about pests impacts and management options.



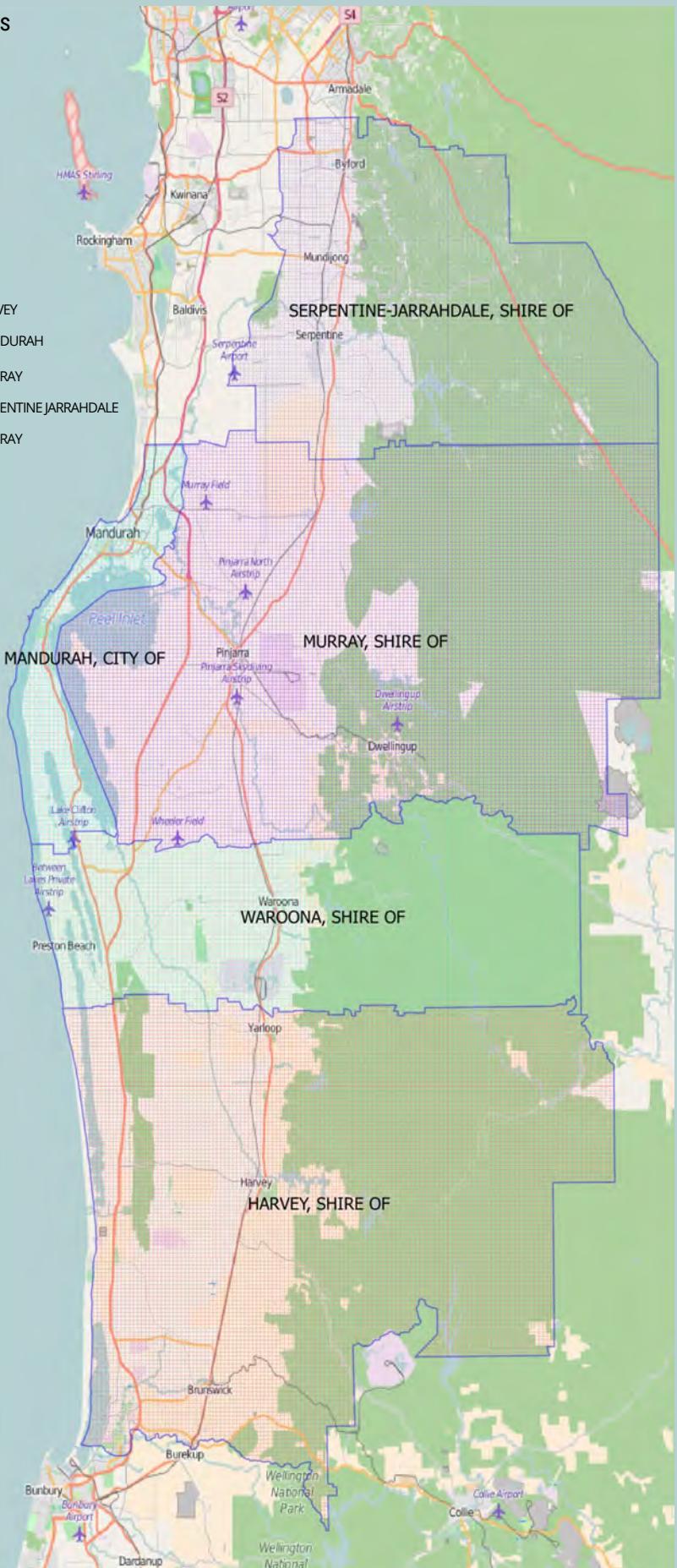
For more information on the PHBG's seven success outcomes visit the PHBG website, [www.phbg.org/home/reporting](http://www.phbg.org/home/reporting), alternatively, scan the QR code.

The PHBG operational area is large and diverse. It comprises the Local Government Authorities (LGA) of Serpentine Jarrahdale, Mandurah, Murray, Waroona and Harvey. Over 169,000 landholders live in this patch with over 9,000 paying the Declared Pest Rate (DPR).



# OUR STAKEHOLDERS

- Local government authorities/councils of Harvey, Mandurah, Murray, SJ and Waroona
- Land managers of crown land, public estates and protected areas
- Managers of water assets including Water Corporation and Harvey Water
- Primary producers such as farmers, market gardeners, viticulturalists and orchardists
- Primary and secondary schools
- Hunters and shooters
- Tourists, bush walkers and hikers
- Infrastructure companies including ARC infrastructure (i.e. manager of the rail reserve)
- Local NRM groups including catchment councils, landcare groups, progress associations and civic clubs
- Lifestyle block landholders
- Training providers such as TAFE
- Private providers of pest control and environmental services
- Equine enthusiasts



# OUR GOVERNANCE

The PHBG is governed in a way that empowers local people and authorities. It is a not-for-profit organisation operating under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2014*. It adheres to relevant laws for its operations (e.g. *Animal Welfare Act 2002*) and is recognised under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*.

## MEMBERSHIPS

A **landholder** within the PHBG operational area can apply for **ordinary membership**. Applicants must agree to adhere to the association rules (set out in law) and the constitutional objects of the organisation.

## PHBG COMMITTEE

The **PHBG management committee** sets the overarching vision for the organisation. It approves the annual budget and makes decisions relating to strategic planning, risk management and memberships. The committee also consider matters arising at a state and federal level from government biosecurity policy and administration that may affect the management and operations of the PHBG.

Each LGA has one representative with full voting rights on the PHBG management committee. The representative can be a councillor or employee.

For each local government area, there can be up to three ordinary members on the PHBG management committee. Each ordinary member on the committee has full voting rights.

