



PEEL HARVEY
BIOSECURITY GROUP

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



"There is no better feeling than seeing our carpark full of farm utes or a town hall being used for a PHBG event.

It is an opportunity to share knowledge and understanding on how to best approach a pest problem in our local area.

We walk away knowing we are giving landholders every chance of success when they apply what they have learnt to their everyday practices."

Jonelle Cleland, Executive Officer, PHBG



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CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION



Brian Doy, Chair, PHBG

Welcome to the 2021 Annual Report of the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group. Like me, I hope you find this report enlightening and informative. I say, like me, because my first five months as Chair of the PHBG was indeed enlightening and informative, as well as educational and challenging.

Since being elected Chair in July 2021, I have been on a steep learning curve not only about the operations of the PHBG, but also about the challenges that confront us and the scope of work undertaken by our talented staff while working part-time and within the constraints of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act. It is through their work, sometimes in difficult circumstances, that we continue to strive to achieve our mission of using the tools at our disposal to get priority pests on the day-to-day agenda of people who live, work and operate in our patch.

Activities in 2021 included an equipment roadshow, rabbit and weed workshops, feral animal control programs, weed validations and the new weed wiper program. The Matlock pig trapping system has been particularly successful, with trials on a range of properties removing 60 pigs over six trapping nights. An abundance of food for rabbits made it unviable for a coordinated spring release of the calicivirus in 2021; however, a series of information sessions on rabbit control were delivered and people received information on how to design a successful integrated management plan for long term rabbit control.

Our team took the 2021 Roadshow to community sites and events to showcase the loan equipment available to landholders, and were there at local shows and fairs to answer questions, provide information and sign people up for programs and events. More than 100 pieces of equipment were loaned out to local landholders in 2021 to help them control declared pests.

With support from the State NRM Program, the PHBG was able to develop a biosecurity curriculum and resources for students in the Peel Harvey region, resulting in the Pesky Pests school curriculum being launched at the Harvey Primary School.

I had my own educational experience in August when I attended a Biological Control Agent Forum, hosted by the CSIRO in Floreat. The Forum was organised by the PHBG and sponsored by the WA Biosecurity Council, and brought together experts from a range of organisations as well as representatives of community groups. It was encouraging to see how biological controls are developed and their potential to assist landholders to control declared pests into the future. Of course, like many aspects of natural resource management, funding and support from government and the community, are essential.

The PHBG cannot function without government and community support, and I thank the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, our local governments, regional stakeholders, our members, volunteers and landowners for their continuing commitment to our Regional Biosecurity Group.

My thanks to all the members of the management committee who volunteer their time and expertise to the good governance of the PHBG, and in particular my thanks to our Executive Officer, Jonelle Cleland, and her team for their hard work, their professionalism, and their drive to ensure the PHBG delivers its mission.



"Winning the best agricultural display at the 2021 Brunswick Show was a great acknowledgement of the effort that goes into our mobile community displays and information stalls. The PHBG has supported every agricultural show in the region for many years now. It is a chance to talk to landholders, especially those new to the district. It raises awareness of local pest issues - the bucket of weeds found locally always attracts attention with many landholders surprised to find that what they have in their back paddock is actually a declared weed. Staff and volunteers are run off their feet offering guidance on control and providing show goers with takeaway resources".

Brian Doy, Chair, PHBG

OUR VISION

The PHBG will see the **impacts** of priority pests reduced to a minimal or acceptable level.

OUR MISSION

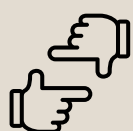
Use the **tools** at our disposal to get priority pests on the day-to-day agenda of **people** who live, work or operate in our patch.

SEVEN SUCCESS OUTCOMES

The PHBG will be doing a good job, in terms of moving toward its vision, if it achieves the following outcomes within the next seven years.

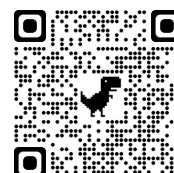
1. People know that the PHBG is focused on implementing behaviour change at both a community and institutional level.
2. People know where to go to report pests and are motivated to do so.
3. Best practice for pest control are endorsed, readily accessible and widely promoted.
4. Pest control activities are coordinated and sustained across property and management boundaries.
5. Local champions, organisations and businesses are recognised for doing the right thing.
6. Compliance is forthcoming where engagement is not successful.
7. Children are given the opportunity to learn about pests impacts and management options.

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7



For more information on the PHBG's seven success outcomes go to its website, www.phbg.org, find the reporting landing page and take a look at its strategic blueprint.

Alternatively, scan the QR code.



OUR STAKEHOLDERS

The PHBG covers a large and diverse area. It comprises the local government authorities of Serpentine Jarrahdale, Mandurah, Murray, Waroona and Harvey.

WHO MATTERS TO US?

169,000+ people living across our operational area.

Landholders issued with a declared pest rate (8000+).

Managers of the public estate (e.g. Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; Water Corporation).

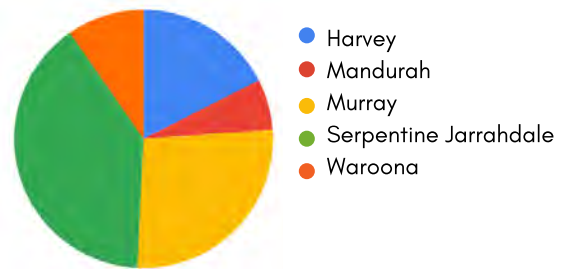
Research institutions working on innovative ways to manage pests.

Delivery partners and collaborators (e.g. Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, local government, Peel Harvey Catchment Council, community groups).



Above: Map of PHBG operational area.

Below: Breakdown of landholders receiving a declared pest rate across the five local government areas.



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.

Membership applications are processed quarterly: where possible, a personal 'meet and greet' is organised ahead of processing the application. Some meet and greets were put off due to difficulties relating to social distancing requirements.

In 2021 there was a membership drive on social media. Landholders attending workshops and hiring equipment were encouraged to become members. There were seven applicants for ordinary membership which were all approved.

Landholders with and without membership receive the same level of support (e.g. staff time) and benefits (e.g. equipment loan). It is difficult to incentivise membership given that an equitable service provision is expected from landholders contributing to the declared pest rate. It would be reasonable to expect that a person will apply for membership if they want to take a more active role with the PHBG.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION & DECISION MAKING

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. It also considers matters arising from government biosecurity policy and administration, at a state and federal level, that may affect the management and operations of the PHBG.

Each local government authority has one representative with full voting rights on the PHBG management committee. The representative can be a councillor or employed officer.

