

LESCHENAULT BIOSECURITY GROUP, INC

ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023

DETAILS SPECIFIC TO FINANCIAL YEAR 2022 - 2023



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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 Inc. (LBG), is a community based not-for-profit organisation serving as a Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG). Our purpose as a RBG is to support private landholders within our operational area in meeting their biosecurity obligations to manage declared pests on their properties. The group's aim is to help protect the region's diverse land uses and natural values against the significant impacts of pests – both animal and plant – through cooperation and collaboration.

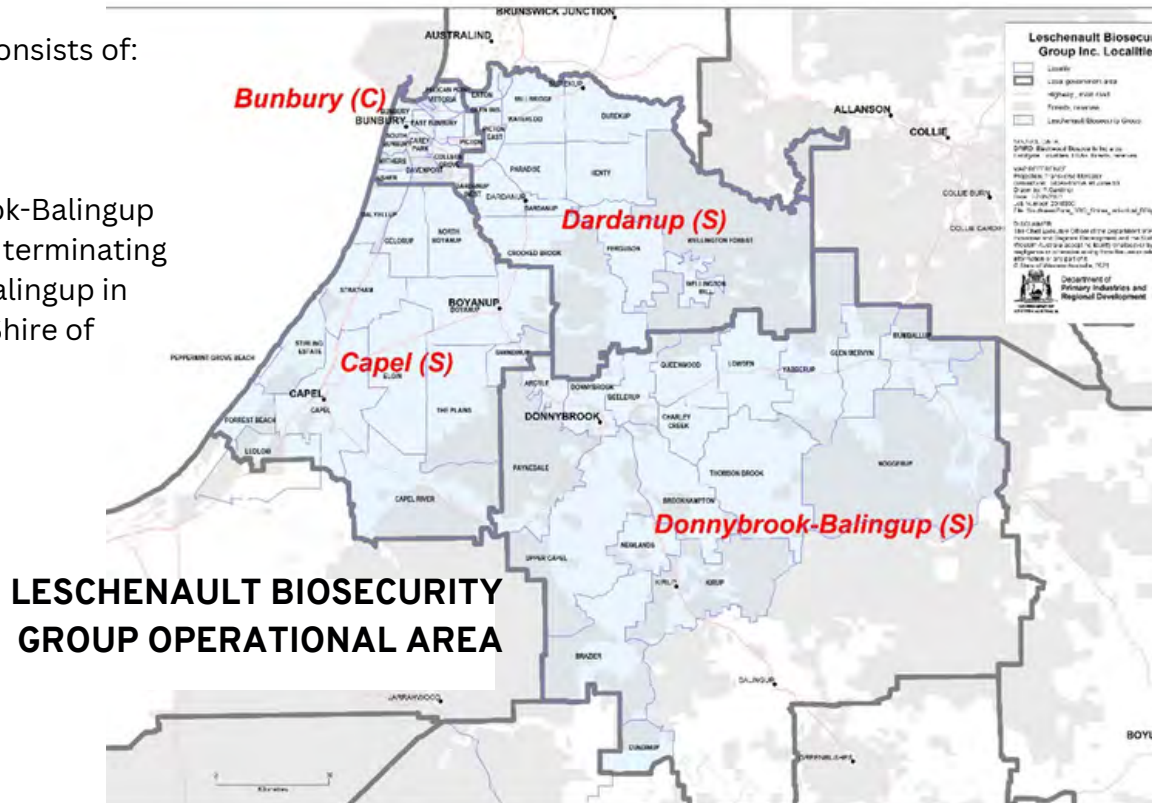
We work closely with landowners, land managers, our local government authorities and peer organisations throughout the region to support and encourage consistent, integrated and cooperative management of priority pests – as determined by community – at a landscape scale across tenure.

Our operational area consists of:

- City of Bunbury
- Shire of Capel
- Shire of Dardanup
- Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup northern localities, terminating at Mullalyup and Balingup in the south and the Shire of Collie in the east.

LBG started as a volunteer community group in 2014 by landowners who shared mutual concerns around the increase in animal and plant pests and a lack of action to address these issues. The LBG became a Recognised Biosecurity Group in 2019. As a Recognised Biosecurity Group, our responsibilities are determined by the Agricultural Management Act WA 2007 (BAM Act) and priorities are determined through landowner consultation. Landholders within our operational area are charged a set annual Declared Pest Rate (DPR) for which payments received are matched dollar for dollar by the State.

Our operations are additionally supported with guidance and oversight by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).



3. STATEMENT FROM OUR CHAIR

2022-2023 has seen a return to normal operations and the team has been incredibly busy with their efforts in pest and weed management.

We have had some positive gains in the weed management area with additional contracting resources and a focus on utilising our equipment, such as the weed spraying and weed wicking units with greater availability to our ratepayers. We have seen a significant increase in the use of LBG equipment and this continues to be a strong area for us to invest in assets, for shared community use.

The area of governance will continue to be a focus during the current BAM Act Review, where LBG is playing a significant role. The process will likely have another year of review followed by further ministerial consultation prior to being introduced into Parliament. This process is likely to take a couple of years. The LBG continues to work with DPIRD and their matching government support to deliver better outcomes for our shared responsibility of community-led pest management.

Covid certainly did not slow down the pace of pest incursions, and similarly costs have risen, as has everything. This has impacted on our ability to carry out as many projects as we would like. At the same time over the last few years, we have identified incursions of new pest and weed species.

To manage this, 2024-2025 budget modelling has identified various options to increase funding to meet 2017-2018 project delivery expectations, and to build on new pest management demands. Since that time, we have not increased rates in line with CPI/inflation, but at the same time, we have experienced increased demand on services. To complete our 2024-2025 operational/budget planning we have projected that an increase in our declared pest rate is required to manage inflationary pressures and maintain service levels. This modelling is ongoing, and an options study is under review. With this in mind, we will reach out to our stakeholders and through consultation, we will work out the most suitable funding options that will see us maintain and, in some areas, increase our new pest management services, to meet increasing demand.

Our operational team has evolved with our Senior Project Officer becoming our new Executive Officer with the retirement of Ange Pusey. I would like to extend special thanks to Ange for her guiding the team over the last three years. I would like to welcome Kate Duzevich into the role, in which Kate has been leading the team now for five months.

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, and in particular to Vice-Chair Scott Bartholomew, Treasurer Alexis Davy and Secretary Sarah Forrest for their efforts and in particular to their commitment as Executive. I also wish to extend our thanks to retiring Board Members Pep Brandis, Sheree Blechynden and Ange Pusey. As with all Boards, refreshment of roles is healthy, and after five years as Chair, I am pleased to hand across to incoming Chair, Katrina Zeehandelaar-Adams. Katrina was formerly the LBG's first Executive Officer when I commenced as Chair, and I am sure that the organisation will be in good and experienced hands.



MORRIE GOODZ
CHAIR

4. Our Board



*Pictured from left to right:
Sherry Thomas, Peter Bass, Terry Mondy, Morrie Goodz, Scott Bartholomew, Sarah Forrest & Alexis Davy*

COMMUNITY MEMBERS GUIDING WITH A DIVERSE RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE

LBG is led by a passionate, skills-based Board of volunteer members representing the community who provide a diverse range of knowledge and experience for guiding the group’s strategic direction and acting as the caretakers of the operational and financial accountability of the group.

As primary landholders within our operation area, our Board members bring both knowledge from their individual areas of expertise, as well as local insights, providing valuable, timely and locally relevant guidance for our operational team to address biosecurity issues affecting the environment, industry, agriculture and lifestyle in our catchment.

