

Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group Inc.

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1. INTRODUCTION

About the Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group Inc.

The PRBG is a not-for-profit association formed under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*, providing declared pest control services for land managers, particularly in the pastoral zone. The associations' primary purpose is the control of declared pests using funding from Declared Pest Rates paid by pastoral lease holders. These Declared Pest Rates funds are matched dollar for dollar by the WA Government to reflect the public benefit of controlling declared pest animals and weeds.

The PRBG operations throughout the Shires of Ashburton and East Pilbara; Town of Port Hedland and City of Karratha. The association is formally recognised by the Hon Minister for Agriculture and Food as a recognised biosecurity group (RBG).

The association is managed by a committee of volunteers who spend a considerable amount of their time in managing the operations and compliances of the PRBG on an annual basis.

Committee of management members (as at 30 June 2021)

Position	Name	Member Station/organisation	Term Expiry
Chair	Clint Thompson	Wyloo Station <i>(Ashburton)</i>	1 December 2023
Vice-Chair	Katrina Weir	Minderoo Station <i>(Ashburton)</i>	1 November 2022
Secretary / Treasurer	Kim Parson	Coolawanyah Station <i>(Ashburton)</i>	1 December 2023
Full Member	Shane Stratford	Peedamulla Station <i>(Ashburton)</i>	1 December 2023
Full Member	Doug Brownlie	Roy Hill Station <i>(East Pilbara)</i>	8 December 2024
Full Member	Aggie Forrester	Winning Station <i>(Ashburton)</i>	8 December 2024
Associate Member	Sim Mathwin	RioTinto Pastoral <i>(Ashburton)</i>	1 December 2023
Associate Member	Alicia Wittington	Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (DBCA)	2 November 2022
Associate Member	Jo Williams	Pilbara Mesquite Management Committee	2 November 2022
Member			
Member			
Executive Officer		Krystie Bremer	

The PRBG works with local stakeholders who hold local knowledge on the region's problem pests. Utilising this local landscape understanding to form the basis of our annual operations each year.

How the group is funded

The PRBG main source of funding is from Declared Pest Rates (DPR) paid by pastoral leases that are matched equally by the WA State Government, with the combined funds generally referred to as the Declared Pest Account (DPA) funds. The PRBG also partners with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and Rio Tinto to allow for extension activities to be undertaken across the PRBG region.

The PRBG has specific obligations under the BAM Act regarding the transfer of funds from the Declared Pest Account, which are detailed in sections 170 of the BAM Act. When available the group also attracts funds from other sources such as Federal and State Government, although over recent years access to additional funding has become more difficult and harder to obtain, limiting some programs which aren't the key focus of concern for our members.

Through the RBG funding model local people are managing the states declared pests to the best of our ability within the funding constraints. This model leverages the work already undertaken by leaseholders in our region, although does not rate all property uses within the region.

2. AIMS AND AREA OF OPERATIONS

Aims

The PRBG aims to:

- Foster the *control of declared pests* throughout the Area, via the formulation, implementation, and review of appropriate *management plans* and programs.
- Encourage *integration, coordination, and general collaboration* of all Area stakeholders in pest management matters.
- Promote the adoption of *sound biosecurity practices* throughout the Area.

Area of operation

The PRBG area of operation takes in the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara, Port Hedland and City of Karratha. There are over 65 pastoral leases covering some 13.8 million hectares, and over 30 million hectares of land under the control of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

The population for the PRBG area is approximately 62,700, with this number and numbers across the region increasing exponentially during the tourism season, more notably in the past few years. Our largest towns are Karratha, with a population of approximately 23,000 residents and Port Hedland, with a population of approximately 13,828. There are a large number of other towns within the PRBG area including Dampier, Marble Bar, Newman, Nullagine, Onlsow, Panawonica, Parabadoo, Roebourne, Tom Price and Wickham.

The PRBG region includes the Karijini, Karlamiyi, Millstream Chichester and Murujuga National Parks, Cane River Conservation Park, Barlee Range and Mungaroona Nature Reserves, multiple mining leases and large pockets of unallocated/vacant crown land (UCL/VCL). The region also includes multiple Aboriginal Reserves and communities, along with approximately 50+ production mines.

The types of land tenures and access to them continues to change, with the PRBG working closely with the DBCA regional office that is responsible for the management of these and other such properties within our region to ensure, where possible access is granted and pest control activities are undertaken. This relationship ensures minimal impact to neighbouring pastoral properties and assists DBCA in meeting its obligations under the BAM Act.

The PRBG shares its northern boundary with the Kimberly Rangelands Biosecurity Association (KRBA), the southern boundaries with the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association (MRBA), Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association (CRBA) and Goldfields Nullarbor Regional Biosecurity Association (GNRBA).

