



**Leschenault**  
BIOSECURITY GROUP INC.

YOUR LAND  
YOUR FUTURE

# ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022





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# 1. OUR VALUES

## COURAGE

We understand that doing what is right is not always what is easy, and that to achieve something new, we must be willing to do what we have never done before.

## RESPECT

We treat everyone with dignity and fairness. We recognise contribution and value diversity.

## EMPATHY

We extend ourselves to understand other people's perspectives. We communicate and act in a respectful way that makes sense to others.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

We are individually accountable and collectively responsible. Our actions are transparent and open to scrutiny, and we will uphold our values with honesty and integrity.

# 2. ABOUT US

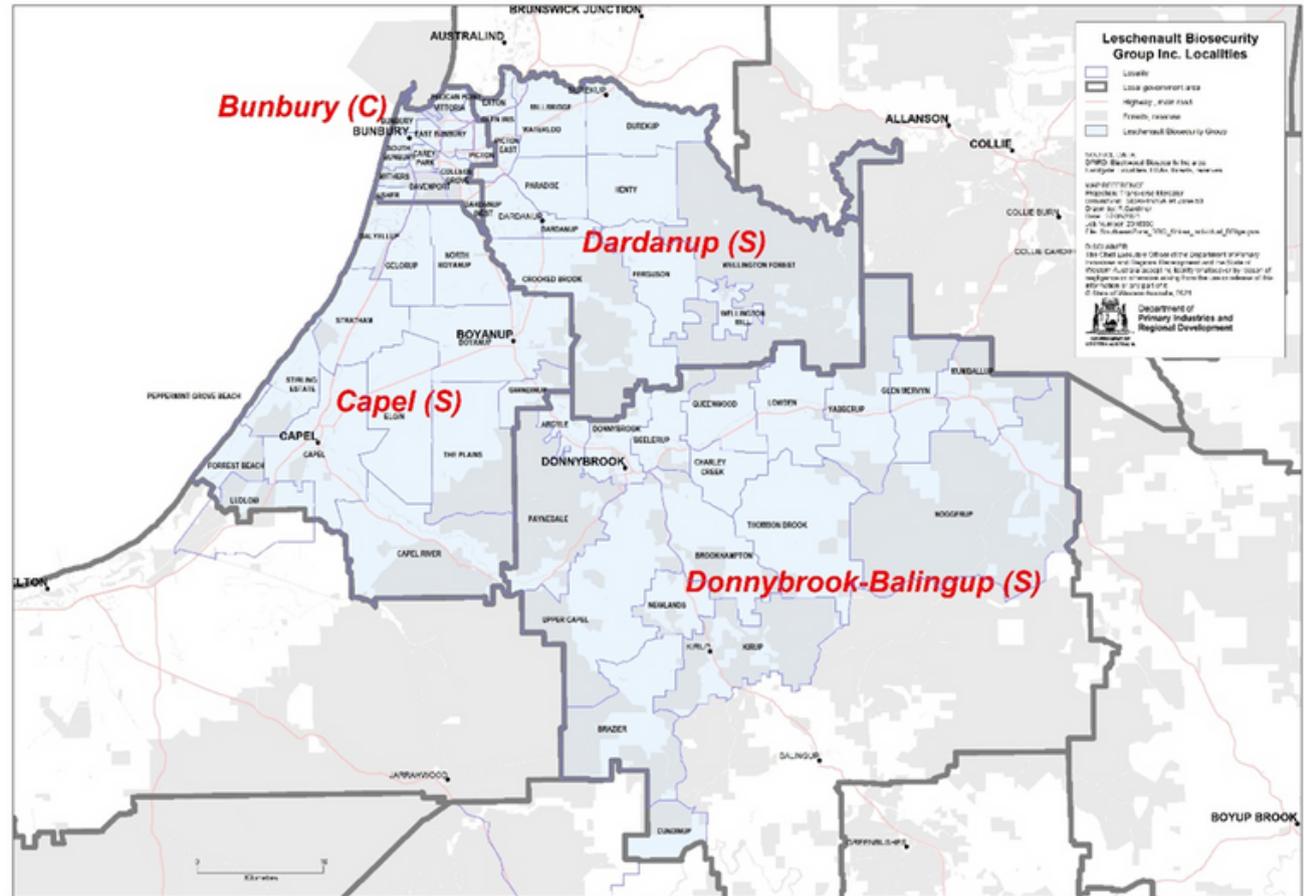
The Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) was formed in 2014 as a not-for-profit group by landowners who shared mutual concerns around the increase in animal and weed pests and a lack of action to address these issues.

The LBG became a Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) in 2019. This enabled the group to engage with government and work collaboratively utilising the shared responsibility funding model for declared pest management.

Landowners pay a set annual Declared Pest Rate (DPR) which is matched dollar for dollar by the state government. The LBG responsibilities are determined by the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act WA 2007 (BAM Act) and priorities are determined through landowner consultation. Our work is additionally supported by our colleagues at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

## The LBG Operational Area consists of:

- City of Bunbury
- Shire of Capel
- Shire of Dardanup
- Shire of Donnybrook – Balingup northern localities, including Argyle, Beelerup, Brazier, Brookhampton, Charley Creek, Donnybrook, Glen Mervyn, Kirup, Lowden, Mumballup, Newlands, Noggerup, Paynedale, Queenwood, Thomson Brook, Upper Capel and Yabberup



LBG Operational Area

# 3. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

I would like to take this opportunity to share with all those in the LBG operational area, that 2021-2022 has been a very successful year for our team and their efforts in pest and weed management. We have seen a return to more normal operations and with that the LBG has continued to expand its efforts to meet stakeholders' needs.

This year has seen a strategic shift in our responsibilities with cooperative activities engaged with various state regulatory and industry bodies to ensure that our programs best serve the region for both private and public lands. It is this collaboration that will ensure that pest control is a community driven process and that our collective impact will be maximised.

During the year we have seen the introduction of the WHS Act, and with it has come greater requirements to ensure a Duty of Care to our people and community. We have also been heavily involved in the development of strategies to improve our services through public consultation and liaison with state authorities.

This area of governance will continue to be a focus during the current BAM Act Review, where LBG is playing a significant role of contribution, both in the area of seeking greater public funding to support the good work already in place through private DPR contributions, and also in defining the requirements of shared responsibility. We are also actively working with state departments and leasehold managers to ensure pest and weed management on public lands minimises impact on adjacent properties.

2021-2022 has also seen our collaborative programs with adjacent RBGs expand and allow for a more regional approach to biosecurity, which enhances successful outcomes, despite ongoing and new pest threats that continue to emerge.

There is always an opportunity to do more, and I would like to extend an invitation to anyone thinking about biosecurity and/or governance, to consider how you can help and join one of our working groups or the Board, to assist in making a positive contribution. I wish to extend my gratitude to our current Board for their efforts and in particular to our retiring Treasurer, Sherry Thomas for her passionate and thorough contributions over the last 3 years. I also wish to extend our thanks to retiring Board Member Peter Bass after many decades of service to the industry.

On this note, the Board wishes to extend their gratitude to our operational team, and the community as a whole, to remain vigilant and committed to ensuring we all play our part in maintaining the biosecurity of our state.

Morrie Goodz, Chair, Leschenault Biosecurity Group



*Morrie Goodz, Leschenault Biosecurity Group,  
Board of Directors Chair*

# 4. OUR BOARD



*pictured left to right: Morrie Goodz, Sarah Forrest, Scott Bartholomew, Sherry Thomas, Alexis Davy, Terry Mondy (Expert Member) and Peter Bass*

LBG is led by a skills-based board of volunteer members representing the community who provide a diverse range of knowledge and experience for guidance and support of the group for our operations to address biosecurity issues affecting the environment, industry, agriculture and lifestyle across our operational area.