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Board members during Financial Year 2022-2023:

Board MEMBER	ROLE	Locality
•Morrie Goodz	Chair	Argyle
•Scott Bartholomew	Vice Chair	Lowden
•Sherry Thomas	Treasurer (resigned Nov '22)	Lowden
•Alexis Davy	Treasurer (commenced Dec '22)	Beelerup
•Sarah Forrest	Secretary	Lowden
•Peter Bass	Committee Member	Waterloo
•Sheree Blechynden	Committee Member	Wellington Mills
•Pep Cook	Committee Member	Noggerup
•John Ross	Committee Member	Kirup
•Terry Mondy	Expert Member	Australind

5. STATEMENT FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2022-2023 was a year of change. We had a change in staff, a change in Board, and a change in the habits of our focus pest animals and plants.

Our project formats of relying largely on information delivery and education changed to more interactive and practical training sessions for staff and land managers (blackberry chemical control and equipment inductions, cape tulip weed wiper trials and loan program, 1080 permitting and fox control sessions, as well as training a fleet of enthusiastic rabbit crusaders to encourage rabbits to take up calicivirus inoculated oats (with over 700 feeding sites laid out on private properties).

It was a year of policy and legislative review, and a year of transition into developing a new strategic plan for the LBG expanding into collaborative pest management contracts and professional services development.

Feral pigs persisted late into winter but perished enmasse when met with savvy landholder/LBG collaborative control efforts.

Foxes continued to be wily adversaries within our area.

I also wish to recognise those land managers who were notified of cottonbush infestations on their land by DPIRD or LBG, and who actively worked to reduce or eliminate those infestations over the year.

Your altruism and support for protecting your neighbours' assets are to be commended.

All of this change was managed with grace and professionalism by our outgoing executive officer- Ange Pusey. Despite casting a diminutive frame, Ange has left some very big boots to fill, and a legacy of the highest standards of customer service for our community pest managers and their needs.

Looking forward to a massive 2024.

KATE DUZEVICH
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Pictured above left to right: Morrie Goodz, Chair, Ange Pusey, outgoing Executive Officer and Kate Duzevich, former Project Officer and current Executive Officer at the Leschenault Biosecurity Group's FY 2021-2022 AGM.

6. Governance

Leschenault Biosecurity Group is led by a Board of management (Board) comprised of volunteer members representing the community as presented in Section 4 of this document.

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 Financial Accountability
7. Evaluation and Improvement
8. Proportionality



LBG Board members with the group's Weed Wiper and trailer unit available for loan to landholders within our operation area.

Responsible Stewardship of Declared Pest Rate Funding

Responsible stewardship of Declared Pest Rate (DPR) funding is a priority and of utmost importance to the group. To ensure that the funds are used properly, the group's governance has established policies and procedures that include evidence of stakeholder engagement and consultation, an acquittal process in line with the value of these funds, and evidence that the funds have achieved the desired outcome.

The group's governance provides for policies and procedures to ensure:

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

GOVERNANCE

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Governance Initiatives in the 2022-2023 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 for Board and Staff Members

Governance-related Training in the 2022-2023 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
- CSIRO Biological Control Training



7. Operations

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 - 2023 GUIDED OUR OPERATIONS

Throughout the 2022 - 2023 Financial Year, we continued 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 best practices for pest management
4. Share relevant and timely information to our stakeholders
5. Maintain systems to keep our landowners/managers aware of new incursions

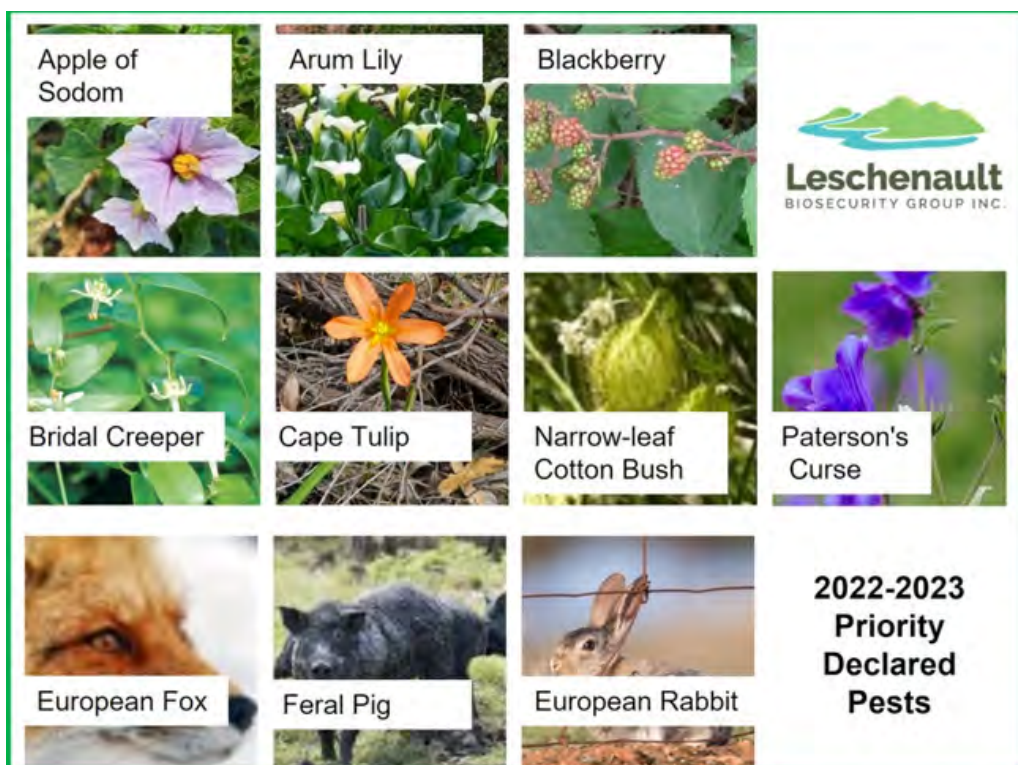
OUR FY 2022-2023 OPERATIONAL PLAN

The aims of the LBG 2022-2023 Operational Plan, as approved by DPIRD in December 2022, were to:

- engage with a broader range of our community and stakeholders
- reduce the severity and occurrences of our focus declared pests across our operational area

DECLARED PEST FOCUS

Our Operational Plan outlines focus for nine priority declared pests for our operational area as presented here.