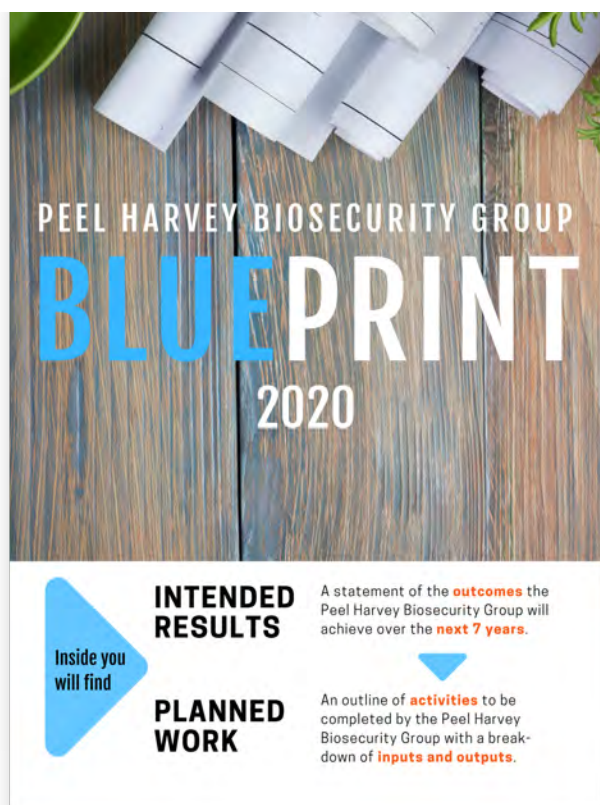
For each local government area, there can be up to three ordinary members on the PHBG management committee. Each ordinary member on the committee has full voting rights. In 2021, there was at least one ordinary member from each of the local government areas on the committee.

In 2021, one local government (LG) was represented at all committee meetings. Three LG's were in attendance at three out of the four meetings. One local government did not attend any meetings. This was not typical compared to other years, and is most likely a function of meetings being held on-line in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

All executive positions (i.e. chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary) on the PHBG committee were filled by ordinary members (i.e. landholders).

To ensure that the direction of the PHBG is clear and communicated widely to its stakeholders the organisation put together a strategic Blueprint. It is hoped that partners, collaborators, members and landholders become familiar with the Blueprint. The PHBG is open to updating the document to;

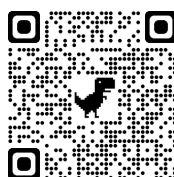
- (i) absorb constructive feedback,
- (ii) capture a wider set of values and priorities, and
- (iii) increase local ownership.



The PHBG's Blueprint was made available online in 2020.

Members of the public have been encouraged to provide feedback on the document, which is dynamic and will be updated with constructive input. To date, the PHBG has not received any comments or suggestions from landholders.

For more information go to www.phbg.org, find the reporting landing page and take a look at its strategic blueprint.



PHBG Blueprint QR code

OUR FUNDING

Boom-bust funding cycles are particularly detrimental for pest control. Good work to remove a pest is quickly undone as gaps are filled by new invaders.

A biosecurity group, recognised by the Minister of Agriculture, provides a region with the opportunity of annual funding to set up and sustain initiatives to suppress populations of declared pests across the area. The Minister formally recognised the PHBG in 2018, and has since raised a declared pest rate each year, matched dollar for dollar by the State Government.

The initiatives of a biosecurity group are **not meant to replace the legal responsibilities of individual landholders**. Biosecurity groups enhance the efforts of individuals through a range of mechanisms including;

ACTIVITIES FUNDED THROUGH A DECLARED PEST RATE

Access to information on control options

For example, the PHBG purchases and distributes the popular *PestSmart Glovebox Guides* for controlling feral rabbits, foxes and pigs.

Up-skilling to apply best practices

For example, the PHBG provides regular demonstrations and hands-on workshops.

Access to specialised tools and equipment

For example, the PHBG purchases and distributes specialised pest control equipment.

Access to new or improved control methods

For example, the PHBG has started exploring how to make biocontrol options more readily available to landholders.

Coordination of work

For example, the PHBG is helping time the efforts of private landholders and managers of the public estate to address infestations crossing boundaries.

Bulk purchasing and subsidies

For example, the PHBG fully subsidises the cost of restricted chemical permits for eligible landholders.

One stop shop for reporting declared pests, with notification provided to the appropriate landholder

For example, the PHBG validates weed reports and sends a letter to the responsible landholder.

Grant writing assistance and value-adds for community initiatives addressing declared pests

For example, the PHBG writes letters of support and provides in-kind and cash contributions for community groups that apply for grants, where the outcome is to control declared pests.

Representation of community concerns to governing bodies and independent reviewers

For example, the PHBG has raised landholder concerns in a joint submission to the Minister of Agriculture, alongside other recognised biosecurity groups in WA.

OUR JOURNEY

The PHBG has been evolving since its inception in 2014. Funding from the Declared Pest Account came on line in 2019 which has seen a growing number of services available to a landholders each year.

THEN

Limited start up funds



Cotton Bush Program

2014 Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group forms

2015 Engagement Program

2014  Staffing Levels (FTE)



2017 PHBG becomes incorporated & recognised by the Minister for Agriculture



2017 Rabbit Program



2018 School Program

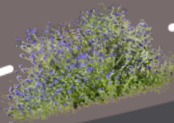


2018 Fox Program

Funding from the Declared Pest Account



2020 Paterson's Curse Program



2020 Fruit Fly Program



2019 Feral Pig Trapping Program



2020 Cape Tulip Program



2020 Arum Lily Program



2020 Bridal Creeper Program



2021 Rabbit Baiting Program

2021  Staffing Levels (FTE)

NOW



2022 HOGGONE Trials

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Dr Jonelle Cleland

As the exiting Executive Officer, it is timely to reflect on where we have come from and where we are now.

I have held the Executive Officer position since 2016. There have been significant changes since this time, which overall, have allowed the PHBG to flourish and offer a growing suite of services to landholders.

Most significant was the decision to endorse the funding model offered by the State Government to manage established declared pests. At its core, this funding model is about shared responsibility with government and landholders contributing in equal measures. The model is visionary. It offers a sustained funding stream to make sure declared pests do not fall off the control agenda. More so, it allows local people to set that agenda.

It is true that the funding model has had some challenges. In the South West of WA, this has seen widespread misinformation and pockets of vocal opposition, mostly expressed on social media.

Individual biosecurity groups did not have the start-up funds necessary to educate every landholder before they were presented with the declared pest rate by the State Government of WA. Unfortunately, the information provided by government did not paint a tangible picture of how landholders would specifically benefit from having a biosecurity group in their particular region.

This had the PHBG on the backfoot, initially responding to large numbers of landholders who were confused and in some cases angered by the perceived imposition of paying another tax for reasons they did not understand. It has taken some years to get over this setback and connect with landholders on an individual level to debunk myths and demonstrate that there is real value in their \$30 rate. Landholders often comment that they cannot believe the lengths that PHBG staff go to. A common surprise is that loan equipment can be arranged to be dropped off at their door.

Whilst a few battle scars remain it is critical to acknowledge that the PHBG would not be able to operate as it is today without funds from the Declared Pest Account, which sees landholder contributions (through the payment of their Declared Pest Rate) matched by the State Government and transferred to the PHBG (after it has met criteria set out by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development).

Going into 2022 the PHBG has 28 projects scoped and underway – this is simply incredible given the organisation is run by volunteers, who are supported by a small team of part-time staff. The organisation can now confidently support landholders in their efforts to control 12 declared pests. It has developed projects that enable landholders to build their capacity to utilise best practice methods and tools to individually take responsibility for their pest problems. For more information, please see section *Future Directions* on page 24.