### The 2022 PHBG Committee





# OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group



## THE PHBG ENGAGES WITH LANDHOLDERS THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS:



**11**

MEDIA  
RELEASES  
SENT IN 2022

**200+** ATTENDEES  
AT PHBG EVENTS IN 2022



**7,985**

VISITS TO THE PHBG WEBSITE

**1,301**

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS  
SENT IN 2022



**47,440**

PEOPLE SAW PHBG  
CONTENT ON FACEBOOK



**973**

LIKES ON THE PHBG  
FACEBOOK PAGE



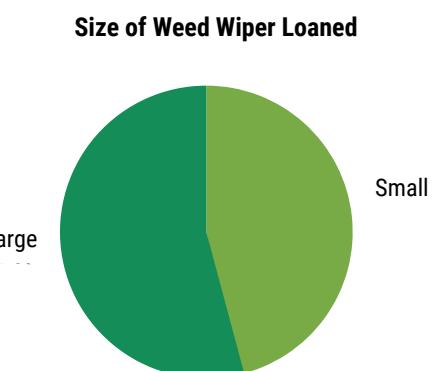
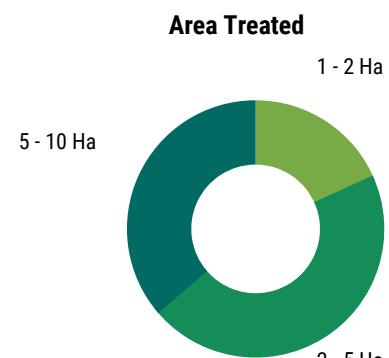
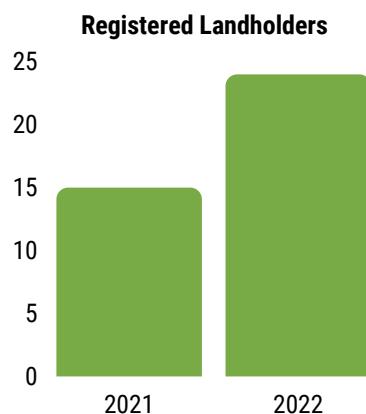
PHOTO: HOGGONE INFORMATION SESSION

# CAPE TULIP CONTROL PROGRAM

Twenty-four landholders registered to use PHBG weed wipers as part of the Cape Tulip Control Program. This saw an increase from fifteen in the first year of the program, 2021. Landholders have continued to report a high level of satisfaction and in 2022 the small weed wiper was booked in almost 50% of all bookings. PHBG programs are built to support a wide range of landholders, so to respond to the increase in interest for the smaller size the PHBG has purchased an additional small weed wiper to further support the program's growth in 2023.

The additional equipment coupled with the newly acquired PHBG vehicle means that the PHBG has additional flexibility in pick up and delivery times when delivering the program in the future. Landholders involved in the program have reported a decrease in Cape tulip in paddocks where they had used the weed wipers, compared with previous years. The Cape Tulip Control Program has been developed and delivered by PHBG Field Officer, Kim Nicholson.

## 2022 PROGRAM STATISTICS



**100% OF LANDHOLDERS WHO USED THE PHBG WEED WIPER TO CONTROL CAPE TULIP WOULD RECOMMEND IT FOR OTHER LANDHOLDERS**



“

- 'Fantastic program , friendly staff and very helpful '
- 'Very well organised - great return on \$30! '
- 'Great program '

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# 2022 WEED ID AND ADVICE WORKSHOP

## WORKSHOP SUMMARY



**27** Attendees



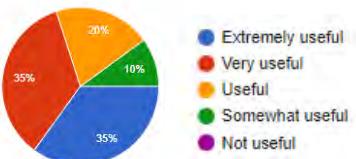
Over **100**  
weed samples



Take home  
resources

**100%**

of attendees would  
recommend the workshop to  
others



70% of attendees rated the  
relevance of the information as  
extremely useful or very useful

“ Approachable and knowledgeable presenters  
very much feel equipped to tackle weed ID,  
removal and prevention. ”

“ Loved the examples and hands-on approach. ”

“ Exceptional afternoon. Thoroughly enjoyed it. ”



**NEXT WORKSHOP: 2023 IN MANDURAH**

# SERPENTINE NATIONAL PARK COTTON BUSH PROJECT ENTERS SECOND YEAR

The three-year project, 'Controlling Cotton Bush in the Serpentine National Park' continued in 2022. The project, funded through the State Natural Resource Management Program, began in 2021 and this year herbicide was again applied across the project site to control cotton bush. The project is coordinated alongside delivery partners, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the Serpentine Enviro Group (SEG).

The second year of the project again saw three community busy bees delivered alongside the SEG, where 42 volunteers helped remove cotton bush within the Serpentine National Park. There was also a Cotton Bush Information Evening with fantastic presentations by George Walley and Ada Fawcett who shared insights on the the cultural and historical aspects of the project site. In the 120 Ha Project Site last year of the project, 2023, an informative sign will be installed at the site.



PHOTO: COTTON BUSH INFORMATION EVENING

## Controlling cotton bush in the Serpentine National Park

A project funded through the State NRM Program, Western Australia

This site has been part of an extensive weed control program to treat and remove large infestations of cotton bush, a highly invasive declared weed that can form dense thickets, reduces farmland productivity and impacts biodiversity in natural areas.

**WHY CONTROL COTTON BUSH?**

The Serpentine National Park is a valuable tourist attraction in the Peel Harvey Region, attracting high numbers of annual visitors, from international tourists, to local bush walkers.

The site represents a historical location for the Noongar people from the Whadjuk and Bridgetown tribes who lived and hunted around the Serpentine River, a site of cultural significance. The park is also home to the historical 1800s 'Kingsley Homestead', a heritage building located along the popular 'Kingsley' walk trail.

In 2020 the Peel Harvey Biodiversity Group obtained funding through the State Natural Resource Management Program for extensive weed control.