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PRBG Operations during the 2021/22 year were negatively impacted by the significant funding insecurity seen at the start of our funding cycle. This insecurity was due to land values impacting rates and the overall feedback these excessive increases to pastoral lease rents negatively impacted business across the Pilbara and pastoral regions as a whole.

Substantial effort was put in by the PRBG Executive Officer and past chair to work towards ensuring funding security for this operation year and into the future.

With confirmation from Hon Minister Alannah MacTiernan providing confirmation that our matched funding would remain the same, this relieved some of the pressure on the group and I would again like to thank the Minister in her efforts to obtain this funding for Pastoral RBGs.

Unfortunately this announcement was too late for the PRBG to undertake the major wild dog program but did allow the group to maintain our other operations across the region. A successful LFH program was undertaken in the West Pilbara and other limited eastern locations during October 2022. The success of this program and the area we covered was thanks to the financial support received from both Rio Tinto and DBCA, along with pastoralist who provided accommodation and meals.

The LFH program timing is effectively dictated by the availability of DPIRD as the sole supplier of CatD operations within the state of Western Australia. Something that is of concern to the PRBG committee and has impacted planned operations in 2022/23 with the chance of a program being undertaken not confirmed due to internal DPIRD processes.

The PRBG December 2021 AGM saw the resignation of our long-standing chair, Jamie Richardson and at the end the committee meeting Executive Officer, Bill Currans. I would like to thank Jamie for his service to the Pilbara region and all that he achieved during his time as chair. Furthermore, I extend thanks to Bill Currans for the effort undertaken in his time with the group.

The PRBG continued to maintain our relationship with PMMC providing them with increased (not DPA) funding to focus on weeds of concern in the region. This funding along with our normal contribution allows for a greater scope of work across the region.

A number of PRBG committee members worked towards seeking a replacement Executive Officer with suitable applications received, after two extensions to the application period. After discussions with the executive PRBG approached Krystie Bremer, who already works with CRBA with her accepting a 12-month contract to assist until a suitable replacement candidate can be found.

Our relationship with DPIRD has continued to improve, although there is an increased requirement from them in order to access declared pest account funding now and into the future. Our Executive Officer Krystie Bremer is confident that the PRBG can meet these requirements and ensure that they do not cause issues in accessing funding in a timely fashion.

The PRBG committee decided to approach Local Governments and key mining companies of FMG, BHP and Roy Hill to seek financial support. Krystie Bremer worked both FMG and BHP after the initial contact was made to provide them with additional information for them to present to their respective businesses. September 2022 saw confirmation of 3 years of funding from FMG.

I would like to thank our committee members for their work during the year, their voluntary contributions to the PRBG ensure the success of the group now and into the future. Thanks also goes to Krystie Bremer for the effort to meet all of the requirements needed for the 2021/22 year and sorting through the intricacies of DPIRD funding and other governance requirements of the group.

In closing, I look forward to delivering a full program of assistance to the region's landholders in the 2022/23 year with the activities included in our Operational Plan well underway.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clint Thompson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clint Thompson
CHAIRPERSON
Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group Inc.

4. OPERATIONS 2021/2022

The PRBG has a Declared Pest Account into which the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is responsible, via the Office of State Revenue (OSR) to issue rates notices annually to all pastoral leases within the region. DPIRD then provide the PRBG with the Government’s matching dollar for dollar contribution. One of the biggest benefits of the RBG model is that it is funded 50% by leaseholders and 50% by the State, recognising their obligation as landowners within the region.

Funding in 2021/22 was significantly impacted by the changes to the pastoral land values not only for this year but retrospectively applied to the 2020/21 year. This significant reduction in funding saw last minute changes to PRBG operations adopted by the committee to ensure that the group was able to operate and maintain financial security into the future.