2022- 2023 Planned Pest Management Programs - Leschenault Biosecurity Group

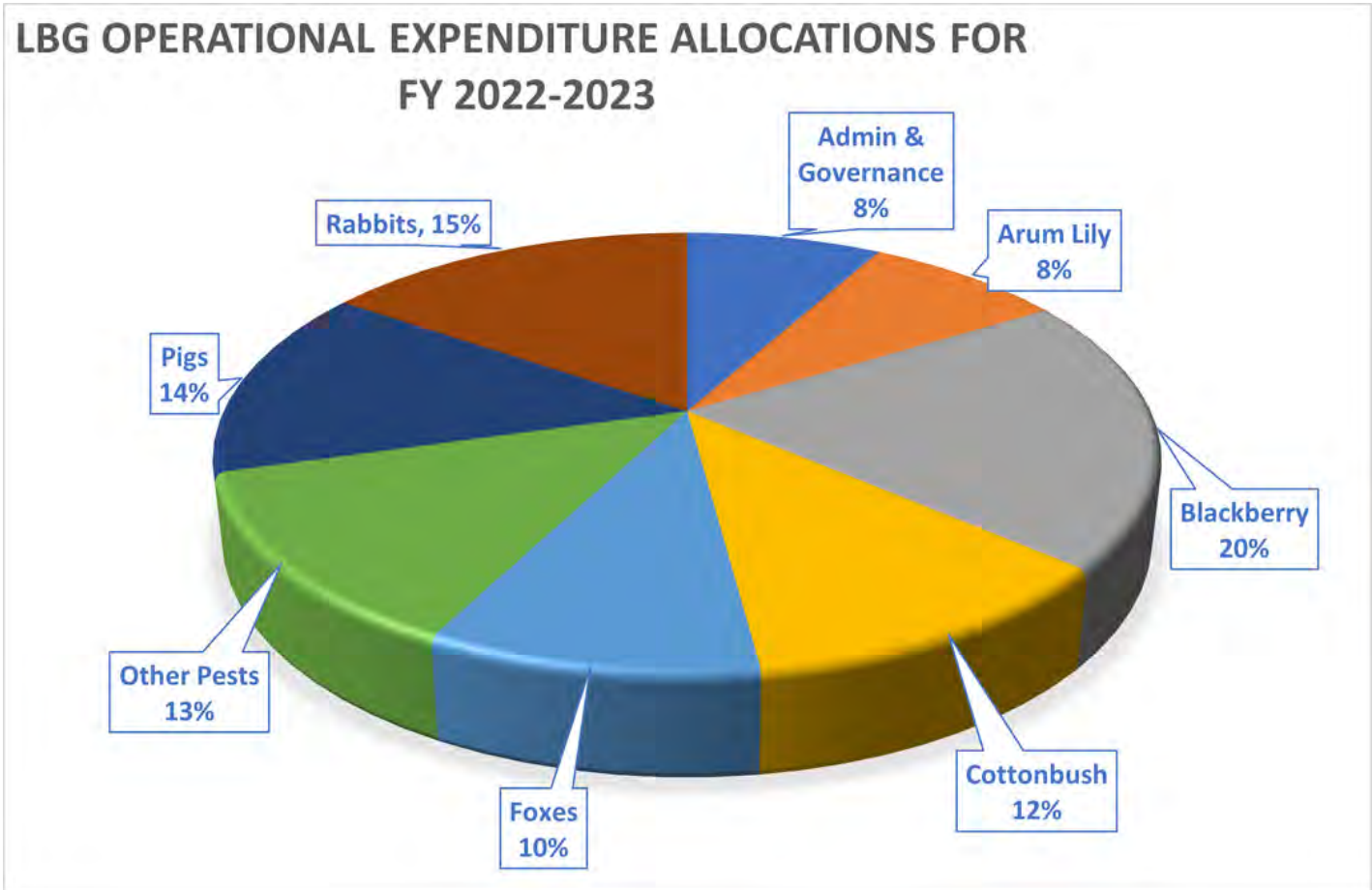
Pest Program	Actions	Input	Measurement
Apple of Sodom	Pest Management advice and assistance	LBG Staff LBG Equipment and Resources Feedback Forms	Number of participants Feedback from participants
Arum Lily	Arum Lily Control Project	LBG Staff LBG Contractor Herbicide & Additives	Number of participants Feedback from participants Collaborative response
Blackberry	Blackberry Control Project	LBG Staff LBG Contractor Herbicide & Additives	Number of participants Feedback from participants Continual & increased effort in blackberry control
Feral Pigs	Feral Pig Control Research & Development	LBG Staff HOGONE Boxes Placebo and Active Bait	Number of participants Feedback from participants Reduction in pig activity
Rabbits	Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release or new strain if applicable	LBG Staff LBG Contractor Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Pre-feed Oats 4x Community Workshops	Number of participants Feedback from participants Decrease in rabbits
All Declared Pests	Pest Management Assistance	Traps PPE Spray Knapsacks QuikSpray Unit Weed Wiper Unit Tree Poppers HOGGONE Boxes	Participation & feedback Reduction in declared pests Informed stakeholders Current & relevant information gathered
All Declared Pests	Community Training / Education Workshops	LBG Staff 4x Community Workshops	Participation & feedback Reduction in declared pests Current & relevant information gathered
All Declared Pests	Assist community groups to undertake pest management	LBG Staff LBG Equipment/Resources	Number of Participants Feedback from participants
All Pests	Develop online resources & training	LBG Staff Camera & Editing Software	Website statistics Feedback from stakeholders
All Weeds	Development of Integrated Weed Management Plans	LBG Staff GPS/Mapping Device & Software	Participation & Feedback Reduction in weeds On-going efforts by stakeholders

DECLARED PESTS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET

Our Operational expenditure for FY 22-23 was \$399,564 from an available revenue of \$369,830 (50% contribution from DPR raised and 50% matching funds by DPIRD) + \$31,410 unspent balance carried forward from FY 21-22.

Our operational budget forecast approved for this operational plan was \$441,149.

Allocation of expenditure for these funds for our 2022-2023 Operations is presented below:



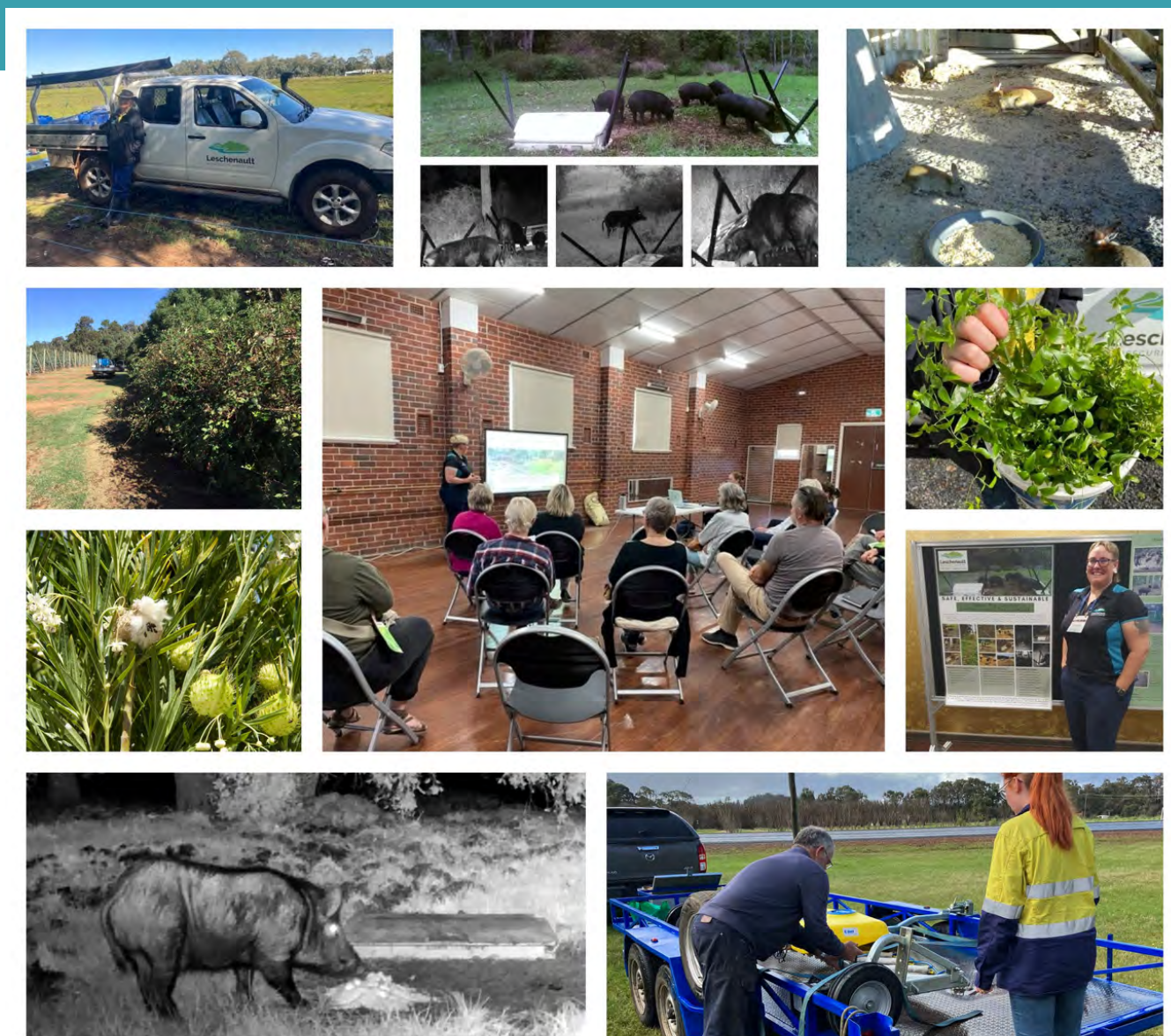
Note:

TOTAL Proposed Budget = \$441,149.42, which included:

- Requested 4.9% increase in DPR (\$172,140 + 4.9% increase = \$180,574.86)
- State Matching Funds
- Requested \$80,000 Reserve (or Carried Over Funds) from LBG Declared Pest Account
- \$172,140 + 4.9% increase = \$180,574.86
- \$180,574.86 x 2 = 361,149.72 + \$80,000 = \$441,149.72

N.B. Actual spend was \$399,564 for the financial year.

8. Key Achievements



Highlights of our key achievements of the FY 2022 - 2023 are presented on the following pages in order as follows:

1. FERAL PIG CONTROL PROGRAM
2. RABBIT CONTROL PROGRAM
3. EXPANDED WEEDS MANAGEMENT AWARENESS & CONTROL PROGRAM
4. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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FERAL PIG CONTROL PROGRAM

Essential and On-going with Great Landholder Collaboration

Feral Pig Management was a significant focus for our group in FY 2022-2023 with much continued activity and success in our feral pig control program and growing recognition of our leadership in feral pig management among peer organisations. We experience much movement of pigs across our operation area. They destroy irrigation lines, spread invasive plants, degrade soil and water, prey on native species, damage crops and livestock, and carry diseases. We appreciate the growing landholder participation in LBG Feral Pig Control initiatives. Working together across our communities is the most effective way to address the management of this and other significant invasive pests.

Landholders and LBG Work Together for Effective Feral Pig Control

Integral to the success of our feral pig control program, is effective collaboration with landholders with whom we work closely to address feral pig activity on their properties. This past year LBG responded to numerous several reports of feral pig activity, following up with landholders to plan for appropriate actions, initially setting up surveillance cameras to both verify and quantify feral pigs suspected on the property through to developing and implementing plans that are best suited for each circumstance, including use of the HOGGONE Feral Pig Control System alone or in conjunction with trapping initiatives.

In the 2022-2023 Financial Year we worked with landholders in our operational area for feral pig control successes on their properties in the localities of Argyle, Glen Mervyn, Henty, Kirup, Lowden, Mumballup and Wellington Mills.

Large boar "captured" on surveillance camera eating "pre-feed" at LBG HOGGONE Feral Pig Control installation site



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued

CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH HOGGONE FERAL PIG CONTROL SYSTEM

During this Financial Year, we continued to progress our knowledge of and successes with use of the HOGGONE Feral Pig Control System as a highly effective, reliable and humane component of our feral pig management program.

This system uses Sodium Nitrite as a poison to ethically control feral pigs which is ironically, a food preservative used in bacon. The bait is presented in a species- selective 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. You can read more about this program and the group's related process at our website at: www.lbginc.org.au



LBG continues to use the HOGGONE Feral Pig Control system as a highly effective, reliable and humane component of our feral pig management system.

Local, State & National Collaboration Sharing Information for Best Practices

In this past year, LBG achieved growing recognition as an active participant in feral pig management leadership with prominent participation and collaboration for best practices and sharing successes and challenges with participation on national, state and local level.

The WA Feral Pig Advisory Group

Leschenault Biosecurity Group is pleased to be an active member of the WA Feral Pig Advisory Group (WAFPEG). The group, supported by DPIRD, includes representation from Recognised Biosecurity Groups, Shire Councillors, National Resources Management Groups, RSPCA, Local Government, the Pork industry, pest management technicians and the National Feral Pig Action Plan.

LBG's Project Officer, Kate Duzevich, and Executive Officer, Ange Pusey, held WAFPEG Board positions during FY 2022-2023. A first action for this group was developing a submission to the BAM Act 2007 review regarding challenges to managing pigs on Crown land and issues impacting land owners and community barriers to feral pig management on private property and how this could be better addressed by the legislation.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued



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LBG on National Stage at the Inaugural National Feral Pig Conference

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We were fortunate to have our newly appointed Executive Officer and former Project Officer, Kate Duzevich, participate in the first National Feral Pig Conference 2023 held on the 20-21 June 2023 in Cairns. The conference brought together land managers, community groups, jurisdictions, NRM and other peer organisations and research agencies to share successes and challenges of feral pig management, best practices management and monitoring to reduce feral pig populations and their impacts, how new insights and technologies can be used to optimise feral pig management and explore potential opportunities for effective collaboration. Kate was invited to participate in the conference as a representative of the Western Australian Feral Pig Advisory Group (WAFPAG). Kate's presentation at the conference provided an excellent opportunity to introduce WAFPAG at a national level, highlighting the group's focus on building community capacity and coordinating pig control projects in its inaugural year.

Additionally, LBG was represented with a poster about our Feral Pig Control Program's focus on managing safety and effectiveness for feral pig control within the constraints of our peri-urban operation area. This display highlighted our successful and ongoing collaboration with landholders in the use of the HOGGONE Feral Pig Control System on their private properties, as a reliable and highly effective, humane control component of our program.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued

RABBIT CONTROL PROGRAM

Broad Participation in LBG Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Releases



Landholder participation in the pre-feeding process is key to the success of our Calicivirus Release Program. Participants are encouraged to attend one of the many LBG workshops conducted about the program prior to the releases

We had great participation in our FY 2022-2023 Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 program conducting targeted releases with landholders across our operation area. Participant workshops were conducted ahead of releases providing an overview of the program, details of the pre-feeding and release process and promoting the benefit of wide participation across the area. Releases were conducted from January through March, halting approximately a month earlier than in past years due to limited virus supply from the source laboratory. Feedback from participants advised that, in most cases, soon after the releases, a significant reduction of rabbit numbers was noticed on their properties.

In total the group facilitated releases in over 700 feeding sites within localities as presented below:

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

Rabbit Control Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program Underway

Wild European rabbits are Australia's most common & widespread animal pests.

They cause significant impact to our environment, economy & more:

- compete with native animals for food & shelter
- destroy crops, pastures & revegetation
- undermine verandahs, sheds & more
- damage gardens, parks & reserves
- cost - \$250 million/year in damage to our Agriculture

Persistence with an integrated approach of varied controls is essential to optimise management of feral rabbits.