Beyond the actual pests, it is important to highlight that the PHBG supports local people and businesses. The DPA is a collection of funds from tax-payers across the state matched to local contributions – these funds are largely spent in the region. Beyond the Executive Officer position, all staff working for the PHBG live in the area. This sees the retention of highly skilled people in the Peel Harvey region.

Staff members recruited by the PHBG have grown into their unique and often demanding roles. They show tremendous commitment finding local solutions to local pest problems. PHBG staff members are tireless in their efforts supporting individual landholders, as well as building community cohesion around tackling declared pests using best practice control methods. No they won't come and pull out your weeds or bait your rabbits, but they will present you with the options you have at hand; they will lend you equipment to make your job easier; and they will be honest in their assessment of a situation and provide frank advice.

The PHBG has benefitted greatly from attracting and developing local people, who contribute in the capacity of committee members, volunteers and staff. Indeed, with the demand for PHBG services growing at an exponential rate it can only be a good thing that the PHBG had the foresight to invest in its people. I leave the PHBG knowing it has the right mix of people to continue on its journey of achievement.

STAFF PROFILES

(PART-TIME ROLES)



Megan Plant, Field Officer

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Landholder communication, coordinating feral animal control programs, landholder site visits, monitoring, equipment delivery, expert guidance.

OVER 60 PIGS



REMOVED USING MATLOCK TRAPS

2021 WORK ACHIEVEMENT

In 2021 I was able to build the Matlock trapping pilot into an effective and useful program for trapping entire mobs of feral pigs on landholder properties. This included forming strong relationships with professionals within the industry. I helped coordinate the local delivery of the Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management which has furthered strengthened my linkages with local pest controllers.

When not at work you can find me?

Riding my horse or hiking



Jordon Garbellini-Adams, Outreach Officer

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Landholder communication, coordinating declared weed validations, sending landholder alert letters, delivering seasonal programs and events, equipment delivery.



OVER 50 ATTENDEES AT RABBIT INFO SESSIONS

2021 WORK ACHIEVEMENT

I joined the PHBG team in 2021 and helped develop the PHBG Rabbit information Sessions. The sessions were designed to increased awareness of Pindone as an additional tool to control rabbit numbers. It was a timely reminder to landholders that the annual release of Calicivirus would not eliminate their rabbit problem and additional measures are needed to control numbers. I have loved receiving positive feedback from landholders that attended an info session and have had success with their subsequent control efforts.

When not at work you can find me?

In Bunnings! Or spending time with my husband and dog exploring the South West



Teele Hooper- Worrell, Communications Officer

**DAILY
ACTIVITIES**

Landholder communication, managing PHBG programs, collecting landholder stories, producing quarterly newsletter, PHBG website and social media, developing stakeholder relationships, attending community events.

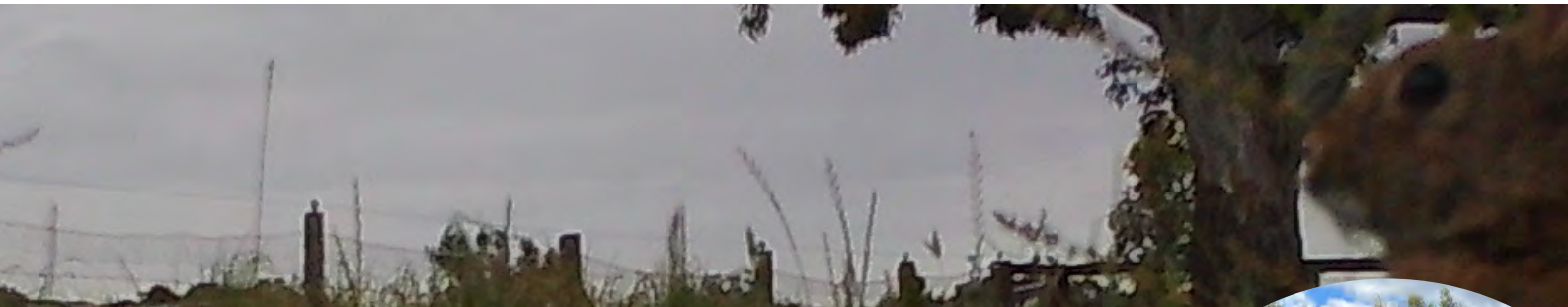
**2021 WORK
ACHIEVEMENT**

The PHBG Roadshow boosted engagement after COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 saw the cancellation of community events. The PHBG Roadshow visited venues and community events across our operational area. The PHBG trailer was brimming with equipment and information resources. It allowed landholders to see loan equipment up close and provided access to staff for advice.

**BEST AG DISPLAY AT THE
2021 BRUNSWICK SHOW**



When not at work you can find me? Competing at local horse events, training for a triathlon or attempting to knit



Kim Nicholson, Field Officer

**DAILY
ACTIVITIES**

Landholder communication, declared weed validations, delivering weed wiper program, equipment drop-offs, general advice.

OVER 100 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT DELIVERED IN 2021

**2021 WORK
ACHIEVEMENT**

I joined the PHBG in 2021 and was able to take part in the inaugural year of the weed wiper program that provides specialised equipment to landholders free for seven days to help them control Cape tulip. I was able to provide recommendations to improve the program moving forward and in 2022 the weed wiper program will be able to support even more landholders. I enjoy the variation in tasks and communicating with landholders.



When not at work you can find me? Playing sport or travelling



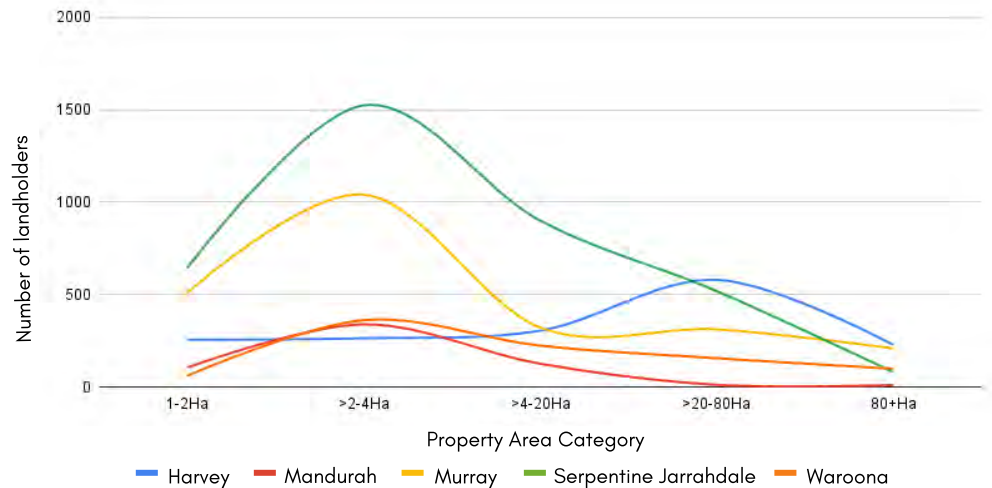
OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group

PROMOTING PHBG SERVICES

When it comes to pest control, PHBG landholders have a wide range of beliefs, priorities, levels of confidence, technical capabilities and commitment.