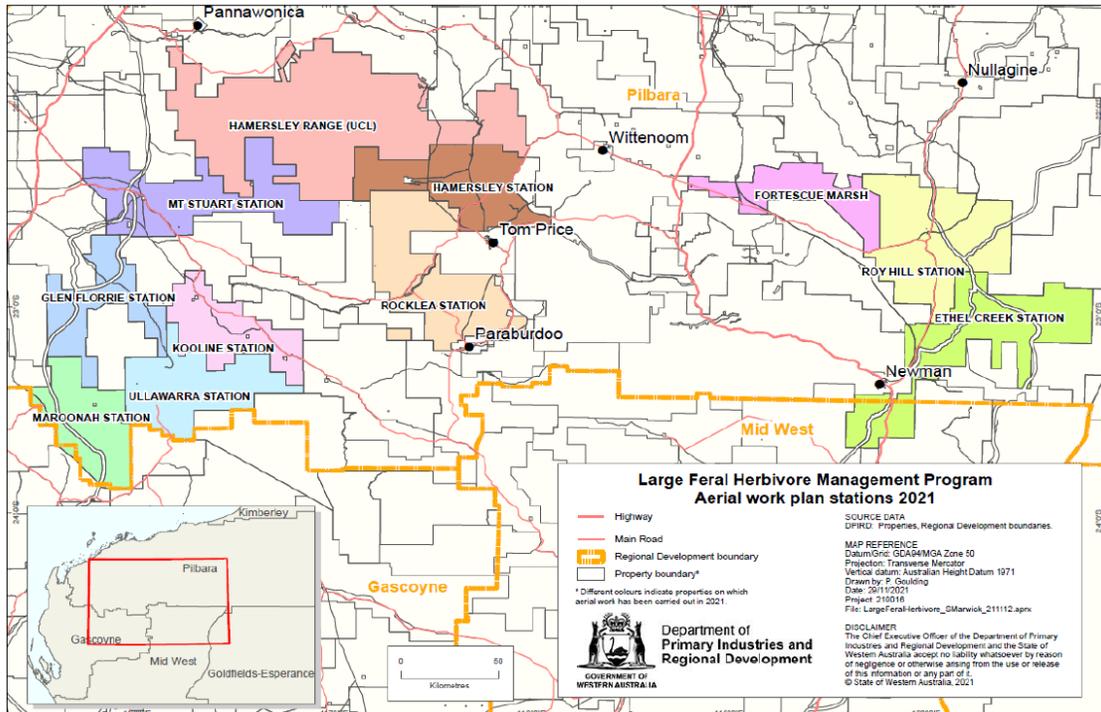
There continues to be increasing demand on PRBG volunteer committee to meet the complexities of RBG operations. The PRBG committee rely heavily on the services provided by our Executive Officer to assist in meeting this day to day administrative and governance requirements. Our EO continues to spend considerable time dealing with the increasing pressure put on the volunteer committee by DPIRD and also spends considerable time trying to resolve many issues that arise throughout the year relating to things such as: Restricted Chemical Permits (RCPS), management of the Declared Pest Account funds and the monitoring and reporting requirements and most importantly planning and implementing PRBG Annual Operations.

Large Feral Herbivore Control

The PRBG engaged the services of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to undertake a Large Feral Herbivore program in October 2021. This program was funded through the groups DPA but also with significant funding received from key partners within our region. Those being the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and Rio Tinto.

The 2021/22 program took place across 10 properties and 2 UCL areas with participants providing access to air stripes, along with accommodation and meals. A total of 108.6 hours flying saw **1163** Donkeys, **315** Horses and **1** Camel controlled between the 19th and 27th of October 2021.

Station	Donkeys	Horses	Camels	Total
Roy Hill	34	164		198
Ethel Creek	18	56	1	75
Hamersley	113	7		120
Rocklea	14	14		28
Mount Stuart	3			3
Kooline	100			100
Ullawarra	587			587
Glenflorrie	113			113
Maroonah	136			136
UCL	45	74		119
Total	1163	315	1	1479

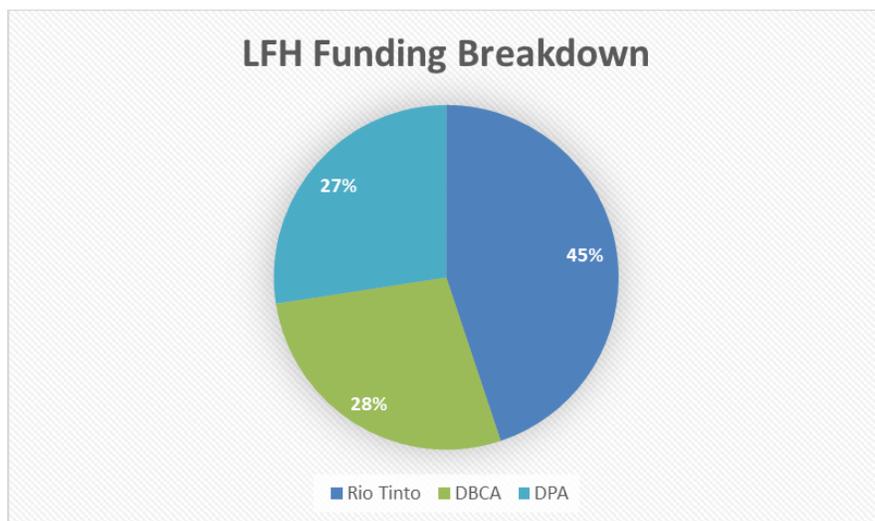


Through our key partnerships with Rio Tinto and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions we are able to continue to undertake these large scale, wide spread control programs within our region.

Without the financial support offered, the success seen by the PRBG in reducing the impacts of these damaging declared pests annually would not be possible.

Large Feral Herbivores

Rio Tinto	\$ 52,629.74
Dept Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	\$ 32,431.78
Declared Pest Account	\$ 32,176.22
TOTAL	\$117,237.74



The PRBG would also like to recognise the work Pastoralist undertake in the control of these pests, with control methods coming at a high cost to their businesses.