As primary landholders within our operational area, our board members bring their both knowledge from their individual areas of expertise, as well as local insights, providing valuable, timely and locally relevant guidance and oversight to our group.

## **Leschenault Biosecurity Group Board members as confirmed December 2021:**

<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>ROLE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
• Morrie Goodz	Chairperson	Argyle
• Scott Bartholomew	Vice Chairperson	Lowden
• Sherry Thomas	Treasurer	Preston Valley
• Alexis Davy	Secretary	Beelerup
• Sarah Forrest	Member	Lowden
• Peter Bass	Member	Dardanup

# 5. STATEMENT FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Strong communication and commitment to providing timely and targeted pest management control has been the corner stone of the work of the Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) this last year. We are delighted to see a significant increase in the requests for assistance in the “Shared Responsibility Model of Pest Management”. This is the result of increased awareness of the importance of collective pest management and the difference we can all make in the preservation and protection of our unique area.

This year we have increased the resources we have available for loan to our landowners, and this includes, but not limited to:

- 400Litre Herbicide Capacity Quik Spray Unit
- Weed Wiper
- The ever-growing number of surveillance camera’s
- Hand-held and Back-pack Herbicide Spray units
- Trailers for loan to transport equipment
- HOGGONE Feral Pig Control System Bait Boxes
- Fox & Rabbit Traps
- and more

With the support and assistance of DPIRD, we have introduced a robust WHS system into our practice which enables us to focus on safety for our staff and volunteers. This continues to be a significant piece of work which we are implementing across all our operational streams, however, we are committed to safety in our workplace and appreciate the support from DPIRD in the development of this.

Our staff and board have been out and about at many community events throughout the year. This is a great way for us to meet with and engage with our landowners and to raise awareness (not just for rural landowners) about the need for pest management and strategies for control methods.

Our staff have worked tirelessly in both the vertebrate and weed pest space, and we are seeing an enormous commitment from landowners in the management of declared pests. The collaboration between land owners and LBG staff is encouraging and working well. Additionally, the LBG staff are developing positive strategic relationships with the larger land managers such as DBCA and WAPRES etc. This ongoing collaboration will only serve to better manage declared pests across our operational area. We are looking forward to working with even more of you in the coming year.

In closing I would like to acknowledge and thank the board of the LBG. A group of highly skilled volunteers whose commitment to our beautiful and unique region is never ending. The support provided to me as the Executive Officer is appreciated more than you will ever know and the passion for our work is amazing. Thank you for this, you truly do make a difference in our world. To the amazing staff of the LBG, thank you doesn't sound like much for all you do. Know that you are an incredible group who do fabulous things and are very much appreciated.

Ange Pusey, Executive Officer  
Leschenault Biosecurity Group,



*Ange Pusey, Executive Officer  
Leschenault Biosecurity Group,*

# 6. GOVERNANCE

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group is led by a board of management (board) comprised of volunteer members representing the community.**

The board members provide a diverse range of knowledge and experience for guidance and support of the group's operations to address biosecurity issues affecting the environment, industry, agriculture, and lifestyle across our operational area.

The board provides governance through established policies, procedures and oversight to ensure:

1. Robust Planning & Design
2. Probity and transparency
3. Collaboration and partnership
4. Outcomes orientation
5. Achieving value for money
6. Governance and accountability (including management
7. Evaluation and improvement
8. Proportionality

***The LBG board responsibilities include:***

- providing overall direction for the group toward fostering efficiency with best use of skills, funds and capacity for operations within the guidelines of Recognised Biosecurity Groups' areas of responsibility, promoting and facilitating a coordinated approach for declared pest control within the LBG operational area
- establishing and maintaining a sound and relevant policy-based governance system, ensuring that the organisation meets legal requirements with policies, operational procedures and best practices guidance
- ensuring sound financial management and oversight for accountability for assets and use of funds
- on-going monitoring operations and priorities through regular communications with the group's Executive Officer, providing support and guidance, as applicable, to best support community and individual landholder declared pest management needs and related initiatives



# 6. GOVERNANCE - continued

## Responsible Stewardship of Declared Pest Rate Funding

Our governance provides for policies and procedures to ensure:

1. Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and related state-matching funds are used to address an identified pest management need within the group's operational area
2. LBG has the capacity to and capability to manage these received funds
3. The group has an acquittal process in line with the value of these funds
4. Evidence of stakeholder engagement and consultation
5. Evidence that the funds have achieved the desired outcome

## Governance Initiatives in the 2021-2022 Financial Year included:

- Monthly Board Meetings
- Membership on the Recognised Biosecurity Group Advisory Panel
- Participation in Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act Reviews
- Governance-related Training Implementation for Board and Staff Members

## Governance-related Training in the 2021-2022 Financial Year for our board and team members included:

- Governance Training with LinkWEST
- Stakeholder Communications Training with LinkWEST
- Work Health & Safety Training with Process Worx
- CHEMCert Training
- Restricted Pesticide Training (1080 and other relevant pesticides)
- Calicivirus RHDV1 Training
- Green Card Training for Management of Dieback and other as applicable
- Resource Maximisation Training
- CSIRO Biological Control Training

# 6. GOVERNANCE - continued

## Leschenault Biosecurity Group Strategic Plan 2020-2023

We continue to operate under guidance from the Leschenault Biosecurity Group Strategic Plan 2020-2023, which was adopted by the LBG Board in March 2020. This plan identifies the organisation's purpose as to coordinate, educate, facilitate and collaborate. It highlights LBG's values of courage, respect, empathy and accountability. The Executive Officer provides for direction and resources for effective development and implementation of strategic initiatives that support the five areas of focus for the group's actions as outlined in the Strategic plan, including to:

1. Support landowners/managers to uphold their responsibilities to minimise the impact of pests
2. Develop larger scale projects to assist in the ongoing management of pests
3. Work tirelessly to ensure our stakeholders have access to contemporary, evidence-based methods to manage pests
4. Share relevant and timely information to our stakeholders
5. Maintain systems to keep our landowners/managers abreast of new incursions



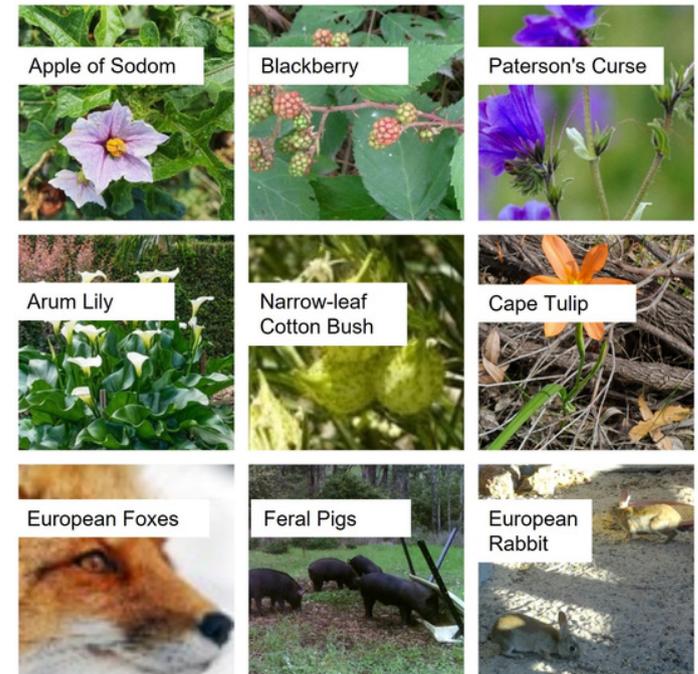
## Leschenault Biosecurity Group -2021-2022 Operational Plan

The aims of the LBG 2021-2022 Operational Plan, as approved by DPIRD in December 2021, were to:

- engage with a broader range of our community and stakeholders
- reduce the severity and occurrences of our focus declared pests across the LBG Operational Area

### Declared Pests Focus for 2021-2022

Our 2020-2021 Operational Plan outlined focus for nine priority declared pests for our operational area as presented here.