The three year project included cotton bush control activities across a total of 120 ha of the park. The aim of the project was to reduce the current infestation to a manageable level, improving the park's social amenity.

**COLLABORATION FOR SUCCESSFUL COTTON BUSH CONTROL**

Cotton bush responds well to chemical application, though manual removal can also be highly successful in achieving long term control.

The success of the project relied on the cooperation of a range of stakeholders including the Peel Harvey Biodiversity Group (PHBG) and Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions.

Experienced contractors were engaged to create and fulfil an integrated management plan. The plan included initial weed mapping to direct ground control activities. These included an annual initial knock-down through chemical application with follow up control undertaken at optimal times over the life of the project.

Local community members were also involved in the project through yearly cotton bush busy bee events, coordinated by the PHBG. Volunteers manually removed cotton bush from the park, with the effort less aimed at preventing further spread of cotton bush in the Serpentine National Park.

**MAINTAINING CONTROL INTO THE FUTURE**

Three years of targeted cotton bush control aims to reduce an extremely large, mature infestation of cotton bush that was threatening the sites natural values and impacting on surrounding farmland.

The reduction in size and density of the infestation means that going forward, land manager, the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, can monitor future cotton bush growth and plan control activities as needed.

Through the continued sharing of shared responsibility all recreational users and surrounding landholders are encouraged to keep an eye out for cotton bush, as well as other declared pests, while visiting the park and surrounding areas. Young plants can be easily pulled out by hand while seed pods on older plants should be removed and disposed of to prevent the spread of seeds. Cotton bush control information can be found at [www.dba.wa.gov](http://www.dba.wa.gov)

**LET'S MAKE THE SERPENTINE NATIONAL PARK COTTON BUSH FREE!**

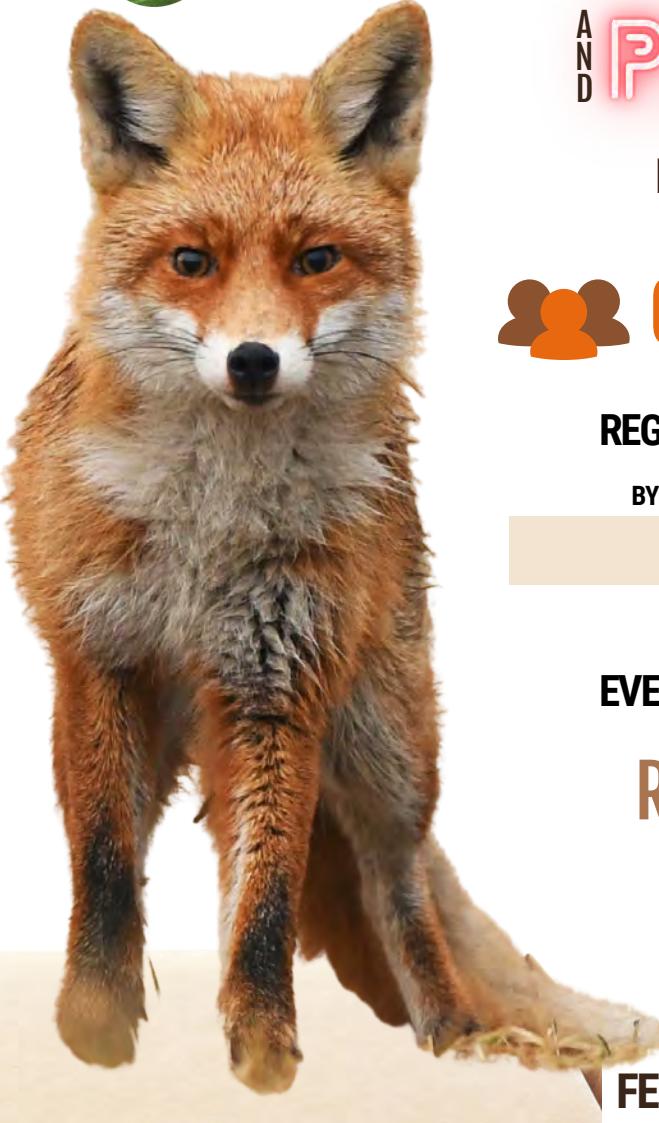
This project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.



Project sign designed for installation at the project site

# FOXES AND PIZZA

WORKSHOP  
SUMMARY



PRESENTER: PROFESSOR TRISH FLEMING

 **63** Registrations  **5** Locations  Expert presentation

## REGISTRATIONS PER EVENT



## EVENTS LED TO:

 **RPP 5** REGISTERED PESTICIDE PERMITS ENQUIRIES

 **7** EQUIPMENT LOANS

 **16** NEW PHBG NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

 **5** REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## FEEDBACK



"Have always hesitated at baiting for concern around off-target animals. The presentation by Trish reinforced just how important control of foxes is on native wildlife"

"Given me more understanding of controlling foxes in urban areas"



"Highlights the importance of control and the biosecurity risk foxes pose"



# EQUIPMENT

The PHBG has continued to build an Equipment Services Program that now hosts more than 10 different types of equipment available to landholders to loan at no cost. More than 200 individual pieces of equipment were loaned out in 2022. Equipment ranging from large and small weed wipers, the new HOGGONE bait box system, fox cage traps and bait stations, designed to assist in the provision of Pindone bait, can be picked up from the PHBG office in Waroona or delivered to landholders by PHBG staff.

The PHBG promotes equipment seasonally for landholders when control efforts would be most effective. The amount of equipment is directed by landholder need, with the PHBG investing in an additional small weed wiper and an extra fifteen cage traps for the trapping of foxes in 2022 in response to demand.



The full list of equipment available for landholders can be found on the PHBG website. New equipment is being added every year.