Declared Weed Control

The PRBG has a long-standing, well-established relationship with Pilbara Mesquite Management Committee (PMMC), allowing contributions made by PRBG to be leveraged for additional funding.

During 2021/22 PRBG contributed a total of \$90,000 for control of declared weeds, throughout the region. With \$40,000 coming from the declared pest account and \$50,000 from NRM funding.

Brief on PMMC works in 2021/22 for Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group.



Brief on PMMC works 2022 for Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group.

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Overview

The Pilbara Mesquite Management Committee (PMMC) is a non-profit, non-government community group established in 2001. The objective of PMMC is to Deliver, coordinate, advocate and lead best practice, integrated management of weed species declared as Pests under the Western Australian Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007 and/ or species listed as Weeds of National Significance in the Pilbara region of Western Australia to restore and protect the pastoral, biodiversity, community and cultural values of the Pilbara

Our projects are focused on the direct management of several species of significant weeds in partnership with land managers and stakeholders in the Pilbara Region.

This brief has been prepared for the Pilbara Regional Biosecurity Group by the PMMC to provide brief overview of the 2022 efforts and how the PRBG contribution has supported this work.

RBG Contributions

The PRBG contributed \$40,000 to the running costs of the PMMC in 2022. This funding was largely (\$39,093.18) spent on the cost of Chemical for on ground weed control. This chemical was used on all properties where the PMMC works.

Chemicals Transactions; data from PMMC Xero accounting software report			
Pilbara Mesquite Management Committee Inc			
For the period 1 January 2022 to 30 September 2022			
Date	Source	Description	Debit
Chemicals			
24 Jan 2022	Spend Money	Elders Rural Carnarvon - chemical	\$1,800.00
09 May 2022	Spend Money	Elders Rural Carnarvon - chemical	\$21,418.18
06 Jun 2022	Spend Money	Elders Rural Carnarvon - chemical	\$15,875.00
Total Chemicals			\$39,093.18
Total			\$39,093.18

PRBG contribution to Noogoora Burr Control, De Grey Catchment.

In 2021 the PRBG also contributed \$50,000 to the PMMC Co-ordinated De Grey River Catchment Noogoora Burr control Program. The PRBG Funding contributed to the approx. \$100,000 from other sources (ie Main Roads WA & Rangelands NRM funding) with DPIRD & PMMC in-kind work. The PRBG funding was provided to the PMMC and 100 % was allocated to labour for on-ground Noogoora Burr control work at Carawine Gorge, Warrawagine, Muccan Station, De Grey River Rest Area and De Grey Station. The weed control operators spent over 250 days working in the catchment in 2021.



PMMC on-ground works 2022

In 2022 the PMMC has delivered work at several locations in the Pilbara as mapped in Figure 1, Appendix A. All the weed control work at these locations has used chemical supplied by the PMMC through the RBG funding. These locations have included the properties and target species listed in the table below.

Table of PMMC on-ground weed control locations

Area	Property/s	Target species
Work completed April – September 2022		
Yannarie River Catchment	Towera Station, Emu Creek Station, Yanrey Station (including NWC Highway area/ Barradale Pool)	Mesquite, Parkinsonia, Opuntia Cactus species
De Grey River Catchment	Warrawagine Station (including Carawine Pool, Running Waters, Skull Springs), Yarrie Station, Muccan Station, De Grey River rest area, Shay Gap town site.	Mesquite, Parkinsonia, Bellyache Bush, Noogoora Burr
Maitland River Catchment	Karratha Station, Ex Karratha Station (DBCA Conservation estate).	Mesquite, Parkinsonia
Ashburton River Catchment	Minderoo Station, Urala Station, Shire Ashburton Tenure/ Old Onslow area	Mesquite, Parkinsonia
Lower Fortescue River Catchment	Yallen Station, Pannawonica	Mesquite, Parkinsonia
Robe River Catchment	Yarraloola Station	Mesquite, Parkinsonia
Upper Fortescue River Catchment	Roy Hill Station (including Roy Hill Iron Ore Tenure and Roy Hill Station tenure), Fortescue Marsh (proposed National Park/ Conservation Estate)	Parkinsonia
Works still to be completed September- November 2022		
Mardie Station	<i>Mardie station area includes the lower Robe and Fortescue River Catchments</i>	<i>Mesquite, Parkinsonia</i>
Follow-up De Grey River Catchment	<i>Warrawagine Station (including Carawine Pool, Running Waters, Skull Springs), Yarrie Station, Muccan Station, De Grey River rest area, Shay Gap town site</i>	<i>Bellyache Bush, Noogoora Burr</i>