From the adjacent graphic it can be seen that landholding size is variable which also means that treatment and equipment needs are very different.



This is why the PHBG is working hard to develop a wide range of programs, projects and services to suit the varied requirements of its landholders. These activities are heavily promoted via print and social media, and via the PHBG website and newsletter circulation.

THE PHBG ENGAGES WITH LANDHOLDERS THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS:



16

**MEDIA
RELEASES
SENT IN 2021**

**O
V
E
R**

200

ATTENDEES



AT PHBG EVENTS IN 2021



6,603

VISITS TO THE PHBG WEBSITE

1,194



**COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS SENT
IN 2021**

FOLLOW



816

FACEBOOK FOLLOWS



108 IN 2021



764

FACEBOOK LIKES

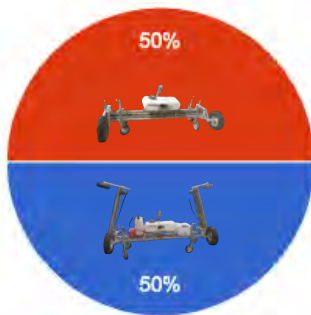


90 IN 2021

PHOTO: COTTON BUSH CONTROL, SERPENTINE NATIONAL PARK, STATE NRM PROJECT SITE

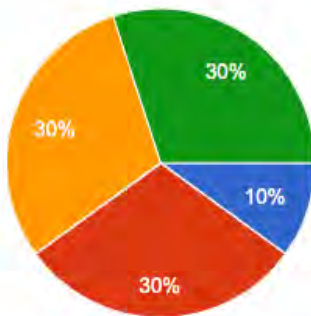
LOANING OF CAPE TULIP WEED WIPERS

In its first year on offer, fifteen landholders registered to loan a Cape tulip weed wiper in 2021. Each landholder was given the opportunity to loan either a small or large weed wiper for seven days to support their Cape tulip control activities. Weed wipers were on loan 13 times and treated over 24 hectares of land.



SIZE OF WEED WIPER LOANED

- Small weed wiper
- Large weed wiper



AREA TREATED

- < 1 Ha
- 1 - 2 Ha
- 2 - 5 Ha
- 5 - 10 Ha

**RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION:
"HOW HELPFUL IS IT THAT THE PHBG PROVIDE THIS EQUIPMENT?"**



- Very helpful
- Helpful
- Neutral

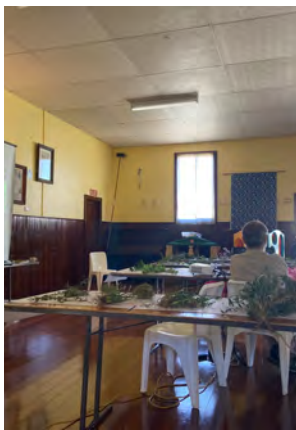
PHBG DESIGNED TRAILER MOVES THE EQUIPMENT SAFELY FROM PROPERTY TO PROPERTY



2021 WEED ID AND ADVICE WORKSHOPS

MARCH 12TH AND 13TH 2021, HARVEY

WORKSHOP SUMMARY



The PHBG Weed ID and Advice Workshops are a great opportunity to link our landholders with botanical experts like Greg Keighery and Andrew Mitchell.



50 Registrations

2

Events over

2

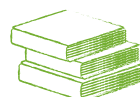
Days



Focus on summer
active weeds



Over **100**
weed samples



Take home
resources

RABBIT CONTROL INFORMATION SESSIONS

SUMMARY

CALICIVIRUS NOT A SILVER BULLET

50% of rabbits recently tested at one location indicated immunity to the calicivirus. We cannot rely on one tool. Landholders need a mix of control methods to achieve results.



5

EVENTS

61

ATTENDEES

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS:

Initial monitoring
+
Mix of control methods to
reduce numbers
+
Removing harborage
+
Ongoing monitoring
= **Long term rabbit control**

PINDONE: SAFE AND EASY TO USE

- For best results rabbits need 3 doses, 4 to 5 days apart, over a 10 -12 day period.
- Reduction in rabbits seen 12 - 16 days after baiting.
- Low risk of off target impacts with use of bait stations, pre-feeding and removing carcasses.
- Available from local Ag store or stockfeeds without a permit.

During November 2021 the PHBG hosted five rabbit control information sessions. These sessions focused on the safe and effective use of Pindone to control rabbits with a presentation from expert speaker, Dr Linton Staples from Animal Control Technologies Australia.

Landholders, some of whom were wary of using bait products to get on top of their rabbit problem, were given clear instructions on how to minimise risk and maximise efforts when using Pindone.

Coupled with monitoring cameras, that are also available from the PHBG, a landholder can assess the suitability of a baiting site before use and record the activity levels of any non-target species. Baiting stations which house the pindone product allows landholders a safe delivery system that can be moved and stored between baiting events. The PHBG have invested in 50 baiting stations, which landholders can loan free of charge.

LANDHOLDER TESTIMONIAL



LANDHOLDER EXPERIENCE AFTER ATTENDING PHBG HOSTED PRESENTATION ON PINDONE

" Having been trying to control our horrendous rabbit problem with warren ripping, gassing and shooting, and Calici virus releases for over 2 years we reluctantly had to consider Pindone baiting. The idea of poison was very concerning, living as we do on the border of a National Park and regularly seeing possums, kangaroos, emus, a huge variety of birds and, on one memorable occasion, a phascogale. We had witnessed a carpet of dead birds on a neighbour's property following rabbit baiting, and had been told – wrongly as we later found out – that Pindone had been used.

Our property was seriously affected by the 2016 fires, and most of the trees and shrubs which had begun to recover naturally, as well as many we had planted, fell prey to rabbits. The rabbit population became unbelievably large and in desperation we attended the workshop with PHBG presented by Dr Staples. With our concerns somewhat allayed we started a baiting programme on November 25th, 2021. We have been consistent in continuing baiting (and shooting) up to the present time. The number of rabbits has been drastically reduced and we have not observed any by kill amongst native birds or animals. This is the first measure that has had any effect on the rabbit population, and although baiting is not cheap and requires careful laying and monitoring, we will continue to bait for as long as it takes to reduce the population to as near as we can to zero. I only wish we had had the faith, and the information, to institute this baiting programme earlier.

Our thanks to PHBG and Teele, as we had all but lost hope that our property could be saved from the devastation which the rabbits were wreaking. "

LAKE CLIFTON LANDHOLDER

RABBIT HARBOURAGE DESTRUCTION DEMONSTRATION



Machinery was brought in to aid landholders in the fight against rabbits at the recently held Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group (PHBG) rabbit harbourage destruction demonstration in Lake Clifton.

The demonstration was held after presenting at the Peel Harvey Catchment Council's popular Lake Clifton-Herron Seedling Giveaway event on 13 June 2021.

The demonstration was held at a trial site that had a weedy shrub sheltering a warren. The shrub was removed and the warren smoked twice to flush out any remaining rabbits. The warren was then ripped by a local contractor in two directions, perpendicular to each other, over an area two meters out from the identified entrances. This followed recommendations outlined by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

"It was an interesting and informative demonstration on dealing with rabbits and destroying their warrens in a safe and environmentally friendly way", said Neville Garvey, an attendee at the demonstration.