# 6. GOVERNANCE - continued

## Proposed Declared Pests Program Activities and Proposed Budget

Our 2021-2022 Operational Plan activities as presented in the table below. This plan was approved with the contingency that activities could be altered based on community feedback and the needs of the community throughout the operational year

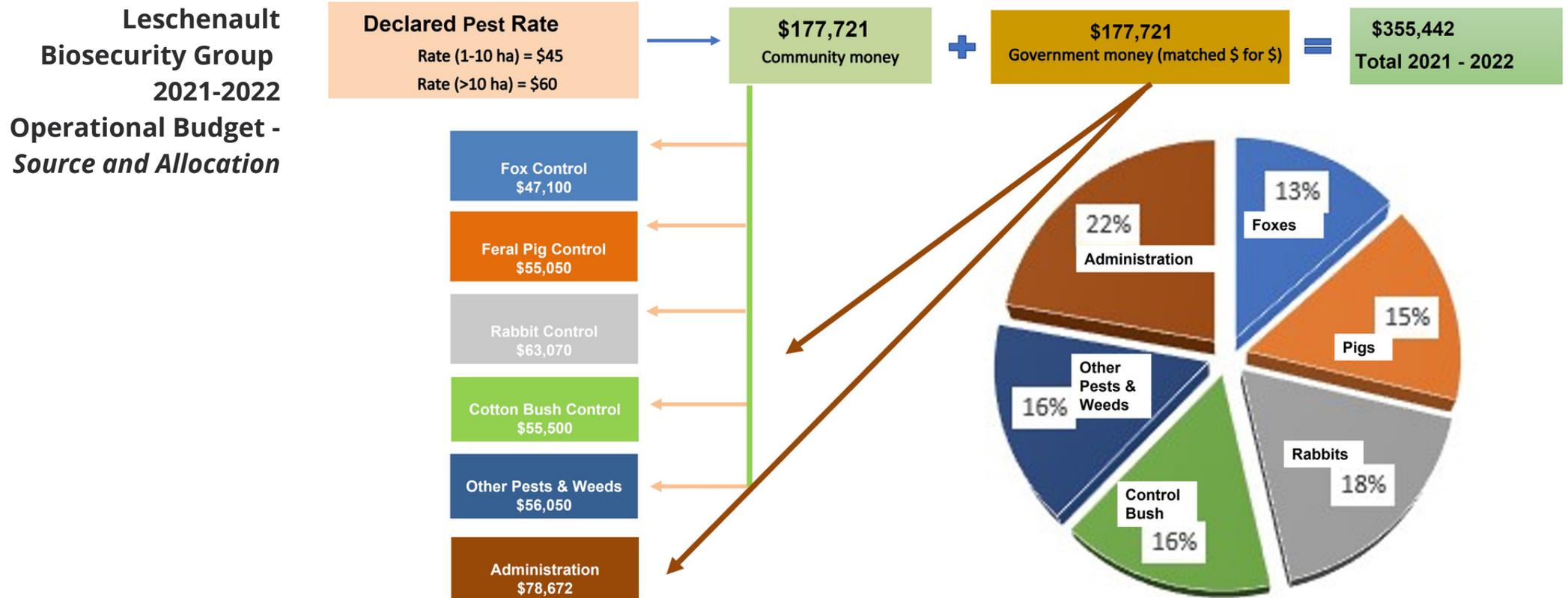
Planned Pest Programs 2021 – 2022			
PEST PROGRAM	ACTIONS	INPUT	MEASUREMENT
Apple of Sodom	Pest Management advice and assistance to purchase necessary herbicide	- LBG Staff - LBG Equipment and Resources Feedback Forms	Number of participants Feedback from participants
Arum Lily	Arum Lily Control Project	- LBG Staff - LBG Contractor - Herbicide and additives	Participation and Feedback Educate stakeholders Collaborative response
Blackberry	Blackberry Control Project	- LBG Staff - LBG Contractor - Herbicide and additives	Participation and Feedback Continual and increased effort in the control blackberry
Feral Pigs	Feral Pig Control Research and Development	- LBG Staff - Purchase of baits and HOGGONE bait boxes	Participation and Feedback Reduction in Feral Pig Activity Number of Participants
Rabbits	K5 (or new strain if applicable) release	- LBG Staff - LBG Contractor - Virus - Oats - Community Workshops	Participation and Feedback Decrease in rabbits
All priority declared pests	Community Training/ Education Workshops	- LBG Staff - Community Workshops	Number of participants Current and relevant information gathered
	Community Action Group Assistance	- LBG Staff - LBG Equipment	Participation
	Develop Online resources/training	- LBG Staff - Camera - Editing software	Website Statistics Feedback from stakeholders
All Weeds	Integrated Weed Management Plan Preparation	- LBG Staff - GPS/Mapping device and software	Participation and Feedback Reduction weeds Ongoing efforts from stakeholders

# 6. GOVERNANCE - continued

## Leschenault Biosecurity Group's Proposed 2021-2022 Operational Budget

Sources and allocation of the group's proposed budget was submitted to DPIRD within the Leschenault Biosecurity's 2021-2022 operational plan. This budget was approved for the purposes of control of declared pests on land in the Local Government Areas of Bunbury, Capel, Dardanup and the northern half of Donnybrook-Balingup

As with the proposed activities for the 2021-2022 period is presented on the previous page, this budget use was permitted to be altered based on actual Declared Pest Account raised through payment of the Declared Pest Rate and matching government funding, community feedback and the needs of the community throughout the operational year.



# 7. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## FERAL PIG CONTROL - A key focus over 2021-2022

During this Financial Year, we have continued to progress our knowledge of and successes with use of the HOGGONE Feral Pig Control program, adopting this system as our primary tool for feral pig control.

This system uses Sodium Nitrite as a poison to ethically control Feral Pigs which is presented in a species-selected bait box, heavily reducing potential off-target poisoning to other fauna. Additionally, use of this system does not require licences or registered training for landholders to use on their property.

The group has found it to be a highly effective and cost-efficient method of feral pig control. To quote one participating landholder, "It's very difficult to have any method that gets all of the pigs on your property in one go; a rare event. The beauty of this system is that once you get them to eat from these boxes, it's 100% effective for all of them."



*Images captured on our surveillance cameras help inform our action throughout our HOGGONE Feral Pig Control system process*

### Focused Promotion of the Importance of Feral Pig Control and Our Related Program

With our program gaining much exposure at the end of the 2020-2021 FY, we received much positive interest and increased reach out to us for assistance with feral pig control. We were asked by landholders both within and outside our operational area for assistance with this program, as well as queries from other organisations. Articles about LBG's Feral Pig Control program were featured in:

- WALGA Environmental News (April 2021)
- ABC News Online and Radio (May 2021)
- Farm Weekly (June 2021)
- Bushland News (September 2021)

We also promoted this program and the importance of feral pig control and reporting of suspected feral pig activity via our newsletters, social media and at community event stalls.