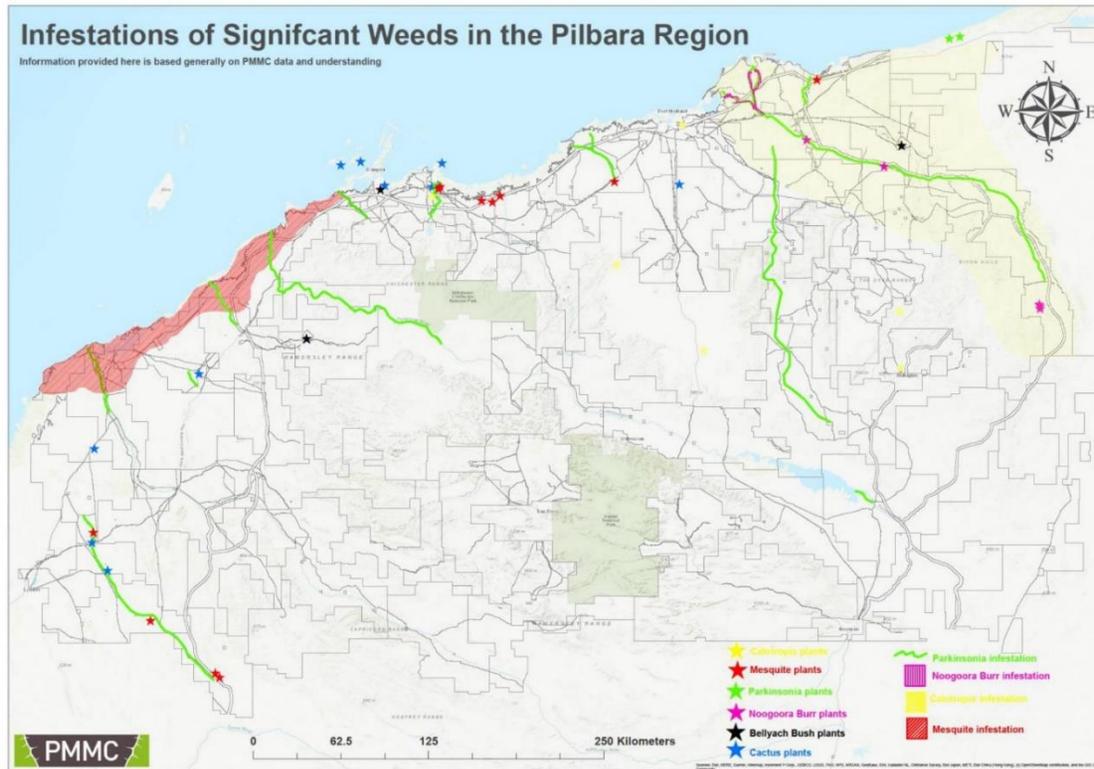


Contact details

The PMMC key contact is Jo Williams, Project Manager Pilbara Mesquite Management Committee. Phone | 0456 000 487 Email | jo@pilbaramesquite.com.au



Appendix A Pilbara significant weed infestations



Wild Dog Control

Due to the security of funding through the Declared Pest Account prior to the annual aerial baiting being undertaken (September each year) the PRBG committee had to make the hard decision to cancel this program during the 2021/22 year. As such the PRBG played a supportive role in assisting landholders in wild dog control, along with securing some supplies to be utilised in 2022/23. Our activities and expenditure included:

- Securing of bait meat for future control programs; and
- Providing chemicals to pastoral lease holder to undertake control themselves.

Wild dogs continue to be an issue in the region and have the biggest impact on pastoral businesses and other people operating across this vast landscape.

The PRBG relies heavily on pastoral lease holders playing active roles in the management of declared pests and plants on their own stations. The group continues to rely on its members and key stake holders to participate in preparing wild dog meat control.

Pastoralists within the PRBG continue to contribute more than through the payment of their declared pest rates with landholders in the region providing meat for baits, making/distributing baits on their properties, undertaking other controls, paying bounties for control of wild dogs on their properties and even contracting LPMTs privately to undertake additional controls.

Community Engagement

The PRBG covers a vast region with a large range of stakeholders. During 2021/22 the PRBG committee has:

- Delivered 3 regional updates;
- Held 2 face to face meetings, including an AGM and multiple online meetings;
- Annual landholder survey; and
- 1 newsletter.