In 2022 the PHBG purchased a new weed spray trailer that landholders can use to control blackberry, apple of Sodom, Arum lily, Cape tulip and Paterson's curse.

## The current list of equipment available to landholders includes:

- Cape tulip weed wiper
- Weed spray trailer
- HOGGONE bait box
- Warren smoker
- School resource boxes
- Monitoring cameras
- Fox cage traps
- Soft jaw trapping set
- Rabbit bait station
- Cotton bush tree popper
- Backpack weed sprayer



**Mr Hugh Jones MLA, visits the PHBG Office in Waroona to learn more about what services are available to constituents in the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.**



# COMMUNITY REPORTING

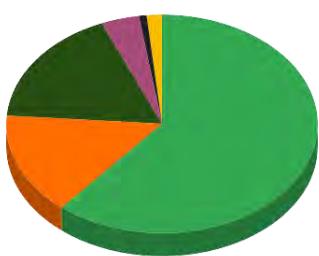


## REPORT DECLARED WEEDS VIA THE PHBG HOTSPOT FORM

The PHBG encourages the community to report declared weeds through its online hotspot form (found on the home page of the PHBG website). A PHBG Field Officer will then seek to validate the report and send an initial landholder letter to the landholder of the reported property, describing the infestation and detailing control options.

In 2022 many landholders have been vigilant and 126 declared weed hotspots were reported to the PHBG. Of these, 112 or 89% of reports were validated. In response to community reports of declared weeds more than 153 initial landholder letters were sent to landholders.

Weed reports by weed type



Cotton bush  
Cape tulip  
Arum lily  
Paterson's curse  
Apple of Sodom  
Blackberry

Weed reports by Local Government Authority (LGA)



Harvey  
Serpentine Jarrahdale  
Waroona  
Murray  
Mandurah

## WHAT IS AN INITIAL LANDHOLDER LETTER?

The PHBG is not authorised to enforce compliance in the control of declared pests. However the group strives to share information, control recommendations and offer equipment to landholders dealing with established declared pests. This is provided with the view that effective control can help landholders save time, money and effort when undertaking control.

Each initial landholders letter includes a management calendar for the specific declared weed they are dealing with.

The management calendar can also be found on the back of the PHBG weed postcards developed by PHBG Outreach Officer, Jordon Garbellini-Adams.

## COMPLIANCE

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) undertakes compliance processes in a way that supports a community coordinated approach for control and management of widespread and established declared pests. Each year the Department will inspect properties within the Peel-Harvey region. The PHBG provides a list of recommended properties to the Department to help inform the annual compliance program. The recommended properties are collated from validations undertaken by PHBG staff from public roadsides or private land with the consent of a landholder.

THIS RESOURCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP CONTROL THE DECLARED PEST:

**BLACKBERRY** (*Rubus species*)  
THIS RESOURCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP CONTROL THE DECLARED PEST:  
**CAPE TULIP** (*Moraea species*)  
THIS RESOURCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP CONTROL THE DECLARED PEST:  
**ARUM LILY** (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*)  
THIS RESOURCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP CONTROL THE DECLARED PEST:  
**APPLE OF SODOM** (*Solanum linnaeanum*)  
THIS RESOURCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP CONTROL THE DECLARED PEST:  
**PATERSON'S CURSE** (*Echium plantagineum*)  
THIS RESOURCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO HELP CONTROL THE DECLARED PEST:  
**COTTON BUSH** (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus*)  
Cotton bush can be found in the paddock, disturbed areas or in bushland settings. As a seedling, cotton bush is bright green and soft. It develops a woody stem as it matures, reaching over two meters in height producing white flowers and large seed pods.  
Cotton bush invades pastures and can form dense thickets many hectares in size. Each seed pod can hold hundreds of seeds which are spread by wind, water, stock and machinery.  
Cotton bush can be controlled by both hand pulling and chemical application. Follow-up control over several years is essential for long term control.  
Scan here for more information on cotton bush and options for control!



# FERAL PIG CONTROL PROGRAM

The PHBG has invested in a range of equipment and information resources to help inform landholders on the best practice methods for feral pig control. While ad hoc shooting can remove individual pigs it also scatters the mob and isn't effective in reducing the impacts of feral pigs on landholders long term. The PHBG works with landholders to deliver a successful trapping program, assisting landholders from start to finish using best practice methods with the aim of trapping the entire mob of pigs. Landholders have access to equipment that suits a range of site characteristics including monitoring cameras, automatic feeders, Matlock traps, HOGNONE bait system and the new Pig Brig Trap System, purchased in 2022.

There were reduced reports of feral pig activity by landholders across PHBG's operational area in 2022 compared to previous years. Several stakeholders from across the state involved in feral pig management reported similar trends, with feral pig activity occurring later in the year than expected.



Feral pig damage



HOGNONE Forum



Successful trapping using the Matlock System



Pig Brig Installation with DBCA



Japanese Encephalitis sampling



Pre-feeding an important part of pig trapping



HOGNONE bait trapping trial

**"The PHBG Feral Pig Control Program has been developed with best practice methods as a base, with input from experienced organisations and Licensed Pest Management Technicians.**

**The program has been designed to suit the complex challenges regarding feral pig control within the Peel-Harvey region."**

Feral Pig Program, delivered by  
PHBG Lead Field Officer, Megan Plant

**3 EVENTS** **23**  **Attendees**

**16**

Different  
Organisations

**2**

Control  
activities

**18**

Feral pigs  
removed



"The PHBG is proud to be a one-stop-shop for information resources, equipment and expertise to assist landholders in the management of established declared pests. Each year we grow our capacity to deliver these services to the local community."