Landholders were interested to see how quickly the PHBG warren smoker was able to identify warren entrance and exit points, and to see how monitoring cameras were used to assess rabbit numbers before and after the ripping took place. Monitoring cameras, along with the warren smoker, are free to loan to landholders within the PHBG's operational area.

"Destroying a rabbit's shelter can extend control results for up to five years. Once you have reduced your rabbit populations excluding them from shelter or destroying it is a very important next step."

PHBG Outreach Officer,
Jordon Garbellini-Adams

REMOVING COTTON BUSH IN THE SERPENTINE NATIONAL PARK

The PHBG is delivering a three-year project, 'Controlling Cotton Bush in the Serpentine National Park' funded through the State Natural Resource Management Program'. The project began in 2021, and sees multi-year cotton bush control around the heritage-listed Spencer's Cottage. The project is coordinated alongside delivery partners, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

The project incorporates complimentary on-ground control activities within the park from local community volunteers. In 2021 there were three busy bees with over 45 attendees. Each busy bee includes an hour of hand pulling of cotton bush in sites along walk trails heading towards the main project site. A morning tea is offered to all volunteers.

Project activities in 2021 also included a cotton bush information evening which provided a history of cotton bush in the National Park; an update by Western Envirapest, who are undertaking the on-ground control work; and a presentation by CSIRO's Kathryn Batchelor, who talked about a field study looking at the survival characteristics of cotton bush in terms of its seed viability and germination, as well as the potential for biocontrol.



BEFORE



Serpentine National Park busy bee #3

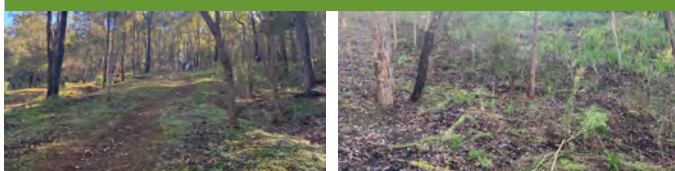
'Thank you to all 20 attendees who braved the cold and removed cotton bush in the Serpentine National Park, all part of our three-year cotton bush removal project funded through the Western Australian Government's State Natural Resource Management Program.'

— Teele Hooper-Worrell, PHBG



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

AFTER



" A major highlight has been the welcome and support from the Parks and Wildlife rangers. They ferried volunteers to busy bee sites, helped at each event and even hosted a barbeque for the volunteers at our final busy bee for the year and spent a lot of time answering questions about the management of the park and flora and fauna that resides within. "

PHBG Project Manager,
Teale Hooper-Worrell



2021 BIOCONTROL FORUM

Key stakeholders involved with biocontrol agents in WA were invited to participate in a collaborative forum at CSIRO, Floreat on 30 August 2021. The forum was initiated by the PHBG and funded by the Biosecurity Council of WA, with a summary report provided to the Council on the key insights and recommendations from the forum.

“ Special thanks to Jonelle for her support and leadership in initiating this event. Also to the PHBG Team for their support in the lead up and during the day, particularly with capturing the comments. A tough job, that was well done, thanks. ”

Peter Metcalfe,
AgWA Consulting

A summary of work conducted on supply chains for commercial biocontrol agents was provided by Peter Metcalfe, AgWA Consulting. This work was funded by the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group as part of an initial review of the feasibility of setting up a biocontrol nursery for rearing and multiplying agents to assist landholders in the management of declared pests in the region.

The PHBG's Executive Officer, Dr Jonelle Cleland, also presented at the forum to bring attention to the challenges faced by landholders, and the groups that support them, particularly beyond the life of a government initiative or research endeavour.

It was clear that the forum could not be a one off event, with a greater emphasis needed on all stakeholders regularly prioritising, planning, collaborating and communicating. It was acknowledged that each stakeholder needed to be at the table to overcome gaps, make the most of scarce resources, and ensure that end-users were factored into the decision making process.

PESKY PESTS SCHOOL LAUNCH

On the 26 of July the PHBG launched the curriculum 'Peel Harvey Pesky Pests' at the Harvey Primary School. The launch event provided teachers and interested community members an opportunity to see what the free education package includes, with local children's book illustrator Kylie Howarth as a guest speaker.

Kylie illustrated the iconic bandicoot that has become the mascot of the Pesky Pests curriculum. "Professor Bandi", as he is known, is terrified of foxes but is a wealth of knowledge on pests. Kylie attended the launch and shared stories about her formative years in Harvey, her interest in local wildlife and how it has inspired her illustrations and books.

The Peel Harvey Pesky Pests education package includes lesson plans and learning activities. Unlike other packages, it also includes free access to Biosecurity Resource Boxes. These boxes contain a range of books, samples, equipment and even an iPad with an isoscope, which will allow teachers and students to look at weed samples in detail.

More information on the curriculum can be found at www.schools.phbg.org. The Biosecurity Resource Boxes can be loaned by teachers (including home-schoolers) who are educating children with the local government areas of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Mandurah, Murray, Waroona and Harvey.



EQUIPMENT

MORE THAN **100** Pieces of equipment loaned out in 2021



The PHBG has been expanding its range of equipment to reflect landholders needs when controlling declared pests. In 2021 the PHBG added additional weed wipers and rabbit bait stations to our equipment list. This means local landholders can reduce the money, time and effort it takes to effectively managed declared pests on their property.

PIG TRAPPING WITH THE MATLOCK SYSTEM

Matlock pig trapping is a remotely operated trapping system. The system facilitates the capture of entire pig mobs with the ability to increase trap size to accommodate the needs of the job. It requires understanding of animal behaviour and mob dynamics, developed by the daily (off site) monitoring of the program, via the MMS cameras.



6
trapping
events
60
pigs
controlled

" The PHBG runs a Matlock pig trapping program. There are specific steps that the PHBG goes through to determine whether a landholder and their property is suitable to have the trap set up and monitored by the PHBG. The system is potentially not suited to all circumstances, but has been made to work at every property we had an enquiry for in 2021. "

Megan Plant
PHBG Field Officer

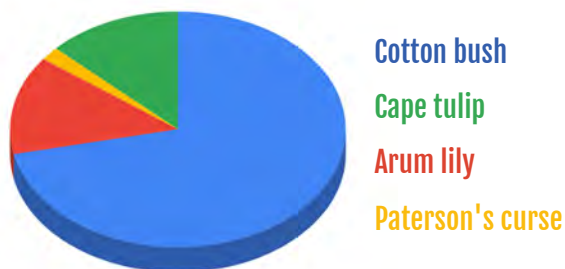
COMMUNITY REPORTING

REPORT DECARED WEEDS USING PHBG HOTSPOT FORM

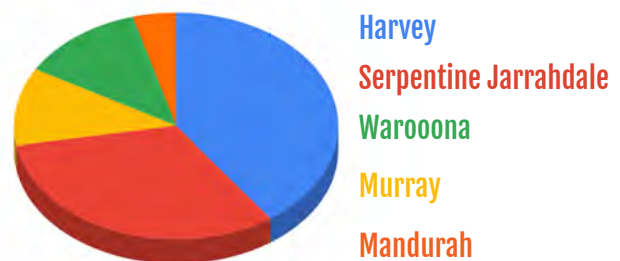
The PHBG encourages the community to report declared weeds through its online hotspot form. A PHBG officer will then attempt to validate the report and send an initial landholder letter to the landholder describing the infestation and detailing control options.