Find out more: www.lbginc.org.au
or call us on 0477 049 967

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About the Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 ("K5" Strain of the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus)

This virus is used across the country as a biocontrol tool for rabbit management, specifically, and affects only rabbits. Other species, even pets that ingest infected rabbits, are not affected by the virus. A vaccine that protects domestic rabbits against this strain is available and strongly recommended for pet rabbits in the release region.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued

Integration of Multiple Rabbit Control Methods Encouraged to Achieve Greater Results

In addition to participation in our annual Calicivirus “K5” release, throughout the year, LBG provided landholders with:

- site visits to assess property-specific rabbit control issues
- surveillance cameras
- traps
- smokers for investigations of warrens and burrows
- control strategy advice and support
- contractor control quotes



**Just ‘cleaning up’ a property can reduce rabbit numbers.
*Eliminate opportunities for harbourage where you can.***

LBG promotes on-going rabbit control through an integrated use of a combination of control tools and strategies, such as exclusion fencing, tree protection and harbourage reduction, including, cleaning rubble and wood piles, as well as destruction of warrens in addition to participation in our Calicivirus “K5” Release program.

Rabbit Control Initiatives for Non-Ratepayers in FY 2022 – 2023

As in past years, LBG provided assistance to facilitate Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 (“K5”) releases in areas in which properties within our operation area do not meet the size criteria to be rated for the Declared Pest Rate or in areas outside of any Recognised Biosecurity Group. In these cases, LBG charges a fee to cover related costs. Summaries of related assistance is presented on the following page.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued



Calicivirus “K5” Release Participation for Stirling Estate, Capel Shire Residents

During the summer of 2022-23 LBG supported several residents in Capel Shire’s Stirling Estate area whose properties did not meet the size criteria for payment of the Declared Pest Rate, making them ineligible for participation in our normal Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program.

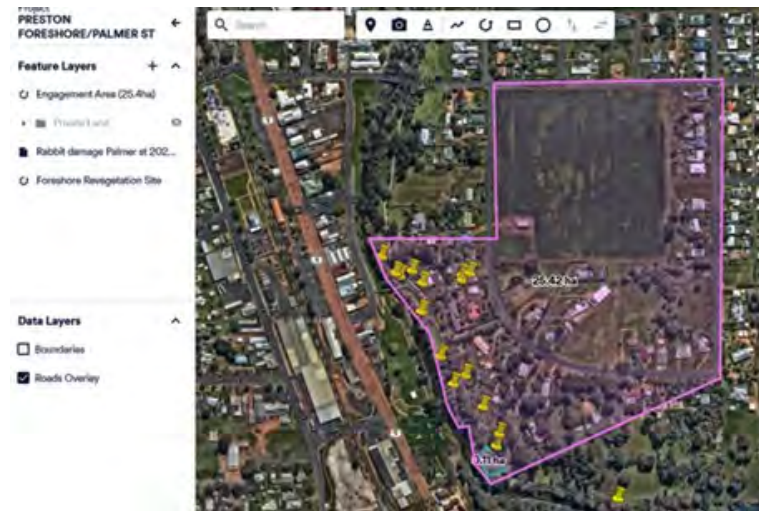
Landholders for ten properties were included in a collective group for LBG’s assistance for participating in a Calicivirus”K5” release for their area. In preparation, LBG delivered a workshop explaining the program and providing guidance and training for the pre-feeding and virus release phases, and ultimately coordinating a community release for these properties.

Residents collected the virus inoculated oats from LBG’s scheduled January 2023 Capel collection point, along with others participating in the group’s Calicivirus “K5” Release Program. In May 2023, LBG team members followed up with these Stirling Estate properties regarding the status of rabbit populations post the January “K5” release, conducting site visits to warrens and found continued rabbit activity on properties and road verges. Plans were made for ongoing private control efforts for continued reduction of rabbits in this area.

Rabbit management for Donnybrook’s Preston River Foreshore Reserve

To address significant rabbit activity reported along Donnybrook’s Preston River Foreshore Reserve, the Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. was engaged by the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup to conduct a baseline assessment of rabbit damage and harbourage (including weedy vegetation) on the foreshore and with a number of private landholders’ land abutting the foreshore reserve, and mapped out active and suspected warrens. Monitoring cameras were deployed at consenting properties to assist with collecting evidence of rabbit activity at the end of the pre-assessment period.

This has resulted in planning for a coordinated rabbit control program along the Preston River foreshore proposed for summer 2023-24. This is an exciting engagement with the Shire, which will benefit not only the foreshore reserve, but residents with properties along the foreshore, many of which have previously engaged with LBG and alerted LBG to rabbit activity. The proposal to the shire would supplement income from the group’s declared pest rate funding and assist at the interface of private and public lands- a long standing challenge for RBG’s and private land managers. Two control programs – K5 calicivirus release and harbourage management/weed control – would run in conjunction. If this plan progresses, the program will take place over summer 2023-24, with work expected to be complete by May 2024. This collaborative program provides an opportunity for LBG to work with the shire and private residents who aren’t currently eligible for contributing to the DPR funding to support small landholder rabbit control programs through this collaborative program.



Area of investigation to address rabbit control needs along Donnybrook’s Preston River Foreshore.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued



EXPANDED & STRENGTHENED WEEDS MANAGEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Education and Awareness Enables Proactive and Effective Weeds Management

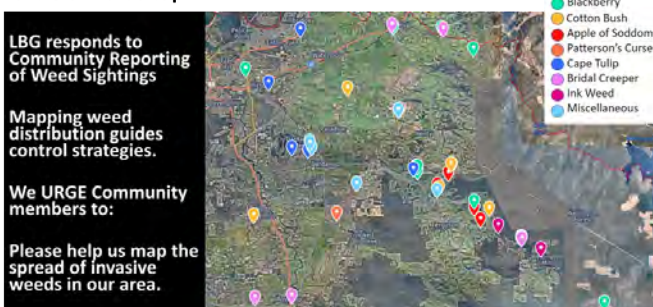
Weeds are insidious & incrementally creep across the landscape until a wider infestation occurs, prompting landholders to then reach out to LBG for some assistance. Unlike our vertebrate pests, weeds are not always immediate on the agenda of a property owner as they are not like rabbits, burrowing under sheds, foxes smashing landholders' chooks or pigs rooting up paddocks. Consequently, operating in the weeds space is more about education awareness and enabling landholders to deal with the hurdles of weed management. Our responsibility is at the "established pest" end of the invasion curve as declared pest weeds within our remit are well established, with our role being to assist in localised control, as opposed to eradication. That said, the LBG is ever vigilant in early detection with an appropriate response for potential emerging pest weed threats and encourages community reporting of "red flag" sightings using the MyPestGuide Reporter app to target eradication when applicable.

In FY 2022 2023, LBG made much effort to provide proactive outreach to community members to promote:

- Awareness of Priority Pest Weeds within our Area and their Potential Impact
- Weeds Management Guidance
- Available Resources to Support Landholders' Weeds Management Needs
 - Free loan of equipment and tools
 - Site visits to private properties to investigate and provide guidance
 - On-ground control support where appropriate
- How and Why to Report Weeds
 - The importance of reporting weeds infestation
 - How to use MyPestGuide Reporter to report pests
 - How reporting pests weeds helps to map areas of infestation and track effectiveness of control programs



Areas of LBG Weed Control Support & Mapped Reportings - Shire of Dardanup



Throughout the year, LBG promotes the importance of weeds management, reporting and mapping infestations and related resources available to community members.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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Expanded Capabilities to Support Landholders' Weeds Management Needs

The LBG has increased equipment assets for the weed space through the purchase of a QuikSpray & Wick Wiper units & numerous backpack sprayers & tree poppers. This strategy is the right way to go when offering a service & needs promotion as it provides the necessary tools that is cost effective & an efficient use of our resources to get the job done.