# 7. Key Achievements - Feral Pig Control Successes

## Collaborative Landholder Participation in Feral Pig Control

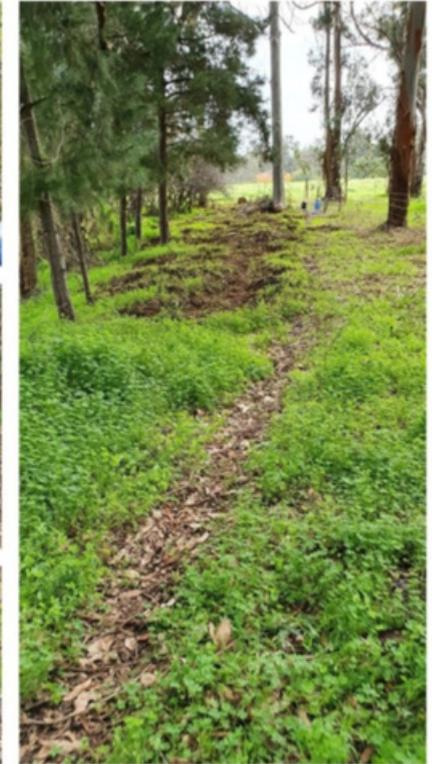
In the 2021-2022 Financial Year we worked with landholders in our operational area for feral pig control successes on their properties in:

- Argyle
- Burekup
- Henty
- Kirup
- Queenwood
- Wellington Mills

## Our HOGGONE Feral Pig Control System Process

LBG sets up surveillance camera to verify and quantify suspected feral pig activity. Contingent upon images captured on the camera, working closely with the landholder, LBG will set-up one or more HOGGONE boxes, placing oats alongside the boxes and monitor. Once the pigs 'discover' the feeding site, our cameras confirm that they typically visit the site every night; our cameras have captured pigs occasionally returning to the feeding site several times throughout the evening and night. After a few days of successfully attracting pigs to the feeding location, the pre-feed is cleaned up off the ground and new pre-feed is placed into the bait boxes with the lids set fully open.

Pre-feed is placed into the bait boxes each night, with LBG and/or the landholder, gradually closing the lids from fully open to completely closed over several nights. Once our cameras confirm pigs opening the box lids and eating the placebo, LBG places bait in the boxes ready for consumption. Our cameras have regularly captured the pigs eating the bait, which then affects the pigs within 1-3 hours after ingestion.



Trail of Feral Pig Activity in Argyle sets stage for LBG set-up of HOGGONE box, "pre-feed" & camera to monitor

# 7. Key Achievements - Rabbit Control Calicivirus Release Program

## Rabbit Control - Wide participation in LBG Calicivirus Releases

### LBG recorded 720 feeding sites were used in our 2021-2022 Calicivirus Release Program

Numerous landholders across our operational area participated in LBG's Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 release program this program from December 2021 through April 2022, resulting in our ability to facilitate Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 (the "K5" strain of the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus) releases in **over 700 feeding sites within localities as presented below.**

- Argyle
- Boyanup
- Brookhampton
- Bunbury
- Burekup
- Capel
- Crooked Brook
- Dardanup
- Donnybrook
- Elgin
- Ferguson
- Gelorup
- Glen Mervyn
- Gwindinup
- Henty
- Irishtown
- Kirup
- Lowden
- Mullalyup
- Mumballup
- Noggerup
- Newlands
- North Ludlow
- Paradise
- Paynedale
- Peppermint Beach
- Queenwood
- Stratham
- Thomas Brook
- Waterloo
- Yabberup



*Key to success of our Calicivirus Release Program is landholder participation in the "pre-feed" phase.*

*Participants are encouraged to attend an LBG workshop about the program..*

### The group promotes and support on-going rabbit control efforts

LBG promotes on-going rabbit control through an integrated use of a combination of control tools and strategies, such as strategic fencing, tree protection and harbourage reduction, including, cleaning rubble and wood piles, as well as destruction of burrows and warrens in addition to participation in our Calicivirus Release program.

Throughout the year, LBG provided landholders with property-specific rabbit control advice, loan of surveillance cameras, traps and smokers for investigations of warrens and burrows and related guidance.

# 7. Key Achievements - Rabbit Control Calicivirus Release Program

## Persistence & Integrated Approach of a Combination of Tools & Strategies

LBG promotes and support on-going rabbit control efforts. The group advocates on-going rabbit control through an integrated use of a combination of control tools and strategies, such as strategic fencing, tree protection and harbourage reduction, including, cleaning rubble and wood piles, as well as destruction of burrows and warrens in addition to participation in our Calicivirus Release program.

Throughout the year, LBG has provided landholders with property-specific rabbit control advice, loan of surveillance cameras, traps and smokers for investigations of warrens and burrows and related guidance.



*LBG team members perform site visits to offer guidance on property-specific strategies to help optimise rabbit control.*

## Rabbits Control Initiatives for Non-Ratepayers in FY 2020-2021

LBG has assisted the Shire Capel, the Shire of Manjimup and a group of neighbours from the Dunsborough-Yallingup area, to provide for Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 ("K5") releases in areas in which either properties within our operational area do not meet the size criteria to be rated for the Declared Pest Rate or in areas outside of any recognised biosecurity group's operational area.

The Shire of Capel contracted LBG services, once again this year, to coordinate and conduct "K5" releases for the community of Peppermint Grove Beach, which is comprised of smaller, properties. To address significant rabbit infestations, LBG worked closely alongside community volunteers for multiple releases in this area.

The Shire of Manjimup reached out to LBG this year for assistance with acquisition of an adequate supply of the "K5" virus for targeted releases within their communities; this was in follow-up to training and coordination for "K5" releases provided to the Shire through contracted services the previous year. Likewise, a group of neighbours in the Dunsborough Yallingup area, once again returned to LBG this year for "K5" release program acquiring enough of the virus for targeted releases within their communities. LBG ensured that required training was completed by those coordinating and conducting the releases.

# 7. Key Achievements - Weeds Management Assistance

## Weeds Identification, Control Support & Management Plans

Throughout this past financial year, LBG provided a broad range of weeds management support to landholders across our operational area, from identification and control guidance to site visits and on-ground control support.

### LBG's 2021-2022 Weeds Management Support Program included:

- Promoting impact of priority declared weeds via our newsletters, social media and at community events
- Promoting importance of reporting sightings for purposes of mapping infestations, helping to identify priorities, potential emerging threats, and hopefully to help provide a measure of effectiveness of control programs
- Site visits to validate reported sightings - *LBG responded to 153 community weeds reports* with validation and identification of species, offering control guidance where applicable
- Development of Property-specific Integrated Weeds Management Plans:
  - Resulting from an LBG conducted site visit, performing a survey of weeds on property in conjunction with landholder, then development of a written plan for the landholder, providing identification of priority weeds and best practice guidance and schedules for effective control efforts
- Weeds Identification and Advice Workshops
- Support for the South West Collaborative Blackberry Scheme
  - Promoted this program to landholders within our operational area
  - Recommended candidate properties to the Leschenault Catchment Council for this Program
  - Presented as speakers at program workshops
  - Provided loan of spray equipment for use on participating properties
- Bridal Creeper Rust Program - provided bridal creeper rust to landholders, including at "pop-up" workshops
- Cotton bush compliance support
  - validation of reported sightings and follow-up with corresponding property owners where applicable
  - offer of support for controls, including arranging for contractors
  - issuing of compliance notifications and reporting to DPIRD, where applicable
- Acquisition of Quik Spray Chemical Unit providing landholders with access to equipment for use on large and hard to reach infestations
- Acquisition of Weed Wiper to provide tool to treat weeds, such as Cape Tulip and Paterson's Curse, while maintaining health of underlying pasture
- Acquisition of additional hand-held & backpack herbicide spray units and tree poppers
- Loan of Weeds Management Equipment and Tools