In 2021 landholders have been vigilant and reported 162 declared weed hotspots to the PHBG. Of these, 135 reports could be validated. More than 100 letters were sent to individual landholders in 2021. The PHBG has streamlined its mapping and address matching to expediate issuing of letters to landholders in 2022.

Weed reports by weed type



Weed reports by local government authority (LGA)



REPORT FERAL ANIMALS USING FERALSCAN

The PHBG encourages landholders to use the national reporting app, FeralScan, to record sightings, damage or control efforts for feral animals such as foxes, feral pigs and rabbits. Collecting this data provides hotspot information to landholders and can help to direct investment to reduce feral animal impacts.

Each year the PHBG provides snapshot of FeralScan use across our operational area. It is important to note that these are reports made publicly available by members of the public. Some people choose to make their reports private.



Feral pigs



Foxes



Rabbits

Sightings

Control efforts

Damage reported

2

10

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38

3

10

42

8

8

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

LIST OF PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN 2022

LANDHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



- PHBG information stands at local events to increase landholder awareness of declared pests, responsibilities and control options.
- Answering queries with the provision of user friendly and locally relevant resources to increase landholder capacity to undertake integrated pest control.
- Weed identification and advice workshop series.
- Field camera workshop & instructional video series.

LANDHOLDER SUPPORT



- Improving the availability of herbicides in suitable (small) quantities for PHBG landholders wanting to control arum lily at a lower cost.
- Loan of portable spray unit to control infestations of blackberry for PHBG landholders wanting to improve accessibility and/or environmental values.
- Loan of portable spray unit to control infestations of Paterson's curse for PHBG landholders wanting to treat plants early to break the germination cycle.
- Loan of weed wiper to control Cape tulip for PHBG landholders wanting to improve pasture productivity.
- Incentivising PHBG landholders to apply for restricted pesticide permits with DPIRD fees and cost of bait fully reimbursed.
- Learning how Hoggone can be used by PHBG landholders.
- Teaching PHBG landholders how rabbit baiting can be part of an integrated control plan.
- Understanding what can be reasonably achieved using Paterson's curse biocontrol agents, and how PHBG landholders can undertake short and long term control.
- Distribution of bridal creeper biocontrol agents to PHBG landholders to treat infestations.
- Rabbit biocontrol for PHBG landholders undertaking complementary control methods.
- Loan of tree poppers to PHBG landholders to control cotton bush & apple of Sodom.
- Loan of cage and leg-hold traps for PHBG landholders to control foxes.
- PHBG application of the Matlock pig trapping system to trap mobs of pigs.
- Teaching PHBG landholders how to construct simple feral pig traps for semi-fixed positioning on private properties.
- Teaching PHBG landholders how to reduce harbourage as a complementary method for rabbit control.

REPORTING, MONITORING & FOLLOWUP



- Landholder alerts for priority declared weeds/feral animals.
- Validating community reports and prioritising cotton bush infestations to inform DPIRD's compliance program.
- Fruit fly monitoring and community engagement to reduce source populations in townsites (Shire of SJ, where fruit fly is declared).

REVIEW OF THE BIOSECURITY AND AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT ACT INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR RECOGNISED BIOSECURITY GROUPS

Biosecurity groups are squarely in the middle – between government and the community. Sometimes it feels like they are poles apart, and it is a real effort to get to that middle ground.

It is simple really. Landholders want more from government. The government has a finite budget and many competing priorities.

Biosecurity groups do not have the budget to eradicate declared pests which are already established. In reality, nor did the State Government before biosecurity groups were established.

What we saw with the Declared Pest Rate and matching government funding was the Government putting an offer on the table, which said to landholders, it is your responsibility to control declared pests, as it has always been, but we are willing to chip in some funds to help you achieve your collective goals as a community.

It's up to the community whether it embraces biosecurity groups and the funding model which underpins them. I guess a word of caution is required. If the funding model is rejected – and those dedicated committee members resign, and valuable staff are recruited to other endeavours, and the equipment is moved on – who will be picking up the shortfall? Who will answer the phone to answer landholder queries; drop off equipment; set up displays; bring experts and training opportunities into the region; send letters alerting landholders to infestations, including managers of the public estate; and coordinate activities across the region?

Will it be you?

2021 Treasurer's Report

Annual General Meeting 27th April 2022

I would like to present the audited financials for the 12 months to December 31, 2021. 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 2021

Declared Pest Account

The PHBG DPA budget for 2021 was \$495,000 which consisted of

DPA Funds	\$294,895
2020 Unspent DPA Funds	<u>\$200,105</u>
	\$495,000

DPA funds can only be spent in the year they are received. Permission was obtained from DPIRD to apply the 2020 unspent funds to the 2021 budget.

Total DPA expenditure for the year was \$378,234 leaving a balance of \$116,766. DPIRD has given in principle approval for these unspent DPA funds from 2021 to be allocated to the 2022 budget.

Other Sources

Grants from several sources were received in 2021

State NRM Community Stewardship Grant	\$62,097
UWA Fruit Fly	\$17,500
State NRM Core Business Support Grant	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
	\$83,597

These grant sources allow funding to be carried over to the next financial period. A total of \$31,764 has been carried forward to 2022.

Assets

Major purchases through 2021

Laptop x 1
Trail cameras x 4
Fox cage traps x 20
Tree poppers x 30

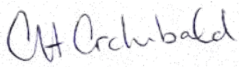
Additional Notes

DPIRD has requested that we return to a financial accounting year to fall in line with other Recognised Biosecurity Groups. With the approval of this committee, a six month accounting period from 1st January 2023 to 30th June 2023 will follow this 2022 calendar year. An Operational Plan for 2022 including the extra six months has been lodged for approval with DPIRD.

PHBG have 3.8 FTE employees committed 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 2021 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 2022.