Licensed Pest Management Technician on Staff Broadens Group's Abilities

In a strategy meeting in 2022 it was noted that the LBG had a hole in its operations regarding on ground works in the weed space. An opportunity presented itself with the direct employment of a Licensed Pest Management Technician (LPMT). The job brief entailed lifting the profile of weeds management awareness and initiatives among Declared Pest Ratepayers within our operational area.

Budget Allocation for Focused On-ground Services

The LBG was in a position in the 2022-23 financial year to offer a moderate budget towards on-ground contracted weed treatment works for those landholders who reached out for our services either due to incapacity, lack of equipment or community good will post bushfire recovery.

The budget acquittal for these funds included:

- 31 levied rate payers reached out for the service versus 8 in an equipment loan capacity
- 7 community spaces (non-private tenure) were treated including the Wellington Arboretum
- A total of 123 contract hours were spent on weed treatment
- 5 declared weeds & 10 non-declared weeds were targeted

Summary of Weeds Controls performed with LBG QuikSpray Unit FY 2022 - 2023

WEED	On-ground Works by LBG Staff/ha	Control by landholder with LBG loaned equipment/ha
Blackberry	5.56	3.06
Cotton Bush	0.83	0.51
Bridle Creeper	0.33	0.55
Cape Tulip	0.11	
Apple of Sodom	0.11	1.71
Thistle		0.07
African Lovegrass	0.22	0.22
Easter Lilies	0.09	
Dolichos Pea	0.26	
Japanese Honeysuckle	0.09	
Cleavers	0.08	0.03
Ink weed	0.21	
Vinca major	0.28	
Wild Gladiolus	0.03	
Other Weeds		1.89
Total Hectares	8.20	8.04
Declared weeds %	84.63	72.51
Non declared weeds %	15.37	27.49
Enquiry requests	31	8

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

continued

Key Focus of LBG On-ground Weeds Management Works

- **Operational flexibility** to respond to weeds reports and enquiries in an expedient manner.
- **Support for those unable to do the work themselves** - Removing hurdles for some levied landholders that are unable to do the work themselves due to changed circumstances in their lives.
- **Post bushfire recovery services** where the LBG contributed to community goodwill by actuating weed treatment on properties affected by fire.
- **Guidance and on-ground support to new property owners** that are both unaware and subsequently overwhelmed with the task at hand for effective weeds management on their properties, needing a hand to “break the back” of weeds infestations – providing a “starting point” for their on-going management

Proactive Focus on Early Detection of Weeds Management Priorities

One of the most valued and effective roles the LBG can provide is early detection in order to mitigate against weed infestations from occurring, through:

- “Weed Walks” with landholders to identify and prioritise weeds management needs
- Weed Management Plans
- Education and Awareness Campaigns promoted at community events, workshops, newsletter and social media



LBG provides property-specific "weed walks" with landholder to identify and prioritise weeds management needs for their property

Highlights of Weeds Awareness Activities in FY 2022 -2023 included:

- Property-specific Weed Management Plan Developed for Individual Landholders
- Weeds Identification and Management Workshop in Boyanup
- Promotion of Services to the Shire of Dardanup’s Ferguson Valley and Sustainability Advisory Groups
- Participation in the City of Bunbury’s Community Education Reference Group specific to Weeds Management Concerns and Priorities
- Information and Weeds Management Best Practices Promoted at Community Markets and Other Community Events
- Weeds Management Priorities & Guidance Tool Box Meeting for Shire of Dardanup’s Works Crew
- Collaboration with the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup for Weed Identification & Management
- Blackberry Control & Equipment Demonstration Workshop in conjunction with neighbouring Recognised Biosecurity Group

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued



Some of the types of equipment available for loan

EQUIPMENT & TOOLS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO LANDHOLDERS

This past year we saw increased use of our equipment and tools available for loan to landholders. We welcome and encourage landholders to reach out to LBG for access to equipment and tools that can help with their pest management efforts. For our larger equipment, landholders can arrange to pick up equipment from the LBG office or where possible, make arrangements for delivery to their properties. Equipment and tools loaned to landholders within our operational area, with no charge, included:

- **For weeds and pest plant control:**
 - Handheld and Backpack herbicide sprayers
 - 400L trailer-mounted Quick Spray unit for large, hard to reach weeds infestations (with 200m remote winding hose!- Great for Blackberry or other weed infestations in hard-to-reach places)
 - 2.4m winged 50L Weed Wiper, with trailer for easily hooking behind vehicle - great for Cape Tulip!
 - Tree Poppers - can be used for pulling out cotton bush or other unwanted, woody trees
- Traps for both Rabbits and Foxes
- Warren Smoker (to identify all entrances/exits)
- Monitoring Cameras for pest surveillance

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

LBG advocates for broad-scale pest management by working with a number of stakeholders towards the common goal of reducing declared pests and their impact across our area. Our primary stakeholders include:

- Landholders within the LBG operational area
- Local Government Authorities
- WA Plantation Resources (WAPRES)
- Forest Products Commission
- Main Roads
- Peer Organisations & Community Groups
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions



Key Message to Stakeholders:

"Working together, WE can help minimise the impact of invasive species across our area."

We strive to provide consistent messaging to raise awareness of the importance of protecting our area from significant impact of invasive species, and the benefit of a community coordinated approach to managing pests – both animals and plants – at a landscape scale across tenure. Intended messages, through our pest management activities and educational and awareness initiatives and overall actions include:

- Pests don't stop at fences or political boundaries
- Prevention
- Early detection and rapid response
- Report sightings of pests - it may be an emerging threat
- Implement strategic control strategies
- Collaboration as neighbours, communities and regions
- Community education for widespread awareness
- Understand and promote our individual and collective roles in biosecurity
- Become a member of LBG or nominate for our management committee

Highlights of our stakeholder engagement activities over the 2022-2023 Financial Year are presented on the following pages in order as follows:

1. Community Engagement
2. Community Events
3. Workshops
4. Equipment Loan



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued



1. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

It is our aim to be an integral, beneficial and valued resource for communities through positive and collaborative working relationships among all stakeholders within the LBG operational area.

Our methods of engaging with our stakeholder communities continues to be multi-faceted and including:

- Participating in face-to-face community events, including markets
- Conducting educational and informational workshops with focus on weeds identification and advice, fox behaviour and control, 1080 baiting permitting requirements and process and multiple rabbit control information sessions
- Providing expert advice from industry professionals through events and publications
- Providing online resources and advice available on our website
- Pest identification guidance and advice
- Social media outreach
- Publications in local newspapers and other forums
- Pest reports' validation, mapping and reporting to compliance programs
- Loan of pest control equipment at no cost to landholders within our operation area
- Coordinated pest control programs, such as our Rabbit Control Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program
- Providing expert advice from industry professionals through events and publications
- Subsidised training and licensing of select pest control methods, including 1080 baiting training and assistance with Registered Pesticide Permit applications
- On-ground assistance and pest management advice, including site visits
- Direct distribution of flyers and letters to landholders for notification of upcoming programs/events



The group uses a wide variety of communication methods and tools to help receive and provide timely information to and from our diverse stakeholders.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued

2. 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 promote available guidance and resources.