*LBG provided site assessments and loan of equipment in support of the the South West Collaborative Blackberry Scheme*

# 7. Key Achievements - Weeds Management Assistance

## Weeds Identification, Control Support & Management Plans



Left to right: weed investigation, weed wiper in use, blackberry spraying, collected cotton bush pods, cotton bush plants, mapped weeds pest reports

# 7. Key Achievements - Increased Equipment & Tools for Landholders

## Significant Investment in Additional Resources for Landholders' Use

In 2020-2021, LBG made significant investment in growing our inventory of pest management equipment and tools available for loan to landholders, including purchase of significant weed management equipment, providing ready access to otherwise, often cost-prohibitive control tools for individual landholders. This includes:

### Weeds Management Equipment and Tools purchased this year

- 4m winged, 50L Weed Wiper
- Transport Trailers
- Tree Poppers
- Backpack and hand held Herbicide Spray Units

### Vertebrate Pest Management Tools purchased this year

- Pederick Fox Traps
- Rabbit Traps
- HOGGONE Bait Boxes
- Ground-feeders
- Surveillance Cameras



Some of LBGs pest management tools & equipment available for loan

## 7. Key Achievements - Community Engagement

It is our goal to be an integral and valued resource for communities through positive and collaborative working relationships between all stakeholders within the LBG Operational Area. Our methods for engagement with our stakeholder communities during this time included:

- Providing expert advice from industry professionals through events and publications
- Participating in face-to-face community events, including markets
- Conducting educational and informational workshops, such as multiple Weeds Identification and Advice Workshops and multiple Rabbit Control Information sessions
- Providing expert advice from industry professionals through events and publications
- Online Resources and Advice
- Pest identification guidance and advice
- Social Media Outreach
- Publications in local newspapers and other forums
- Pest reports' validation, mapping and reporting to compliance programs
- Free pest control equipment "hire", such as e.g., fox cage traps and warren smokers
- Coordinated pest control programs, such as K5 rabbit control virus release
- Providing expert advice from industry professionals through events and publications
- Subsidised training and licensing of select pest control methods
- On-ground assistance and pest management advice, including site visits

Highlights of our community engagement activities over the 2020-2021 Financial Year are presented on the following pages in order as follows:

1.COMMUNITY EVENTS  
2.MEDIA

3. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT  
4. WORKSHOPS

# 7. Key Achievements - Community Engagement

## 1. Community Events

Participation in local markets and other community events is an important part of our operational plan, providing valuable direct interaction with community members. These forums provide us and community members the ability to readily discuss priorities and concerns and to share pertinent and timely information. Our presence at events also helps raise awareness of individual and collective responsibilities for effective pest management as well as available guidance and resources.

Some of the events in which LBG was able to participate as a stall holder, this year included:

- Boyanup & Districts Farmers' Market
- Donnybrook Station Markets
- Bull and Barrel Festival
- Captivate Capel



*We use Facebook and Instagram posts to invite community members to visit us at local events.*



*LBG team members at the Boyanup & Districts Farmers' Market*

The following presents a representative summary of our community engagement activities over the 2020-2021 Financial Year in order as follows:

1. COMMUNITY EVENTS
2. MEDIA
3. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
4. WORKSHOPS

# 7. Key Achievements - Community Engagement

## 2. Media

Varied channels of communications play an important role in helping us to share information with our stakeholders. Presented below are some of the media uses that have provided us with valuable engagement opportunities in the 2021-2022 Financial Year.

- Frequent featured articles about various LBG pest control programs in local newspapers, including The Preston Press and The Dardanup Times
- Featured article about LBG's Feral Pig Control Program in the Spring 2021 Issue of the "Bushland News"
- On-air Donnybrook Community Radio discussion about responsibilities, challenges and resources related to declared pest management



*LBG's Executive Officer, Ange Pusey, discussed the importance of declared pest management and related available resources resources available to community members on air with Barry Green of the Donnybrook Community Radio in November 2021*



*LBG continually seeks opportunities to share information with community members through local newspapers as well in more widely distributed publications, such as this article featured in the Spring 2021 issue of the Bushland News, a Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.*

# 7. Key Achievements - Community Engagement



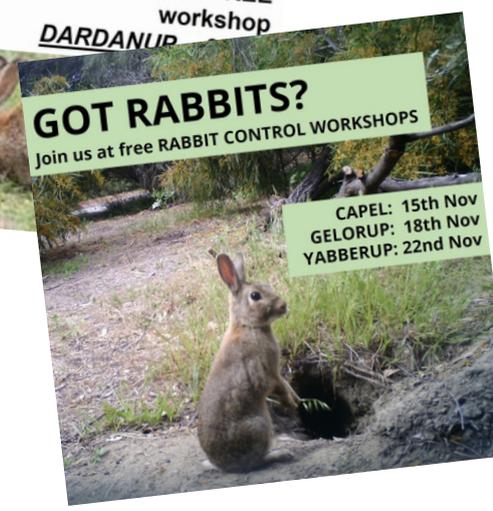
## 3. Stakeholder Engagement

LBG advocates for cross barrier pest management by working with a number of stakeholders. These stakeholders include operational area landholders, local governments, WAPRES, DBCA, FPC, Southern Ports Authority, SSAA and Main Roads towards the common goal of pest management.

## 4. Workshops

LBG conducted several workshops throughout the 2021-2022 Financial Year, including:

- Multiple Rabbit Control Calicivirus Release Program Participation Workshops
- Winter Weeds Identifications & Advice Workshop
- Bridal Creeper Rust "Pop-up" Workshops conducted at Community Markets
- Cotton Bush Control Workshop
- Design Thinking - Co-Design Workshop Focused on What Biosecurity & Pest Management Mean to Community Members
- Blackberry Control & LBG Quik Spray Unit Demonstration In-Field Workshop
- South West Collaborative Blackberry Scheme Workshop Series ( LBG was one of the presenters at Blackberry Scheme workshops)



# 8. FUTURE PLANS

## Our Strategic Plan 2020-2023 Continues to Guide Our Focus

### KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

LBG will continue to use our current Strategic Plan to provide direction for our key areas of focus, including:

- **SUPPORT LANDHOLDERS**

We will support landholders and land managers to meet their responsibilities to minimise the impact of pests

- **SEEK OPPORTUNITIES FOR LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS ACROSS TENURE**

We will seek opportunities to develop and implement larger-scale projects to assist in the on-going management of pests across our operational area

- **REMAIN AWARE OF CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO PEST MANAGEMENT**

We will work to ensure that our stakeholders have access to contemporary, evidence-based methods to manage pests

- **SHARE RELEVANT AND TIMELY INFORMATION**

We will strive to effectively share relevant and timely information with our stakeholders

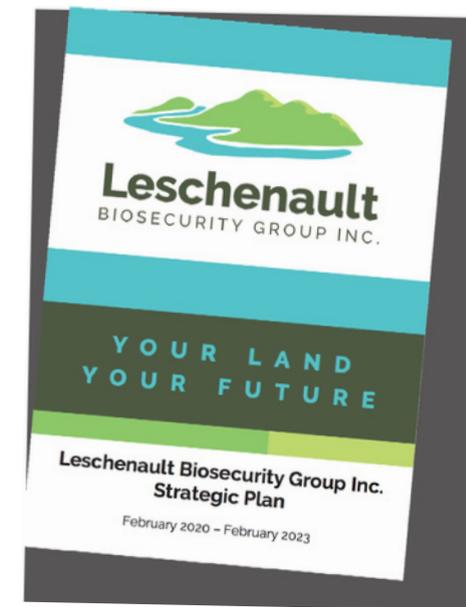
- **UTILISE ACCESSIBLE, EFFECTIVE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION FOR BIOSECURITY ALERTS**

Maintain systems to keep landholders and land managers aware of emerging or new pest threats to our area

### 2022-2023 PRIORITY INITIATIVES

In 2022-2022, Leschenault Biosecurity Group will address each of the above areas, guided by strategic direction and supported by the following initiatives.