Colleen Archibald
Hon. Treasurer

PEEL HARVEY BIOSECURITY GROUP INCORPORATED

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 December 2021**

PEEL HARVEY BIOSECURITY GROUP INCORPORATED
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PEEL HARVEY BIOSECURITY GROUP INCORPORATED

STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE

In The opinion of the Committee: -

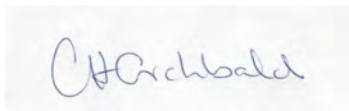
1. The accompanying Income & Expenditure Statements of the organisation are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the organisation for the year ending 31 December 2021.
2. The accompanying Balance Sheet of the organisation is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the 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: 27/04/2022

Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
As of 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Income		
4-1020 Grants Federal	-	9,713
4-1021 ATO Cash Boost	-	36,376
4-1022 Carryover Grants Federal	1,707	-
4-1050 Grants State	62,097	492,150
4-1052 Declared Pest Account	294,895	-
4-1061 Unspent Grant State	(20,770)	(151,728)
4-1063 Carryover Declared Pest Account	119,849	-
4-1100 Grants Other	21,500	1,000
4-1101 Carryover Grant Other	928	-
4-3010 Services	600	1,365
4-5020 Interest Income	191	432
4-5035 Recoupments	-	185
Project Costs Recouped	-	221
Total 4-5035 Recoupments	-	406
4-5050 Sundry Income	500	255
Total Income	481,497	389,969
Gross Profit	481,497	389,969

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be read in conjunction with the audit report dated 14 April 2022

Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
As of 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Expenses		
6-0010 Accounting and bookkeeping	1,155	382
6-0020 Advertising and marketing	9,599	8,604
6-0040 Asset Purchased	24,963	44,373
6-0050 Audit Fees	2,400	2,800
6-0070 Bank charges and fees	156	218
6-0100 Cleaning and Office Maintenance	22	910
6-0110 Events		
6-0111 Catering	1,405	1,115
6-0112 Workshops	4,302	4,431
6-0113 Field Days	200	-
Total 6-0110 Client or Event Support	5,907	5,546
6-0210 Consumables	2,268	3,486
6-0220 Computer and IT	6,900	6,896
6-0230 Consultants and Contractors	26,761	26,443
6-0231 GIS Support	9,905	1,300
6-0233 Surveys	3,000	-
6-0234 Weed Control	29,108	-
6-0235 Pest Control	17,292	-
Total 6-0230 Consultants and Contractors	86,066	27,743
6-0240 Landholder Communication	328	8,443
6-0300 Gifts and donations	4	10
6-0320 Equipment and tools	2,980	-
6-0330 Fees Baits and Permits	4,451	5,463
6-0400 Insurance	4,250	3,979
6-0480 Meeting Expenses	1,531	801
6-0500 Motor Vehicle Expenses	783	658
6-0510 Postage & shipping	1,343	1,603
6-0520 Printing, stationery & supplies	1,042	1,806
6-0540 Publications and Resources	673	4,578
6-0590 Repair and maintenance	960	198
6-0600 Salary and wages - staff	253,250	181,725
6-0607 Superannuation Expense	24,715	17,148
6-0608 Annual Leave Provision	2,244	1,665
6-0609 LSL Provision	5,362	2,533
6-0610 Insurance Workers Comp	1,108	1,151
6-0612 Honorarium and fees	2,750	2,750
6-0650 Schools Outreach	3,900	-
6-0660 Staff Amenities	-	133
6-0670 Sundry Expenses	641	-
6-0680 Telephone & internet	3,082	2,014
6-0700 Training and Development (Staff)	7,443	3,724

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Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
As of 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
Expenses (Continued)		
6-0710 Travel expenses	11,568	10,455
6-0711 Accommodation	450	-
Total 6-0710 Travel expenses	12,018	10,455
6-0730 Volunteer Costs	-	
6-0731 Volunteer Travel	180	1,800
6-0732 Volunteer Training	909	-
Total 6-0730 Volunteer Costs	1,089	1,800
Reserves Non Declared Pest Account	6,113	36,376
Total Expenses	481,496	389,970
Other Expenses		
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	1	(1)
Total Other Expenses	1	(1)
Surplus \ (Deficit) for the Year	0	0
Other Comprehensive Income		
Total Other Comprehensive Income	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income	0	0
Deficit / (Surplus) attributable to members	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to members	0	0

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Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY CLASS
As of 31 December 2021

	CEP Cottonbush	DPA Admin	DPA Comms	DPA Feral Pests	DPA Fruit Fly	DPA Weeds	General Operating	Prof Pest State NRM	State NRM_CSGL	UWA Fruit fly	Not Specified	TOTAL
Income												
4-1020 Grants Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4-1021 ATO Cash Boost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4-1022 Carryover Grants Federal	1,707	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,707
4-1050 Grants State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,097	-	-	62,097
4-1052 Declared Pest Account	-	109,795	39,650	56,650	35,900	52,900	-	-	-	-	-	294,895
4-1061 Unspent Grant State	-	-	-	-	-	-	665	10,995	-	30,599	500	20,770
4-1063 Carryover Declared Pest Account	-	15,005	39,650	56,650	35,900	52,900	36,509	-	-	-	-	236,614
4-1100 Grants Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	-	-	17,500	-	21,500
4-1101 Carryover Grant Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	928	-	-	-	-	928
4-3010 Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	-	-	-	-	600
4-5020 Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	191	-	-	-	-	191
4-5035 Recoupments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project Costs Recouped	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total 4-5035 Recoupments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4-5050 Sundry Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	500
Total Income	1,707	124,800	79,300	113,300	71,800	105,800	42,064	10,995	31,498	17,000	-	598,262
Gross Profit	1,707	124,800	79,300	113,300	71,800	105,800	42,064	10,995	31,498	17,000	-	598,262

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Expenses												
6-0010 Accounting and bookkeeping	-	1,155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,155
6-0020 Advertising and marketing	1,707	124	103	4,398	-	894	-	-	773	1,600	-	9,599
6-0040 Asset Purchased	-	3,989	-	9,454	-	11,519	-	-	-	-	-	24,963
6-0050 Audit Fees	-	2,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400
6-0070 Bank charges and fees	-	154	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	156
6-0100 Cleaning and Office Maintenance	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
6-0110 Events												
6-0111 Catering	-	12	194	460	-	234	-	-	505	-	-	1,405
6-0112 Workshops	-	23	-	146	-	4,063	-	-	70	-	-	4,302
6-0113 Field Days	-	36	144	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Total 6-0110 Client or Event Support	-	71	338	607	20	4,297	-	-	575	-	-	5,907
6-0210 Consumables	-	177	-	1,969	-	122	-	-	-	-	-	2,268
6-0220 Computer and IT	-	6,708	46	51	-	95	-	-	-	-	-	6,900
6-0230 Consultants and Contractors	-	-	375	-	-	392	15,000	10,995	1,500	-	-	28,261
6-0231 GIS Support	-	9,905	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,905
6-0233 Surveys	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
6-0234 Weed Control	-	-	-	-	-	1,958	-	-	25,650	-	-	27,608
6-0235 Pest Control	-	-	-	605	-	-	16,687	-	-	-	-	17,292
Total 6-0230 Consultants and Contractors	-	9,905	375	605	-	2,349	31,687	10,995	30,150	-	-	86,066
6-0240 Landholder Communication	-	220	-	3	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	328
6-0300 Gifts and donations	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
6-0320 Equipment and tools	-	109	112	1,552	51	1,156	-	-	-	-	-	2,980
6-0330 Fees Bait and Permits	-	-	-	1,245	1,770	-	263	-	-	1,173	-	4,451
6-0400 Insurance	-	500	-	-	-	-	3,750	-	-	-	-	4,250
6-0480 Meeting Expenses	-	1,200	-	51	-	29	250	-	-	-	-	1,531
6-0500 Motor Vehicle Expenses	-	140	-	-	82	562	-	-	-	-	-	783
6-0510 Postage & shipping	-	240	9	856	-	239	-	-	-	-	-	1,343
6-0520 Printing, stationery & supplies	-	597	112	68	160	104	-	-	-	-	-	1,042
6-0540 Publications and Resources	-	73	-	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	673
6-0590 Repair and maintenance	-	-	-	450	-	509	-	-	-	-	-	960
6-0600 Salary and wages - staff	-	59,153	65,845	48,551	19,611	48,551	-	-	-	11,538	-	253,250
6-0607 Superannuation Expense	-	5,689	6,426	4,780	1,886	4,780	-	-	-	1,154	-	24,715
6-0608 Annual Leave Provision	-	449	449	449	449	449	-	-	-	-	-	2,244
6-0609 LSL Provision	-	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072	-	-	-	-	-	5,362
6-0610 Insurance Workers Comp	-	1,108	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,108
6-0612 Honorarium and fees	-	2,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,750
6-0650 Schools Outreach	-	22	3,878	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,900
6-0660 Staff Amenities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6-0670 Sundry Expenses	-	121	20	1	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	642
6-0680 Telephone & internet	-	2,724	-	336	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,082
6-0700 Training and Development (Staff)	-	5,174	-	2,268	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,443
Expenses (Continued)												
6-0710 Travel expenses	-	39	-	5,533	1,467	2,994	-	-	-	1,535	-	11,568
6-0711 Accommodation	-	304	-	-	-	145	-	-	-	-	-	450
Total 6-0710 Travel expenses	-	343	-	5,533	1,467	3,140	-	-	-	1,535	-	12,018
6-0730 Volunteer Costs												
6-0731 Volunteer Travel	-	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180
6-0732 Volunteer Training	-	-	-	909	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	909
Total 6-0730 Volunteer Costs	-	180	-	909	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,089
Reserves Non Declared Pest Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,114	-	-	-	-	6,113
Total Expenses	1,707	106,569	78,786	85,811	26,590	80,478	42,064	10,995	31,498	17,000	-	481,496