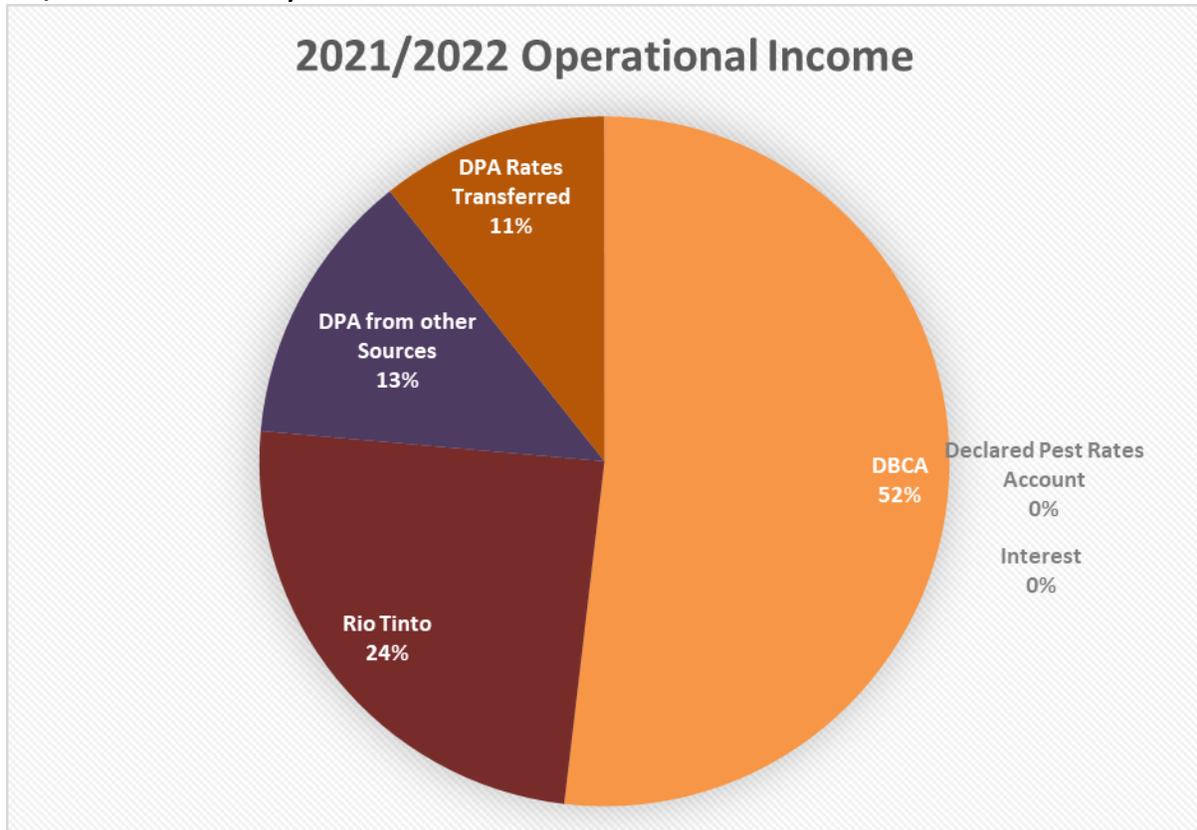
Partnership Summary

The PRBG continues to work with DBCA Pilbara to control the regions declared pests on their land tenures. The support of our local office has been imperative the groups success in delivery large feral herbivore control during 2021/22. Without this key partnership, the management of pests across the region would be difficult and have significant impacts on neighbouring pastoral lands.

The PRBG also appreciates the ongoing support the group receives from Rio Tinto annually for the control of Large Feral Herbivores across the West Pilbara.

These partnerships are key to continue to support the Pilbara regional as a whole and ensure that the burden of declared pests isn't held only by pastoral leaseholders.