- Stakeholder Communications
- Projects
- Stand-alone Workshops & Information Exhibits at Community Events
- Research and Development



*Our Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023 provides direction for our key areas of focus.*

# 8. FUTURE PLANS - continued

## Stakeholder Communications

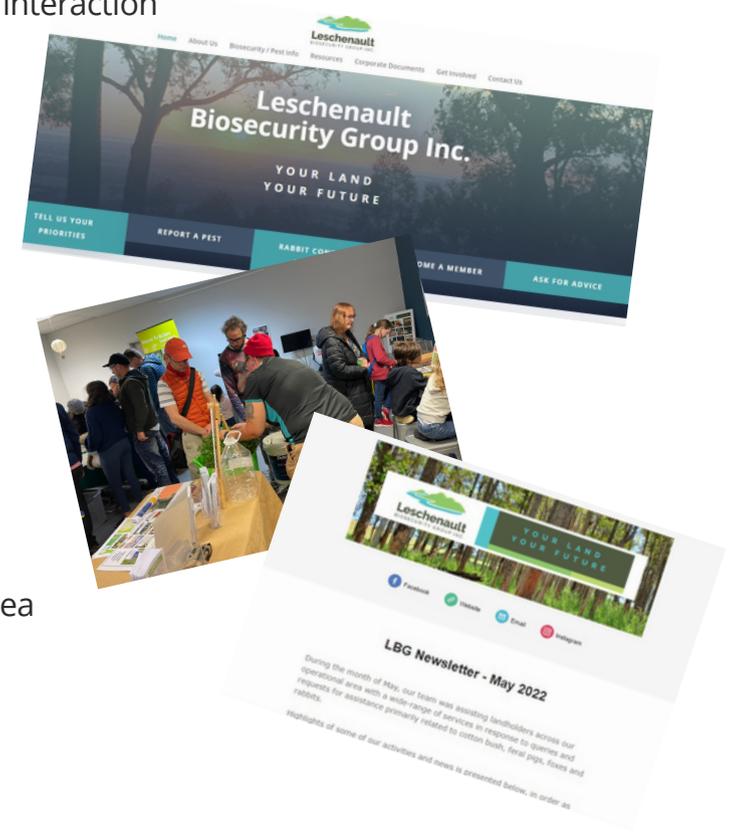
LBG strives to maintain accessible, timely, pertinent and transparent communications with our stakeholders. Facilitating and achieving meaningful stakeholder engagement is an essential component of our operational plan. LBG will strive to provide effective engagement to promote development of positive and collaborative working relationships between stakeholders for effective pest management across our operational area. Stakeholder engagement is embedded in the group's daily activities through various methods of interaction to best reach diverse stakeholders.

Methods of stakeholder engagement include:

- Team accessibility to stakeholders by phone, e-mail and in person
- Monthly electronic newsletter
- Participation at community events with information stalls
- Educational and informative demonstrations and workshops
- Online resources and social media outreach

**Projects** - Some of our planned pest management initiatives include:

- Rabbit Control Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program
- HOGGONE Feral Pig Control Program
- Promotion of Expanded Cape Tulip & Paterson's Curse Control Efforts Within Operational Area
- Pursuit of grants for Community-requested Arum Lily Control efforts with State Forest
- Awareness Campaign for Emerging Weed Threats to Our Area, Cleavers and Pokeweed



# 8. FUTURE PLANS - continued

## Stand-alone Workshops and Information Exhibits at Community Events

Community workshops will be focused on priority pest management needs with topics, locations and formats to be guided by and flexible to feedback from our ratepayers. Some of events planned for FY 2022-2023 include:

- “Pop-up” Bridal Creeper Rust Workshops (intending to coincide with other community events)
- Rabbit Control Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program Workshops
- Fox Behaviour & Control and 1080 Baiting Guidance Workshop
- Weeds Identification and Advice Workshop
- Exhibit at Inaugural South West Science Fair

## Research and Development

- Applying research methodology established by the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development (DPIRD) and other Recognised Biosecurity Groups using radio-collaring for tracking feral pig movements
- Investigation of alternate and integrated feral pig management techniques and processes, including remote feeding surveillance and trapping programs
- Trial automatic feeders toward optimising use of HOGGONE and other feral pig control methods to better to provide for feral pig control on absentee landholder properties or where areas of pig activities on a given property are not easily accessible



# 9. TREASURER'S REPORT

## Annual Treasurer's Report for FY 2021-2022

Our separate Profit and Loss statements reflect our 2 income streams being the Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and Independent Income. Declared Pest Rate Business relates to all our major projects specifically for Declared Pests as is required by DPIRD under the RBG legislation. LBG also has done a number of projects for non-ratepayers (shires, etc) or non declared pests which come under our Independent Business.

### Declared Pest Rate Business

Our Declared Pest Rate total income (including matched by state govt) for 2021/2022 was \$407,717. This included funds received following a 'Variation' request for a weed wiper appliance, trailer, training and use program (\$23,500); weed programs for pokeweed (\$5k) and cleavers (\$7k) which have recently established in our area; \$9,250 for governance purposes; plus \$30,000 for July budget cover (liability recorded as 'Unspent declared pest account') because payment of the first instalment of funding for a financial year is not received from DPIRD until August. The \$30k July budget cover ('Unspent declared pest account') will be transferred to a separate (interest bearing) account each year once the first DPIRD instalment is received, to be available for use next and subsequent July's.

Due to the Variation funds not being received until 8th June and therefore not fully expended by EOFY, we have a carry-over from that funding of \$31,410 which is in a Restricted Reserve for use in the 2022/2023 financial year for the purposes already outlined. This carry-over meant we had a surplus of \$30,331 as at 30th June 2022, giving us an actual deficit for the year of \$1079.

LBG had a substantial cash balance in our DPIRD Declared Pest Rate account and it was decided by the board to make a 'Variation' claim for \$74,750 of those funds as noted above. A Variation is a request by an RBG to DPIRD for funds over and above the already agreed and Minister approved Operational Plan funding for a year, and is financed by the existing extra funds in that RBG's account. A Variation also must be approved by the Minister for Regional Development, Agriculture and Food.

Due to the workload for the Chair and Treasurer of LBG, it was agreed that an Honorarium be paid for those Board positions of \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively for 2021/2022.

New mobile phones and an iPad as well as the weed wiper were larger assets purchased in 21/22.

# 9. TREASURER'S REPORT

## Independent Business

In early 2021 LBG were approached to assist Blackwood Biosecurity Inc (BBI) who faced severe challenges due to inadequate management resulting in staff and Management Committee changes. This work was finally completed and handed over to the new BBI EO in December, 2021. BBI have been charged for the time worked and associated costs and this is reflected in the Independent Business P&L. The surplus of \$14,380 was partly from BBI and also from a program LBG undertook for South West Catchment Council, as well as a donation of \$2,000 for non-declared pest programs.