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

- Balingup Small Farm Field Day
- Boyanup and Districts Farmers' Market
- Bull and Barrel Festival
- Donnybrook Station Markets
- Donnybrook Apple Festival
- Ludlow Forest Spring in the Forest
- Inaugural Southwest Science Fair



LBG out & about in August

South West Science Fair
Boyanup & Districts Farmers' Market
Fox Control Workshop



We hope you can stop by for a chat!
See us at the LBG festival stall 10am - 5pm



LBG stalls at community events such as the Balingup Small Farm Field Day, pictured above, provided great opportunity to talk to community members about issues important to them.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS continued

3. WORKSHOPS

LBG conducted several practical workshops throughout the 2022-2023 Financial Year, including:

- Multiple Rabbit Control Calicivirus Release Program Participation Workshops
- Bridal Creeper Rust "Pop-up" Workshops conducted at Community Markets
- Fox Control and 1080 Baiting Workshop
- Weeds Identification & Advice Workshop
- Blackberry Control & Equipment Demonstration Workshop



We conducted several free workshops in the 2022-2023 Financial Year, promoting them in our monthly newsletters, local publications, displayed flyers, on our website and social media.

9. Future Plans

PRIORITY INITIATIVES

In 2023-2024, Leschenault Biosecurity Group will be guided by strategic direction and supported by the following initiatives.

- Stakeholder Communications Projects
- Stand-alone Workshops and Information Exhibits at Community Events
- Collaboration with Peer Organisations and our Local Government Authorities
- Research and Development



The LBG board members and staff met outside at the group's Donnybrook office for a strategic planning session in December 2022.

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 operation area. This 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
- Online members portal for access to exclusive media footage and custom, user-defined management plans

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 and Arum Lily Control Programs
- QField real-time project mapping on country for project officers' tools
- Expanding our pig management program to include new remote pig pre-feeding, trapping and monitoring skillset, reducing field visits and improving efficiency
- Fee-for-service for non-ratepayers and for delivery of multiple services for the same landholder within our operational area, where applicable

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 events planned for FY 2023-2024 include:

- Rabbit Control Calicivirus RHDV1 K5 Release Program Workshops
- Fox Behaviour & Control and 1080 Baiting Guidance Workshop
- Weeds Identification and Advice Workshop
- Continued participation at local markets and other community events

Capacity Building

Training for team members where applicable including for:

- GIS
- First Aid
- Time Management
- Work Health and Safety
- Toastmasters
- Grain Growers' Association Governance Training

10. Treasurer's Report

Leschenault Biosecurity Group (LBG) has two revenue streams – the Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and Independent Business. Declared Pest Rate funds are used for Declared Pests as required by DPIRD under the RBG legislation. In certain circumstances, LBG may have the capacity to undertake projects for entities that do not pay the Declared Pest Rate, such as Shires or other public land managers, or for activities which focus on non-declared pests. In these circumstances income gained from applicable charges contribute to the group's Independent Business funds.

Declared Pest Rate Business

The DPR total income (including funds matched by the State Government) for 2022/2023 was \$362,337. This was significantly less than our 2021/2022 DPR income of \$407,717.

The DPR income is typically split into two payments to cover the first and second six months of costs incurred implementing the approved Operational Plan. In 2022/2023, the second DPR payment from DPIRD was lower than anticipated, and less than what was needed to implement the second six months of the approved Operational Plan. As late rate payments became available in the DPIRD DPR account, LBG submitted additional invoices to access those funds. Unfortunately, despite reducing our expenses on the year prior, the DPR funds were insufficient to cover operating expenses under the approved Operational Plan and resulted in a deficit for the year of \$29,734 on 30 June 2023*. No variations to the approved 2022/2023 Operational Plan budget were sought from DPIRD.

Funds carried over from the 2021/2022 Variation (\$31,410 in Restricted Reserves) were spent on the purchase of a weed wiper, an associated trailer, training and use program, and programs for pokeweed and cleavers, as described in the 2021/2022 Annual Report.

The first DPIRD DPR payment is typically not received until August, and therefore LBG carries over \$30,000 each year as 'DPR Income in Advance' to cover July operating expenses while awaiting the first DPIRD DPR payment.

A \$10,000 honorarium was paid to the Chairperson in 2022/2023, of which \$5,000 was donated back to the LBG for use in future projects. Additional fees were paid to the Chair for time spent updating the Rules of Association. No honorarium was paid to the Treasurer in 2022/2023 due to the change of responsibilities mid-year.

Due to the uncertainty associated with variable funding from the DPIRD DPR account, LBG chose to contract our weeds officer for part of the year. This contributed to the decrease in employee expenses (\$35,068) and corresponding increase in sub-contractor expenses (\$20,259) in 2022/2023 when compared to 2021/2022. Price and availability for weed control services led LBG to contract the Vice Chair as a contractor in this role. The Vice Chair has declared their conflict of interest, abstained from involvement in decision-making related to their role in weed management, and will relinquish their voting role in the LBG Board at the 2023 AGM.

TREASURER'S REPORT continued

Independent Business

Funds held in this account have primarily come from the historical support of Blackwood Biosecurity Inc (BBI). Three months of operating expenses are carried in this account, or in an associated term deposit, with the remainder called on for non-declared pest work, as and when required. Any donations also contribute to this account.

NOMAD Accounting provided LBG's accounting and bookkeeping services for 2022/2023.

ALEXIS DAVY, TREASURER LESCHENAUT BIOSECURITY GROUP

*LBG will pursue additional sources of revenue in 2023/2024 to mitigate the financial risk created by the uncertain value of the second DPIRD payment each year.

Leschenault Biosecurity Group uses acquired funds to provide for a broad range of activities and resources to support landholders within our operation area in meeting their responsibilities to manage declared pests on their properties and to promote community wide awareness and actions for effective pest management.



11. Audited Financial Statement

Please find our audited financial statement on the following pages.

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

ABN 85 311 692 230

Special Purpose Financial Report - 30 June 2023

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 17th October 2023.

**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
Management Committees' report
30 June 2023**

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 2023.

The LBG Management Committee Members as of the 30 June 2023 were:

Morrie Goodz	Chairperson
Scott Bartholomew	Vice Chairperson
Sarah Forrest	Secretary
Alexis Davy	Treasurer - Effective December 2022
Terry Mondy	Expert Member
Sheree Blechynden	Member
John Ross	Member
Pep Brandis (Cook)	Member - Effective December 2022
Kate Duzevich	EO - Effective May 2023
Sherry Thomas	Treasurer - Retired November 2022
Peter Bass	Member - Retired November 2022
Angela Pusey	EO - Retired May 2023

The net deficit of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 amounted to \$ 29,734,

Principal activities

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

**Morrie
Goodz**

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Morrie Goodz
Chairman

____ October 2023

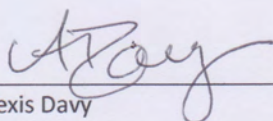
**Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
Management Committees' declaration
30 June 2023**

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 2023 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