Teele Hooper-Worrell, Executive Officer, PHBG





**TREASURER'S REPORT &  
AUDITED FINANCIALS**

## 2022 Treasurer's Report

Annual General Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

I would like to present the audited financials for the 12 months to December 31, 2022. These reports have been completed by Ward and Ilsley Partners, Business Accountants, Mandurah.

### Background Information

The Declared Pest Rate (DPR) is set at \$30 per rate notice for properties one hectare and above in the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group operational area, which includes the local government authorities of Serpentine Jarrahdale, Murray, Waroona, Harvey and Mandurah. Prior to the DPR, the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group was dependent on short term funding from State and Local government.

The rate is collected by the Office of State Revenue (OSR) and is matched dollar for dollar by the State Government with the funds held in the Declared Pest Account (DPA) administered by the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development (DPIRD).

### Finances for 2022

#### **Declared Pest Account**

A total of \$790,500 was granted to the PHBG in 2022 from the Declared Pest Account (DPA) for an 18 month period to 30 June 2023, as detailed below.

First Instalment	224,578
Second Instalment	<u>224,578</u>
	449,156
2021 Unspent DPA grant funds*	116,765
Third Instalment Due in the 2023 Financial Year	<u>224,579</u>
	790,500

\*DPA funds can only be spent in the year they are received. Permission was obtained from DPIRD to apply the 2021 unspent funds to the 2022 budget.

Total DPA expenditure for the year was \$374,996 leaving a balance of \$190,926.

The PHBG approved Operational Plan and Budget was for an 18-month period to facilitate our transition from a calendar year to a financial year, therefore unspent DPA funds from 2022 can be allocated to the 2023 six month budget.

#### **Grants from other Sources**

State NRM Community Stewardship Grant      \$31,700

Grants carried over to the next financial period.

State NRM Community Stewardship Grant	17,213
Coolup LCDC 1080 (Coolup LCDC)	<u>636</u>
	17,849

A total of \$17,849 (Grants in Advance) has been carried forward to 2023.

## Assets

Major purchases through 2022

Laptop x 2  
Pig Brig trapping system  
Fox cage traps x 15  
200L Boom Spray unit  
2.4m Weed wiper

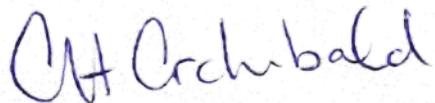
## Additional Notes

DPIRD has requested that we return to a financial accounting year to fall in line with other Recognised Biosecurity Groups. A six month accounting period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 will follow the 2022 calendar year.

PHBG added extra staff members in 2022 and now has seven part time employees including one employee on Parental Leave. The full time equivalent remains at 3.8 active employees so that the group can continue to commit to the main focus areas of education, community support and the provision of equipment to assist landholders to control declared pests and weeds.

*I move that the Audit and Financial Reports for 2022 be accepted as a fair and true record of the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group finances.*

*I would also like to recommend that Ward and Ilsley be appointed as the auditor for 2023.*



Colleen Archibald  
Hon. Treasurer

**PEEL HARVEY BIOSECURITY GROUP INCORPORATED**

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 December 2022**

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## PEEL HARVEY BIOSECURITY GROUP INCORPORATED

### STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE

In The opinion of the Committee: -

1. The accompanying Income & Expenditure Statements of the organisation are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the organisation for the year ending 31 December 2022.
2. The accompanying Balance Sheet of the organisation is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Organisation as at the end of that period.
3. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the organisation will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
4. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Applicable Approved Accounting Standards as noted in Note 1 of the accompanying accounts and do comply with the Organisation's constitution.

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



Name ..... Brian Doy .....

Position: Chair .....



Name ..... Colleen Archibald .....

Position: Treasurer .....

Dated: 8th March 2023

**Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**As of 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Income</b>		
4-1022 Carryover Grants Federal	-	1,707
4-1050 Grants State	31,700	62,097
4-1052 Declared Pest Account	449,156	294,895
4-1061 Carryover Grant State	13,385	(20,770)
4-1063 Carryover Declared Pest Account	(74,159)	119,849
4-1100 Grants Other	-	21,500
4-1101 Carryover Grant Other	530	928
4-3010 Services	-	600
4-5020 Interest Income	118	191
<b>Total 4-5035 Recoupments</b>	<b>420,730</b>	-
4-5050 Sundry Income	-	500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>420,730</b>	<b>481,497</b>
 <b>Gross Profit</b>	 <b>420,730</b>	 <b>481,497</b>

**Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**As of 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
6-0010 Accounting and bookkeeping	854	1,155
6-0020 Advertising and marketing	8,779	9,599
6-0040 Asset Purchased	24,838	24,963
6-0050 Audit Fees	2,800	2,400
6-0070 Bank charges and fees	175	156
6-0100 Cleaning and Office Maintenance	1,560	22
6-0110 Events		
6-0111 Catering	1,678	1,405
6-0112 Workshops	2,804	4,302
6-0113 Field Days	427	200
<b>Total 6-0110 Client or Event Support</b>	<b>4,909</b>	<b>5,907</b>
6-0210 Consumables	379	2,268
6-0220 Computer and IT	9,146	6,900
6-0230 Consultants and Contractors	964	26,761
6-0231 GIS Support	-	9,905
6-0233 Surveys	-	3,000
6-0234 Weed Control	43,373	29,108
6-0235 Pest Control	227	17,292
<b>Total 6-0230 Consultants and Contractors</b>	<b>44,564</b>	<b>86,066</b>
6-0240 Landholder Communication	160	328
6-0300 Gifts and donations	72	4
6-0320 Equipment and tools	1,252	2,980
6-0330 Fees Baits and Permits	5,290	4,451
6-0400 Insurance	5,962	4,250
6-0480 Meeting Expenses	1,187	1,531
6-0490 Membership Fees paid	500	-
6-0500 Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,346	783
6-0501 MV Fuel & Oils	1,471	-
6-0505 MV Lease	4,253	-
<b>Total 6-0500 Motor Vehicle Expenses</b>	<b>7,070</b>	<b>783</b>
6-0510 Postage & shipping	1,816	1,343
6-0520 Printing, stationery & supplies	2,430	1,042
6-0540 Publications and Resources	60	673
6-0590 Repair and maintenance	1,215	960
6-0600 Salary and wages - staff	254,196	253,250
6-0607 Superannuation Expense	25,501	24,715
6-0608 Annual Leave Provision	(2,493)	2,244
6-0609 LSL Provision	(4,621)	5,362
6-0610 Insurance Workers Comp	1,622	1,108
6-0612 Honorarium and fees	2,792	2,750
6-0650 Schools Outreach	-	3,900