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Other Expenses												
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Unspent Funds	0	18,231	514	27,489	45,210	25,322	0	0	0	0	(1)	116,765
Surplus \ (Deficit) for the Year	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	-	0	- -	0	0
Other Comprehensive Income												
Total Other Comprehensive Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	0
Deficit / (Surplus) attributable to members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	0
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to members	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	0

Notes

4-1063 Carryover Declared Pest Account

Includes 200,105 carryover from 2020 budget and 36,509 from 2019 budget

Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assets		
Current Assets		
1-1110 PHBG Chq Acc	248,591	370,498
1-1120 PHBG Debit Card	1,993	1,946
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	52,135	200
Total Current Assets	<u>302,719</u>	<u>372,644</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>302,719</u></u>	<u><u>372,644</u></u>
Liabilities and shareholder's equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts Payable (A/P)	627	1,899
2-1170 Employee Provisions		
2-1171 Annual Leave Provision	11,272	9,027
2-1172 Long Serve Provisions	14,509	9,146
Total 2-1170 Employee Provisions	<u>25,781</u>	<u>18,173</u>
2-1190 Superannuation payable	7,388	4,853
2-1240 Grants in Advance	31,764	250,244
2-1250 Grants Repayable DPA	116,765	-
ATO Clearing Account	19,182	2,375
Total current liabilities	<u>201,507</u>	<u>277,545</u>
Shareholders' equity:		
Net Income	0	0
3-0500 Opening balance equity	20	20
3-4000 Reserves Non Declared Pest Account	101,192	95,079
Total shareholders' equity	<u>101,212</u>	<u>95,099</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u><u>302,719</u></u>	<u><u>372,644</u></u>

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Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Assumulated Funds	Reserves Non Declared Pest Account	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2020	20	58,701	58,721
Transfer to Reserve Account	-	36,378	36,378
Comprehensive Income:			
Surplus/(Deficit) This Year	-	-	-
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year			
Attributable to Members	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2020	<u>20</u>	<u>95,079</u>	<u>95,099</u>
Balance at 1 January 2021	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	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2021	<u>20</u>	<u>101,192</u>	<u>101,212</u>

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Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Funds From Operations		
Grant Funding	326,557	502,662
Other Income	1,290	2,460
Payments to Suppliers	(62,140)	(87,350)
Payments for Salaries & Related Costs	(276,538)	(199,630)
Payments for Consultants and Contractors	(86,066)	(27,743)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	(96,897)	190,399
 Cash Flows from Other Sources		
ATO Cash Flow Boost	0	36,376
Less: Purchase of Plant & Equipment	(24,963)	(44,373)
Net Cash provided by Other Sources	(24,963)	(7,997)
 Net Increase in Cash	(121,860)	182,402
 Cash at the beginning of the Year	372,444	190,042
 CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	250,584	372,444

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Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS		
Reconciliation of Cash		
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	0	0
Cash at Bank	250,584	372,444
Total Cash	250,584	372,444
Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	0	(0)
Add Back:		
Transfer to Reserve	6,113	36,376
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	(51,935)	(200)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors & Accruals	18,070	(9,699)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	7,607	4,198
Increase/(Decrease) in Grant Funding in Advance / Repayable DPA	(101,715)	151,727
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(121,860)	182,402

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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 \$495,000 was granted to the PHBG in 2021 from the Declared Pest Account (DPA), as detailed below.

First Instalment	247,500
Second Instalment	<u>47,395</u>
	294,895
2020 Unspent DPA grant funds*	<u>200,105</u>
	495,000

*Once the PHBG Operating Plan for 2021 and the Financial Report for 2020 was approved by DPIRD, the unspent DPA grant funds from 2020 were approved for inclusion in the 2021 budget.

Unspent funds of \$36,509 from 2019 were also approved for use on specified projects and these funds were expended in 2021.

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NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

Note 2: Declared Pest Account (Continued)

2021 DPA funds were allocated to the following projects:

	2021 DPA Expense
Fruit Fly	26,590
Admin	106,569
Feral Pests	85,811
Weeds	80,478
Comms	<u>78,786</u>
Total	378,234

Unspent balance of DPA grant funds as of 31st December 2021 is \$116,766

The above total of \$116,766 in unspent funds from the 2021 Declared Pest Account (DPA) grant has been included in Grants Repayable DPA reported in the Balance Sheet. As no basis exists for allocating grant funds from the Declared Pest Account to periods other than the one in which the grant was received, the funds are held pending advice from DPIRD and may be deducted from the organisation's annual grant from the DPA in 2022.

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 2020 for projects where funds have been carried forward into 2021:

State NRM (Prof Pest)	10,995
Federal Government CEP (Cottonbush)	1,707
General Operating (Coolup LCDC 1080)	928

The State NRM (Prof Pest) and Federal Government CEP (Cottonbush) grants were fully expended in 2021.

PHBG received the following grants in 2021

State NRM CSGL (SJ NP Cottonbush)	62,097
UWA (Fruit fly)	17,500
State NRM (PHCC Core Business – General Operating)	4,000

The State NRM (PHCC Core Business) grant was fully expended in 2021.

The following funds were carried over and are expected to be expended in 2022.

State NRM CSGL (SJ NP Cottonbush)	30,599
UWA (Fruit fly)	500
Coolup LCDC 1080 (General Operating)	<u>665</u>
	31,764

The above total of \$31,764 has been included in Grants in Advance reported in the Balance Sheet.

AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS 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 2021, 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 2021 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.

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