2021/22 Financial Summary

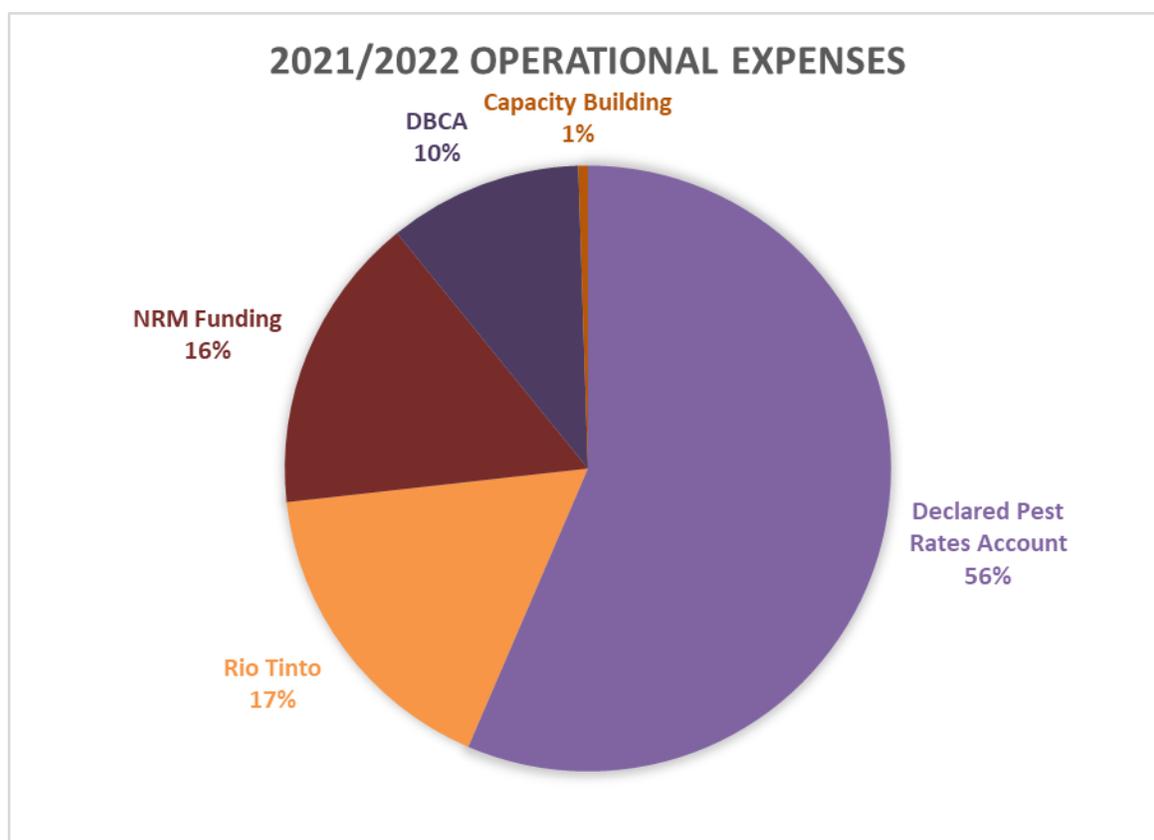


2021/2022 Operational Income (excluding GST):

Declared Pest Rates Account #	\$	-
DBCA	\$	105,674.96
Rio Tinto	\$	50,000.00
DPA from other Sources	\$	26,303.20
DPA Rates Transferred	\$	21,729.40
Interest	\$	38.79
Total Operating Income	\$	203,746.35

Due to decreased operations in 21/22 and available cash at bank, PRBG did not draw down on funds available in our Declared Pest Account. These will be available in future years to assist in PRBG operations.

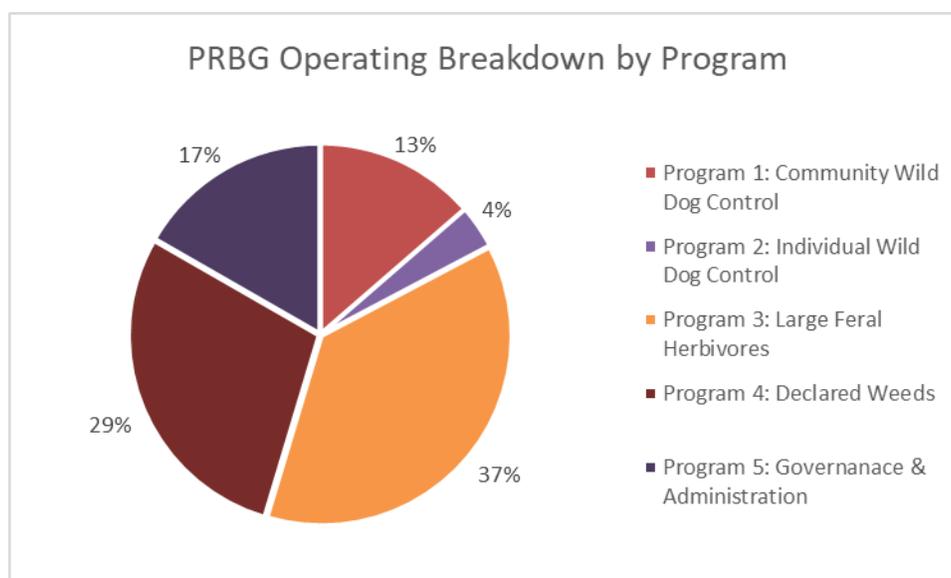
Closing balance of our Declared Pest Account as at 30 June 2022 is \$266,168



2021/2022 Operating Expenses (excluding GST):

Declared Pest Rates Account	\$	177,184.16
Rio Tinto	\$	52,629.74
NRM Funding	\$	50,000.00
DBCA	\$	32,431.78
Capacity Building	\$	1,592.91
Total Operating Expenses	\$	313,838.59
Deficit for 2021/2022 *	-\$	110,092.24

* PRBG relied heavily on available carryover funds to carry out operations during the year due to impacts of VEN on DPR.



56.45% of expenses during 2021/22 have been funded outside of the groups DPA.