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be read in conjunction with the audit report dated 7 March 2023

**Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**As of 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Expenses (Continued)</b>		
6-0670 Sundry Expenses	310	641
6-0680 Telephone & internet	3,580	3,082
6-0700 Training and Development (Staff)	4,184	7,443
6-0710 Travel expenses	9,362	11,568
6-0711 Accommodation	719	450
<b>Total 6-0710 Travel expenses</b>	<b>10,081</b>	<b>12,018</b>
6-0730 Volunteer Costs	-	-
6-0731 Volunteer Travel	-	180
6-0732 Volunteer Training	-	909
<b>Total 6-0730 Volunteer Costs</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,089</b>
Reserves Non Declared Pest Account	562	6,113
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>420,732</b>	<b>481,496</b>
 <b>Other Expenses</b>		
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	(1)	1
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>Surplus \ (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>0</b>
 <b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>		
 <b>Total Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>0</b>
 <b>Deficit / (Surplus) attributable to members</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income attributable to members</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>0</b>

**Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY CLASS**  
As of 31 December 2022

	DPA Admin	DPA Comms	DPA Feral Pests	DPA Weeds	General Operating	State NRM_CSGL	UWA Fruit fly	Not Specified	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>									
4-1050 Grants State	-	-	-	-	-	31,700	-	-	31,700
4-1052 Declared Pest Account	53,450	50,755	172,476	172,476	-	-	-	-	449,156
4-1061 Carryover Grant State	-	-	-	-	-	13,385	-	-	13,385
4-1063 Carryover Declared Pest Account	2,642	(6,664)	(36,734)	(33,404)	-	-	-	-	(74,159)
4-1101 Carryover Grant Other	-	-	-	-	30	-	500	-	530
4-5020 Interest Income	-	-	-	-	118	-	-	-	118
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>56,092</b>	<b>44,091</b>	<b>135,742</b>	<b>139,071</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>420,730</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>56,092</b>	<b>44,091</b>	<b>135,742</b>	<b>139,071</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>420,730</b>
<b>Expenses</b>									
6-0010 Accounting and bookkeeping	854	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	854
6-0020 Advertising and marketing	1,791	1,614	3,547	780	-	1,045	-	-	8,779
6-0040 Asset Purchased	1,233	2,055	10,715	10,835	-	-	-	-	24,838
6-0050 Audit Fees	2,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,800
6-0070 Bank charges and fees	108	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	175
6-0100 Cleaning and Office Maintenance	1,560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,560
6-0110 Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6-0111 Catering	-	-	993	213	-	472	-	-	1,678
6-0112 Workshops	-	-	1,443	1,165	-	195	-	-	2,804
6-0113 Field Days	-	427	-	-	-	-	-	-	427
<b>Total 6-0110 Events</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>2,436</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,909</b>
6-0210 Consumables	31	-	349	-	-	-	-	-	379
6-0220 Computer and IT	4,811	4,106	70	159	-	-	-	-	9,146
6-0230 Consultants and Contractors	964	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	964
6-0234 Weed Control	-	-	-	-	-	43,373	-	-	43,373
6-0235 Pest Control	-	-	227	-	-	-	-	-	227
<b>Total 6-0230 Consultants and Contractors</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,373</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,564</b>
6-0240 Landholder Communication	-	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	160
6-0300 Gifts and donations	-	1	25	-	46	-	-	-	72
6-0320 Equipment and tools	-	367	860	25	-	-	-	-	1,252
6-0330 Fees Baits and Permits	-	-	5,260	-	30	-	-	-	5,290
6-0400 Insurance	5,962	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,962
6-0480 Meeting Expenses	241	754	28	163	-	-	-	-	1,187
6-0490 Membership Fees paid	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
6-0500 Motor Vehicle Expenses	996	13	65	272	-	-	-	-	1,346
6-0501 MV Fuel & Oils	132	128	401	810	-	-	-	-	1,471
6-0505 MV Lease	4,253	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,253
<b>Total 6-0500 Motor Vehicle Expenses</b>	<b>5,381</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,070</b>
6-0510 Postage & shipping	-	120	683	1,002	11	-	-	-	1,816
6-0520 Printing, stationery & supplies	408	1,470	115	436	-	-	-	-	2,430
6-0540 Publications and Resources	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
6-0590 Repair and maintenance	163	-	22	1,031	-	-	-	-	1,215
6-0600 Salary and wages - staff	21,325	27,296	98,096	107,479	-	-	-	-	254,196
6-0607 Superannuation Expense	2,139	2,738	9,841	10,782	-	-	-	-	25,501
6-0608 Annual Leave Provision	(623)	(623)	(623)	(623)	-	-	-	-	(2,493)
6-0609 LSL Provision	(1,155)	(1,155)	(1,155)	(1,155)	-	-	-	-	(4,621)
6-0610 Insurance Workers Comp	1,622	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,622
6-0612 Honorarium and fees	2,792	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,792
6-0670 Sundry Expenses	286	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	310
6-0680 Telephone & internet	1,225	2,061	295	-	-	-	-	-	3,580