We have been working with Elevate Accounting for the last few years however they recently gave notice to us that their bookkeeper who was doing our work had resigned and they could no longer manage our job. We have now engaged the services of Nomad Accounting who specialise in Not for Profit's and I've no doubt that this will be significantly more beneficial for LBG.

Sherry Thomas

Treasurer, Leschenault Biosecurity Group

# 10. FINANCIAL REPORT

## Audited Financial Report

Our audited Financial Report is presented on the following pages.

# **Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**

ABN 85 311 692 230

**Special Purpose Financial Report - 30 June 2022**

# Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

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### General information

The financial statements cover Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.'s functional and presentation currency.

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. is a not-for-profit incorporated association, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

18302 South Western Highway, Donnybrook WA 6239

A description of the nature of the incorporated association's operations and its principal activities are included in the Management Committee's report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 25 October 2022.

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.  
Management Committees' report  
30 June 2022**

The Management Committee present their report, together with the financial statements, on the incorporated association Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

The LBG Management Committee Members as of the 30 June 2022 were:

Morrie Goodz	Chairperson
Scott Bartholomew	Deputy Chairperson
Sherry Thomas	Treasurer
Peter Bass	Member
Sarah Forrest	Secretary, on maternity leave
Tony Albertson	Member, resigned November 2021
Angela Pusey	Other
Alexis Davy	Acting Secretary
Terry Mondy	Other, appointed 2018

The net surplus/(deficit) of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 amounted to \$ 44,711.

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was to address increasing concerns of vertebrate pests and weed pests in the Leschenault Biosecurity Operational Area. The group was originally formed in 2014 out of growing community concern for declared pests, and their impact on local producers and landholders. LBG works in partnership with government agencies, industry, landholders and other organisations to support a community coordinated approach to managing pests – both animals and plants – at a landscape scale across tenure.

During the period, Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. applied the accounting policies described in Note 1 to these financial statements.

On behalf of the Management Committee



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Morrie Goodz  
Chair

25 October 2022

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.  
Management Committees' declaration  
30 June 2022**

In the Management Committee's opinion:

- the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with Western Australian legislation the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and associated regulations;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the incorporated association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporated association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The operations of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. have been carried out in accordance with its constitution.

On behalf of the Management Committee



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Morrie Goodz  
Chair

25 October 2022

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Independent Income		78,911	66,393
Declared Pest Rate Income		376,307	307,435
Unspent Declared Pest Rate Income**		31,410	-
Donation		2,000	-
Job Keeper Income		-	21,000
Interest Income		170	352
		488,798	395,180
 Total revenue		488,798	395,180
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration		(24,216)	(24,197)
Accounting Fees		(9,151)	(10,933)
Advertising & Promotion		(2,609)	(9,949)
Computer Expenses		(6,109)	(3,347)
Consultancy		(38,792)	(19,145)
Depreciation		(14,396)	(8,651)
Insurance		(1,984)	(6,449)
Low Cost Assets		(1,782)	(496)
Motor Vehicle Expenses		(3,948)	(4,054)
Rent - Amortisation Expense (Lease)	5	(16,325)	(9,300)
Rent - Interest Expense (Lease)		(475)	(501)
Rent Expense		-	(1,140)
Pest Weeds/Animal Supplies		(10,351)	(28,042)
Salaries & Wages		(249,966)	(217,991)
Employee Benefit expenses		946	(14,862)
Superannuation		(24,698)	(20,495)
Sub-contractors Fees		(16,029)	(20,845)
Other expenses		(9,202)	(8,956)
Honorarium Expenses		(15,000)	-
Total expenses		(444,087)	(409,353)
 <b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		44,711	(14,173)
 Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
 <b>Total comprehensive income/ (deficit) for the year*</b>		44,711	(14,173)

\*The total net surplus/(deficit) of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 amounted to \$44,711. This includes the Independent Business surplus of \$14,380 and a surplus for the Declared Pest Rate Business at 30 June 2022 of \$30,331 as detailed in Note 14.

\*\*That surplus for the Declared Pest Rate Business at 30 June 2022 of \$30,331 includes funding received prior to year-end restricted for specific programs expenses in the 30 June 2023 financial year. If this funding of \$31,410 not spent at year-end from the variation was not received, the Declared Pest Rate Business would have a loss of \$1,079 for the year.

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Statement of financial position**  
**As at 30 June 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	236,641	160,478
Trade and other receivables	4	1,550	1,550
Right-of-use assets	5	6,947	16,325
Other		4,606	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>249,744</u>	<u>178,353</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	56,575	56,495
Right-of-use assets	5	-	6,948
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>56,575</u>	<u>63,443</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>306,319</u>	<u>241,796</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable		33,984	10,619
Lease liabilities	7	6,948	16,325
Accrued Expense		11,843	9,407
Provisions	8	7,082	8,905
ATO ICA Liability		17,782	29,101
Superannuation Payable		-	6,522
Declared Pest Rate Income in Advance		30,000	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>107,639</u>	<u>80,879</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities	7	-	6,948
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>6,948</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>107,639</u>	<u>87,827</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>198,680</u>	<u>153,969</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Restricted Reserves	9	31,410	-
Retained surpluses		167,270	153,969
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>198,680</u>	<u>153,969</u>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Statement of changes in equity**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

	<b>Restricted reserves \$</b>	<b>Retained profits \$</b>	<b>Total equity \$</b>
Balance at 1 July 2020	-	168,142	168,142
Deficit for the year	-	(14,173)	(14,173)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive deficit for the year	-	(14,173)	(14,173)
Balance at 30 June 2021	-	153,969	153,969
	<b>Restricted reserves \$</b>	<b>Retained profits \$</b>	<b>Total equity \$</b>
Balance at 1 July 2021	-	153,969	153,969
Surplus for the year	-	44,711	44,711
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	44,711	44,711
Transfer to reserves	31,410	(31,410)	-
Balance at 30 June 2022	31,410	167,270	198,680

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		488,627	402,997
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)		<u>(398,160)</u>	<u>(358,710)</u>
Net cash from operating activities		<u>90,467</u>	<u>44,287</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(14,474)	(43,095)
Interest received		<u>170</u>	<u>352</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(14,304)</u>	<u>(42,743)</u>
Net cash from financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		76,163	1,544
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>160,478</u>	<u>158,934</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	3	<u><u>236,641</u></u>	<u><u>160,478</u></u>

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2022**

**Note 1. Significant accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out either in the respective notes or below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted**

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

**Basis of preparation**

In the Management Committees' opinion, the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Western Australian legislation the Associations Incorporation Act 2015, and associated regulations. The Management Committees have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for profit oriented entities.

***Historical cost convention***

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, where applicable, the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, investment properties, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments.

***Critical accounting estimates***

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the incorporated association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

**Revenue recognition**

The incorporated association recognises revenue as follows:

***Revenue from contracts with customers***

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the incorporated association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the incorporated association: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2022**

**Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

***Sale of goods***

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods, which is generally at the time of delivery.

***Rendering of services***

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

***Interest***

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

***Other revenue***

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

**Income tax**

As the incorporated association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

**Current and non-current classification**

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the incorporated association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

**Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2022**

**Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

**New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted**

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the incorporated association for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2022. The incorporated association has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

**Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

The fair value of assets and liabilities classified as level 3 is determined by the use of valuation models. These include discounted cash flow analysis or the use of observable inputs that require significant adjustments based on unobservable inputs.