TOTAL PRBG Operating Expenses (excluding GST):			%
Program 1: Community Wild Dog Control	\$	42,736.09	13.62%
Program 2: Individual Wild Dog Control	\$	11,461.80	3.65%
Program 3: Large Feral Herbivores	\$	117,237.74	37.36%
Program 4: Declared Weeds	\$	90,000.00	28.68%
Program 5: Governance & Administration	\$	52,402.96	16.70%
Total Operating Expenses	\$	313,838.59	100.00%

DPA Operating Expenses (excluding GST):			%
Program 1: Community Wild Dog Control	\$	42,736.09	24.12%
Program 2: Individual Wild Dog Control	\$	11,461.80	6.47%
Program 3: Large Feral Herbivores	\$	32,176.22	18.16%
Program 4: Declared Weeds	\$	40,000.00	22.58%
Program 5: Governance & Administration	\$	50,810.05	28.68%
Total Operating Expenses	\$	177,184.16	100.00%

The PRBG committee continues to work within the budget to ensure that the impact of increased governance/administration pressures have a limited impact on the groups on ground operations. A task that gets more difficult each year.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Funding in 2021/22 was significantly impacted by pastoral objections to the high increase on Pastoral Land Values (VEN) across the region in 2019, with a large portion of pastoral properties objecting to these before 30th June 2021, after the DPR consultation process for this year had been undertaken. These objections were to the VEN and not directly to the DPR. New valuations were backdated and have had a massive impact on the operating budget for the PRBG not only for the 2021/22 year but also already spent funds in the 2020/21 year.

5. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC

ABN 60 056 460 680

Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2022

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Statement by Members of the Committee

For the year ended 30 June 2022

In the opinion of the Committee the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) that the financial records kept by the association are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the 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 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.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The committee of the association is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the association's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Western Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

Signed on 23 November, 2022:



Kevin Cassidy, Institute of Public Accountants
Westwood Accountants
Geraldton

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ABN 60 056 460 680
Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash assets		463,161
Current tax assets		8,740
Total Current Assets		471,901
Total Assets		471,901
Net Assets		471,901
Equity		
Reserves		581,993
Surplus / (Deficit)		(110,092)
Total Members' Funds		471,901

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC

ABN 60 056 460 680

Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022
	\$
Income	
DPIRD - DPA rates trans from other RBG	21,729
DIRD - DPA - Other	26,303
DBCA - Fortescue Marsh	35,675
DBCA Wid Dog Program 220.01	10,000
DBCA - LFH Program 220.02	60,000
Rio Tinto	50,000
Interest received	39
Total income	<u>203,746</u>
Expenses	
DPA Program 1 : Community Wild Dog Cont.	
- DPA-CWD - Bait Meat	42,410
- DPA-CWD - Repairs & Maintenance	326
	<u>42,736</u>
DPA Program 2 : Individual Wild Dog Cont	
- DPA-IWC - 1080 oats	450
- DPA-IWC - Safety Supplies	5,250
- DPA-IWC DPR Transfer	5,762
	<u>11,462</u>
DPA Program 3 : Large Feral Herbivores	
- DPA-LFH - Helicopter	25,268
- DPA-LFH - Other	280
- DPA-LFH - AvGas	6,628
	<u>32,176</u>
DPA Program 4 : Declared Weeds	
- DPA-PMMC Consumables	10,000
- DPA-PMMC Operations	30,000
	<u>40,000</u>
DPA Program 5 : Governance & Admin	
- DPA - Insurance	2,946
- DPA - Accounting fees	2,859
- DPA - Executive Officer Recruitment	770
- DPA - Accountancy XERO	615

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PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC
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Income and Expenditure Statement
 For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$
- DPA - Members Accommodation & Travel	160
- DPA - Community Engagement	349
- DPA - Website	359
- DPA - Meetings & catering	906
- DPA - Executive Officer Travel & Office	4,205
- DPA - Executive Officer	37,641
	50,810
DBCA	
- DBCA - Fortescue Marsh	32,432
	32,432
Other Funding Sources	
- Rio Tinto Expenses	52,630
- NRM Funds Outgoing	50,000
- Capacity Building	1,593
	104,223
Total expenses	313,839
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Surplus / (Deficit)	(110,092)

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PILBARA REGIONAL BIOSECURITY GROUP INC

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Reconciliations

SUMMARY FOR AUDIT

DPA Opening Funds 1 July 2022	\$407,126.59
DPA Income	\$ 48,032.60
Total Available DPA	\$454,159.19
Less DPA expenses 2021/2022	\$177,184.16
Remaining DPA 30 June 2022	\$276,975.03
Q1 2022/23 Committed	\$235,000.00
Committed Funds	\$ 21,729.40
Uncommitted	\$ 20,245.63
State Grants	\$176,018.00
Grant Funds	\$ 24,768.64
General Funds	\$211,089.73
	\$488,064.76
DPA Income	\$ 48,032.60
DPA Opening Balance	\$406,126.59
	\$454,159.19
Program 1	\$42,736.09
Program 2	\$11,461.80
Program 3	\$31,176.22
Program 4	\$40,000.00
Program 5	\$50,810.05
	\$177,184.16
DPA Closing Balance 21/22	\$276,975.03
Q1 2022/2023 Committed	\$235,000.00
Committed Funds	\$ 21,729.40
Uncommitted	\$ 20,245.63