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**Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY CLASS**  
As of 31 December 2022

	DPA Admin	DPA Comms	DPA Feral Pests	DPA Weeds	General Operating	State NRM_CSGL	UWA Fruit fly	Not Specified	TOTAL
6-0700 Training and Development (Staff)	1,488	1,376	(90)	1,410	-	-	-	-	4,184
6-0710 Travel expenses	128	660	4,287	4,287	-	-	-	-	9,362
6-0711 Accommodation	-	455	264	-	-	-	-	-	719
<b>Total 6-0710 Travel expenses</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>4,551</b>	<b>4,287</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,081</b>
6-0800 Reserves Non DPR	-	-	-	-	61	-	500	-	562
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>56,092</b>	<b>44,091</b>	<b>135,742</b>	<b>139,071</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>420,732</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>									
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Surplus \ (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>									
<b>Total Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deficit / (Surplus) attributable to members</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income attributable to members</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>

# Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2022

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
1-1110 PHBG Chq Acc	339,076	248,591
1-1120 PHBG Debit Card	1,995	1,993
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	-	52,135
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>341,071</b>	<b>302,719</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>341,071</b>	<b>302,719</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholder's equity</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts Payable (A/P)	(1,914)	627
2-1170 Employee Provisions		
2-1171 Annual Leave Provision	8,778	11,272
2-1172 Long Serve Provisions	9,887	14,509
<b>Total 2-1170 Employee Provisions</b>	<b>18,666</b>	<b>25,781</b>
2-1190 Superannuation payable	7,350	7,388
2-1240 Grants in Advance	17,849	31,764
2-1250 Grants Repayable DPA	190,926	116,765
2-1400 Payroll Owing	4,332	
ATO Clearing Account	2,089	19,182
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>239,298</b>	<b>201,507</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>		
Net Income	(1)	0
3-0500 Opening balance equity	20	20
3-4000 Reserves Not DPA	101,754	101,192
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>101,773</b>	<b>101,212</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>341,071</b>	<b>302,719</b>

**Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	<b>Assumulated Funds</b>	<b>Reserves Non DPA</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 January 2021</b>	20	95,079	95,099
Transfer to Reserve Account	-	6,113	6,113
Comprehensive Income:			
Surplus/(Deficit) This Year	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year Attributable to Members	0	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>101,192</b>	<b>101,212</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2022</b>	20	101,192	101,212
Transfer to Reserve Account	-	562	562
Comprehensive Income:			
Surplus/(Deficit) This Year	(1)	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year Attributable to Members	(1)	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>101,754</b>	<b>101,773</b>

**Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Funds From Operations		
Grant Funding	532,992	326,557
Other Income	118	1,290
Payments to Suppliers	(97,818)	(62,140)
Payments for Salaries & Related Costs	(275,403)	(276,538)
Payments for Consultants and Contractors	(44,564)	(86,066)
<b>Net Cash provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>115,325</b>	<b>(96,897)</b>
Cash Flows from Other Sources		
Less: Purchase of Plant & Equipment	(24,838)	(24,963)
<b>Net Cash provided by Other Sources</b>	<b>(24,838)</b>	<b>(24,963)</b>
Net Increase in Cash	90,487	(121,860)
Cash at the beginning of the Year	250,584	372,444
<b>CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>341,071</b>	<b>250,584</b>
<b>NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cashflow is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:		
Cash on Hand	-	-
Cash at Bank	341,071	250,584
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>341,071</b>	<b>250,584</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>		
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1)	-
Add Back:		
Transfer to Reserve	562	6,113
Assets Purchased In P&L	24,838	24,963
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	52,135	(51,935)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors & Accruals	(15,340)	18,070
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(7,114)	7,607
Increase/(Decrease) in Grant Funding in Advance / Repayable DPA	60,245	(101,715)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>115,325</b>	<b>(96,897)</b>

# Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group Incorporated

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

### 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 and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. The Committee has determined that the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group Incorporated is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following applicable Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101 :	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 108 :	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 110 :	Events after Reporting Period
AASB 1048 :	Interpretation of Standards
AASB 1054 :	Australian Additional Standards

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

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

### Note 2: Declared Pest Account

The Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group (PHBG) receives an annual grant from the Declared Pest Account (DPA) administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). The DPA consists of funds raised from the Declared Pest Rate plus matching funds from the State Government.

A total of \$790,500 was granted to the PHBG in 2022 from the Declared Pest Account (DPA) for an 18 month period to 30 June 2023, as detailed below.

First Instalment	224,578
Second Instalment	224,578
	449,156
2021 Unspent DPA grant funds*	116,765
Third Instalment Due in the 2023 Financial Year	224,579
	790,500

\*Once the PHBG Operating Plan for 2022 and the Financial Report for 2021 was approved by DPIRD, the unspent DPA grant funds from 2021 were approved for inclusion in the 2022 budget.

# Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group Incorporated

## NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

### Note 2: Declared Pest Account (Continued)

2022 DPA funds were allocated to the following projects:

	2022 DPA Expense
Admin	56,092
Feral Pests	135,742
Weeds	139,071
Comms	<u>44,091</u>
Total	374,996

Unspent balance of DPA grant funds as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 is \$190,926.

### Note 3: Grants in Advance

In addition to an annual grant from the Declared Pest Account (DPA), the organisation receives grant funding from various other sources.

The table below depicts the breakdown of grant balances at 31 December 2021 for projects where funds have been carried forward into 2022:

State NRM CSGL (SJ NP Cottonbush)	30,599
UWA (Fruit fly)	500
Coolup LCDC 1080 (General Operating)	665

PHBG received the following grants in 2022

State NRM CSGL (SJ NP Cottonbush)	31,700
UWA (Fruit fly)	-
State NRM (PHCC Core Business – General Operating)	-

The UWA (Fruit Fly) grant was fully expended in 2022.