***Estimation of useful lives of assets***

The incorporated association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

***Employee benefits provision***

As discussed in note 1, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2022**

**Note 3. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b><i>Current assets</i></b>		
Cash on hand	486	486
Debit Card Account	11,757	347
Independent Income Account	100,787	96,336
Trading Account	123,611	63,309
	<u>236,641</u>	<u>160,478</u>

***Accounting policy for cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

**Note 4. Trade and other receivables**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b><i>Current assets</i></b>		
Bonds	<u>1,550</u>	<u>1,550</u>

**Note 5. Right-of-use assets**

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b><i>Current assets</i></b>		
Rental lease - right-of-use	32,572	25,625
Less: Accumulated amortisation	<u>(25,625)</u>	<u>(9,300)</u>
	<u>6,947</u>	<u>16,325</u>
<b><i>Non-current assets</i></b>		
Rental lease - right-of-use asset	<u>-</u>	<u>6,948</u>
	<u>6,947</u>	<u>23,273</u>

***Accounting policy for right-of-use assets***

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the incorporated association expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2022**

**Note 5. Right-of-use assets (continued)**

The incorporated association has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

**Note 6. Property, plant and equipment**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	\$	\$
<b><i>Non-current assets</i></b>		
Leasehold improvements - at cost	2,650	2,650
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(93)	(27)
	2,557	2,623
Plant and equipment - at cost	26,880	20,870
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,097)	(1,462)
	21,783	19,408
Motor vehicles - at cost	18,200	18,200
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(7,648)	(4,008)
	10,552	14,192
Computer equipment - at cost	8,532	8,532
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,690)	(2,917)
	2,842	5,615
Office equipment - at cost	24,801	16,337
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,960)	(1,680)
	18,841	14,657
	56,575	56,495

***Accounting policy for property, plant and equipment***

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Motor Vehicle	5 years
Office and Computer Equipment, Plant and Equipment	2 to 10 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the incorporated association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2022**

**Note 7. Lease liabilities**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b><i>Current liabilities</i></b>		
Lease liability - 18302 South Western Highway, Donnybrook WA 6239	7,000	16,800
Lease liability - Less Unexpired Interest	<u>(52)</u>	<u>(475)</u>
	<u>6,948</u>	<u>16,325</u>
<b><i>Non-current liabilities</i></b>		
Lease liability - 18302 South Western Highway, Donnybrook WA 6239	-	7,000
Lease liability - Less Unexpired Interest (NC)	<u>-</u>	<u>(52)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,948</u>
	<u><u>6,948</u></u>	<u><u>23,273</u></u>

***Accounting policy for lease liabilities***

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the incorporated association's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

**Note 8. Provisions**

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b><i>Current liabilities</i></b>		
Annual leave	6,419	7,976
Time in Lieu	<u>663</u>	<u>929</u>
	<u><u>7,082</u></u>	<u><u>8,905</u></u>

***Accounting policy for provisions***

Provisions are recognised when the incorporated association has a present (legal or constructive) obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable the incorporated association will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. If the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate specific to the liability. The increase in the provision resulting from the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

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**Note 8. Provisions (continued)**

*Accounting policy for employee benefits*

*Short-term employee benefits*

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

**Note 9. Restricted Reserves**

*Restricted Reserves*

During the year, DPIRD only finalised the 21/22FY variations on the 2021/2022 Operational Plan on the 27th May 2022. Funds were received on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 and the association was unable to spend a large part of the funding prior to the year ending. The funds have been reserved for spending after 30 June 2022 on the following programs:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	\$	\$
Weed Wiper Program Reserve	19,410	-
Cleaver Program Reserve	7,000	-
Pokeweed Reserve	5,000	-
	31,410	-
	31,410	-

**Note 10. Key management personnel disclosures**

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the Chair and the Treasurer of the incorporated association:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Committee Members</b>		
Chair	10,000	-
Treasurer	5,000	-
	15,000	-
	15,000	-

**Note 11. Remuneration of auditors**

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by , the auditor of the incorporated association:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	\$	\$
<i>Audit services -</i>		
Audit of the financial statements	2,800	3,000
<i>Other services -</i>		
Preparation of the financial report	500	1,200
	3,300	4,200
	3,300	4,200

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**Note 12. Related party transactions**

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. (LBG) sub-contracted services of the association out to eco-Logical Landscapes WA which is managed by Scott Bartholomew as a Sole Trader. The total payments made during the year to eco-Logical Landscapes WA was \$10,414.

**Note 13. Events after the reporting period**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the incorporated association's operations, the results of those operations, or the incorporated association's state of affairs in future financial years.

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**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

**Note 14: Profit and Loss**

	Declared Pest Rate Business	Independent Business
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Independent Income	-	78,911
Declared Pest Rate Income	407,717	-
Donation	-	2,000
Interest Income	127	43
Total revenue	<u>407,844</u>	<u>80,954</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration	(24,216)	-
Accounting Fees	(9,151)	-
Advertising & Promotion	(2,609)	-
Computer Expenses	(6,109)	-
Consultancy	(18)	(38,774)
Depreciation	(14,396)	-
Insurance	(1,984)	-
Low Cost Assets	(1,782)	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	(3,948)	-
Rent - Amortisation Expense (Lease)	5 (16,325)	-
Rent - Interest Expense (Lease)	(475)	-
Rent Expense	-	-
Pest Weeds/Animal Supplies	(10,351)	-
Salaries & Wages	(223,086)	(26,880)
Employee Benefit expenses	946	-
Superannuation	(24,698)	-
Sub-contractors Fees	(15,109)	(920)
Other expenses	(9,202)	-
Honorarium Expenses	(15,000)	-
Total expenses	<u>(377,513)</u>	<u>(66,574)</u>
	30,331	14,380
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<u><u>30,331</u></u>	<u><u>14,380</u></u>

As noted in Note 1 to the financial statements, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements'. Section 27 of AASB101 requires that an entity shall prepare its financial statements, except for cash flow information, using the accrual basis of accounting.

During the year, DPIRD only finalised the 21/22FY variations on the 2021/2022 Operational Plan on the 27th May 2022. Funds were received on the 8th of June 2022 and the association was unable to spend a large part of the funding prior to the year ending. Refer to Note 9 for details.

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## AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

To the Management Committee of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and section 80 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*, in relation to our audit of the financial report of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2022, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- b) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* in relation to the audit; and
- c) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit



**Chassey Davids, CA, AMIIA, BCom**

Registered Company Auditor number 490152

**Director**

**Australian Audit**

**Dated:** 25 October 2022

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. (the Entity), 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 statement by the Committee of Management.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Entity to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and the *ACNC Act*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified 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 and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and the *ACNC Act* and the needs of the members. The responsibility of Management also includes 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment 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 Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management'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 Entity'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 Entity 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 those charged with governance 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.

### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. has complied with 60-30(3)(b), (c) and (d) of the *ACNC Act* and 82(1)(b), (c) and (d) of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*:

- by providing us with all information, explanation and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit;
- by keeping financial records sufficient to enable a financial report to be prepared and audited ; and
- by keeping other records required by Part 3-2 of the *ACNC Act*, including those records required by Section 50-5 that correctly record its operations, so as to enable any recognised assessment activity to be carried out in relation to the entity.
- by keeping other records required by Part 5 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*, including those records required by Section 66 that correctly record its operations, so as to enable true and fair financial statements to be prepared.

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Registered Company Auditor number 490152

**Director**

**Australian Audit**

**Dated:** 25 October 2022