Alexis Davy
Treasurer

17 October 2023

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue			
Independent Income		-	78,911
Declared Pest Rate Income		362,337	376,307
Unspent Declared Pest Rate Income		-	31,410
Donation		5,000	2,000
Interest Income		1,663	170
Other Income		830	-
		369,830	488,798
Total revenue		369,830	488,798
 Expenses			
Sub-contractors		(36,288)	(16,029)
Rent Expense		(10,826)	(656)
Honorarium Expenses		(10,000)	(15,000)
Pest Weeds/Animal Supplies		(14,775)	(10,351)
Consultancy		(6,618)	(38,792)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(13,429)	(14,396)
Administration		(42,193)	(41,904)
Insurance		(3,170)	(1,984)
Low Cost Assets		(102)	(1,782)
Motor Vehicle Expenses		(8,310)	(3,948)
Rent - Amortisation Expense (Lease)	5	(6,948)	(16,325)
Employee benefits expense		(238,651)	(273,719)
Other expenses		(8,254)	(9,202)
Total expenses		(399,564)	(444,088)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	11	(29,734)	44,710
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income/ (deficit) for the year		(29,734)	44,710

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	189,032	236,641
Trade and other receivables	4	1,550	1,550
Right-of-use assets	5	-	6,947
Other		10,497	4,606
Total current assets		<u>201,079</u>	<u>249,744</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	<u>50,644</u>	<u>56,575</u>
Total non-current assets		<u>50,644</u>	<u>56,575</u>
Total assets		<u>251,723</u>	<u>306,319</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts Payable	7	32,087	51,766
Lease liabilities	8	-	6,948
Employee benefits	9	7,125	7,082
Other		43,566	41,844
Total current liabilities		<u>82,778</u>	<u>107,640</u>
Total liabilities		<u>82,778</u>	<u>107,640</u>
Net assets		<u>168,945</u>	<u>198,679</u>
Equity			
Restricted Reserves	10	-	31,410
Retained surpluses	11	<u>168,945</u>	<u>167,269</u>
Total equity		<u>168,945</u>	<u>198,679</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 2023

	Restricted reserves \$	Retained profits \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	-	153,969	153,969
Surplus for the year	-	44,710	44,710
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	44,710	44,710
Transfer to reserves	31,410	(31,410)	-
Balance at 30 June 2022	<u>31,410</u>	<u>167,269</u>	<u>198,679</u>
	Restricted reserves \$	Retained profits \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	31,410	167,269	198,679
Deficit for the year	-	(29,734)	(29,734)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive deficit for the year	-	(29,734)	(29,734)
Transfer from reserves	(31,410)	31,410	-
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>168,945</u>	<u>168,945</u>

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 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		368,167	488,627
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		<u>(409,939)</u>	<u>(398,160)</u>
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		<u>(41,772)</u>	<u>90,467</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(7,500)	(14,474)
Interest received		<u>1,663</u>	<u>170</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(5,837)</u>	<u>(14,304)</u>
Net cash from financing activities			
Net cash from financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(47,609)	76,163
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>236,641</u>	<u>160,478</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	3	<u><u>189,032</u></u>	<u><u>236,641</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 2023

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.

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 2023

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 2023

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 2023. 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.

Note 3. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Cash on hand	-	486
Debit Card Account	1,344	11,757
Independent Income Account	98,941	100,787
Trading Account	88,747	123,611
	<u>189,032</u>	<u>236,641</u>

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Note 3. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Bonds	1,550	1,550

Note 5. Right-of-use assets

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Rental lease - right-of-use	-	32,572
Less: Accumulated amortisation	-	(25,625)
	-	6,947

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.

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.

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Note 6. Property, plant and equipment

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Leasehold improvements - at cost	2,650	2,650
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(160)</u>	<u>(93)</u>
	<u>2,490</u>	<u>2,557</u>
Plant and equipment - at cost	34,380	26,880
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(9,541)</u>	<u>(5,097)</u>
	<u>24,839</u>	<u>21,783</u>
Motor vehicles - at cost	18,200	18,200
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(11,288)</u>	<u>(7,648)</u>
	<u>6,912</u>	<u>10,552</u>
Computer equipment - at cost	8,532	8,532
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,954)</u>	<u>(5,690)</u>
	<u>1,578</u>	<u>2,842</u>
Office equipment - at cost	24,801	24,801
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(9,976)</u>	<u>(5,960)</u>
	<u>14,825</u>	<u>18,841</u>
	<u><u>50,644</u></u>	<u><u>56,575</u></u>

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 and diminishing value 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 20 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.

Note 7. Accounts Payable

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Trade payables	24,588	34,305
BAS payable	<u>7,499</u>	<u>17,461</u>
	<u>32,087</u>	<u>51,766</u>

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Note 7. Accounts Payable (continued)

Accounting policy for trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Note 8. Lease liabilities

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current liabilities		
Lease liability - 18302 South Western Highway, Donnybrook WA 6239	-	7,000
Lease liability - Less Unexpired Interest	-	(52)
	-	6,948
	-	6,948

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 9. Employee benefits

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current liabilities		
Annual leave	5,767	6,419
Long service leave	1,176	-
Employee benefits	182	663
	7,125	7,082
	7,125	7,082

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.

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Note 9. Employee benefits (continued)

Long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Note 10. Restricted Reserves

Restricted Reserves

In 2022 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. The funds reserved for spending after 30 June 2022 on the following programs were utilised in during the financial year 2023.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Weed Wiper Program Reserve	-	19,410
Cleaver Program Reserve	-	7,000
Pokeweed Reserve	-	5,000
	-	31,410
	-	31,410

Note 11. Retained surpluses

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Retained surpluses at the beginning of the financial year	167,269	153,969
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(29,734)	44,710
Transfer from restricted reserves	31,410	-
Transfer to restricted reserves	-	(31,410)
	168,945	167,269
	168,945	167,269

Note 12. Remuneration of auditors

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

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Audit services - Australian Audit</i>		
Audit of the financial statements	3,000	2,800
<i>Other services - Australian Audit</i>		
Preparation of the financial report	550	500
	3,550	3,300
	3,550	3,300

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Note 13. 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:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Chairman Honorary	10,000	10,000
Chairman's Governance Services Contract	5,000	-
Chairman's Other Meetings Attended	1,300	-
Treasurer Honorary	-	5,000
Committee Sitting Fees	4,850	5,350
	<u>21,150</u>	<u>20,350</u>

The Chairman made a donation of \$5,000 towards Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.

Note 14. Related party transactions

Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.(LBG) sub-contracted services of the association out to the following related parties during the year.

Name	Contractor	Amount
Terry Mondy Burnley	Burnley Products	8,291.69
Scott Bartholomew	Eco Logical Landscapes	27,932.13

Note 15. Economic dependency

The ongoing operations of Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc. are reliant on the agreement with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for grant funding from the Declared Pest Account. For Leschenault Biosecurity Group to continue to operate on a going concern basis, the grant funding support from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to meet ongoing operations is vital.

Note 16. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 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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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 2023, 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 Cedric Davids, CA, RCA, AMIIA, BCom

Registered Company Auditor number 490152

Director

Australian Audit

Perth, Western Australia

Date: 17 October 2023

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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 2023, 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 directors' declaration.

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 (ACNC Act), including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023, 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 of 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 Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), the 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 ACNC Act and the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA). 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 The Management Committee for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, the ACNC Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA). 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.

The Management Committee 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 the Management 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.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, the entity 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):

- a. by providing us with all information, explanation and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit;
- b. by keeping financial records sufficient to enable a financial report to be prepared and audited;
- c. 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; and
- d. 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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Date: 17 October 2023



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