The following funds were carried over and are expected to be expended in 2023.

State NRM CSGL (SJ NP Cottonbush)	17,213
Coolup LCDC 1080 (General Operating)	<u>636</u>
	17,849

The above total of \$17,849 has been included in Grants in Advance reported in the Balance Sheet.

**AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**TO THE COMMITTEE OF**  
**PEEL HARVEY BIOSECURITY GROUP INCORPORATED**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group Incorporated (the Organisation) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, statement of comprehensive income, notes to and forming part of the accounts and statement by the committee of management.

In our opinion, the financial report of Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group Incorporated, presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

**Basis of 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 Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group Incorporated 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**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report which describes the revenue recognition policy of Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group Incorporated, including the limitations that exist in relation to the recording of cash receipts from various revenue sources. As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to maintain an effective control over income and expenses prior to their initial entry into the accounting records, and therefore, no opinion is expressed on the accuracy of these amounts. However, all amounts recorded as deposits and payments have been properly reflected in the financial report. Accordingly, our audit procedures were limited to the amounts recorded in the books of accounts. Our opinion is unmodified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report**

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

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.

**WARD & ILSLEY PARTNERS PTY LTD**  
**Certified Practising Accountants**  
55C Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah, WA



I J A ILSLEY CPA  
On 7 March 2023

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION REPORT**  
**TO THE COMMITTEE OF**  
**PEEL HARVEY BIOSECURITY GROUP INCORPORATED**

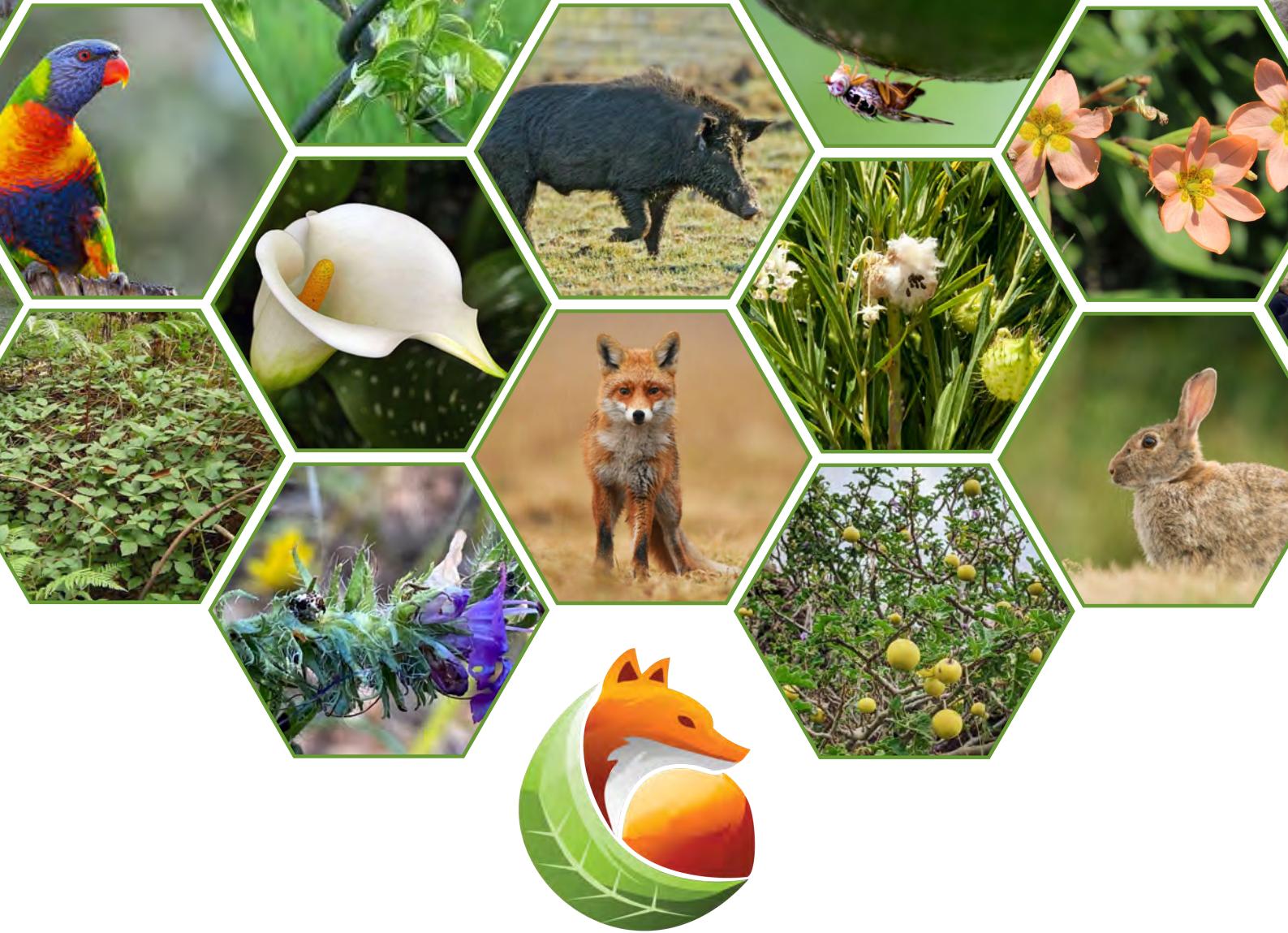
I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2022, there have been no contraventions of:

- (a) The auditor independence requirements as set out in section 80 of the *Associations Incorporations Act (WA) 2015* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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