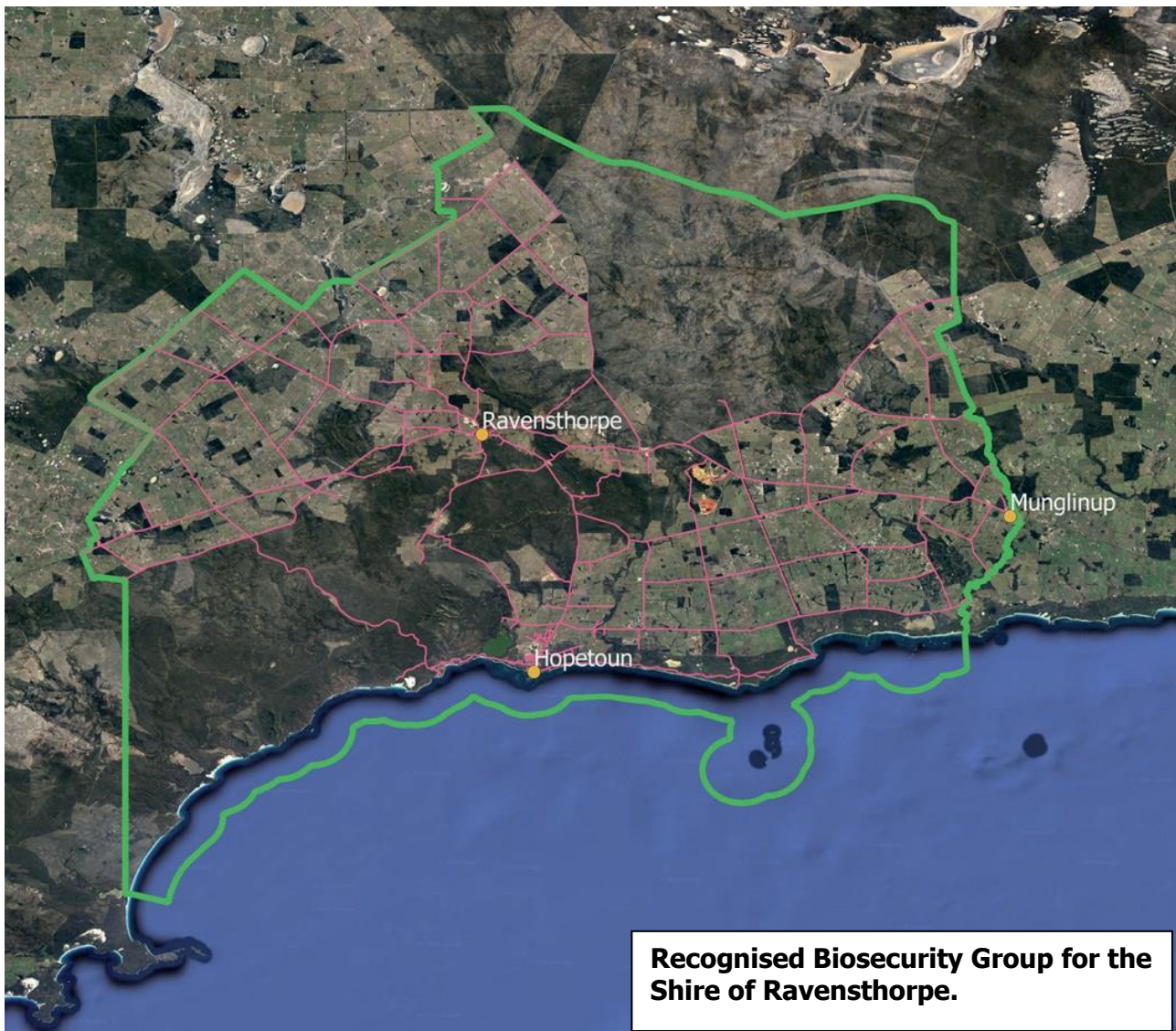


ANNUAL REPORT 2019 / 20

SOUTHERN BIOSECURITY GROUP

We believe declared pests can be better managed by a coordinated approach between community, industry and government.



PESTS AND WEEDS

Your environment Your responsibility Your legacy

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"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." Mattie Stepanek
E-mail: sbg.chair@gmail.com

2019-2020 SBG Chair report – Karyn Tuckett

The Southern Biosecurity Group (SBG) is established as a subcommittee of Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network (RAIN) for the purpose of being a Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) under the Biosecurity Agriculture Management Act 2007. A report is provided by the group to each RAIN meeting. The sub group structure allows the SBG to operate under the banner of a well-established community group with similar interests and avoids the need for an additional incorporated not for profit body in a small community.

Our objectives are to manage the impact of declared species so that they have minimal impact on the agricultural industry, landscapes and biodiversity values within the shire and to assist and encourage a consistent, integrated and cooperative approach to management across all land types within the shire.

We strive to meet the objectives with reference to The Biosecurity Management Strategy for Ravensthorpe Shire, developed through consultation with community and other stakeholders. The strategy provides the framework that guides the group. Included with our annual newsletter is a survey that is distributed to all landholders in the shire. Completion of the survey allows the Management Committee to identify other declared species that are of concern identified by the community.

This year has seen a continued focus on proactive wild dog control with Gavern House, Alpha Pest Management contracted to deliver this project. In addition, we have coordinated the release of the RHDV K5 calicivirus and continued to contract a Licensed Weed Technician to introduce cochineal onto Drooping Tree Pear (*opuntia monacantha*) in the Oldfield River. We also partnered with Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development with cactus control work in the river system. Due to the Covid outbreak it was not possible for the annual fox shoot to be supported by the group.

We have been fortunate to secure a Sheep and Goat Industry Fund grant to place cameras up and downstream of the Oldfield, Lort and Young Rivers. This will provide a cost-effective method of determining a baseline of species using the river corridors and to observe if there are changes in the system following construction of the State Barrier Fence extension.

Restrictions on gatherings and movement of personnel has seen a low level of community engagement this year. Use of local media, RAIN news and our website has been the avenue for disseminating information to the community.

Detail in the annual report will provide a greater understanding of projects undertaken for declared animals and weeds.

The chair and committee have received invaluable support from our Executive Officer, Kylie Fletcher. Kylie went on maternity leave mid-year and temporary replacement, Glenice Batchelor has continued to provide support to the Management Committee. To both, thank you for all the effort put into achieving the best possible outcomes. The groups finances are administered by RAIN finance officer Jenny Biddulph. For her time and patience, we extend our appreciation.

Gratitude is extended to the Management Committee who all work in a voluntary capacity to meet the objectives of the group. With the continued evolving nature of Recognised Biosecurity Group requirements there continues to be a high demand on their time and this does not go unrecognised. Due to social gathering limitations the majority of our decision making this year has been through electronic means. This method has allowed the group to continue operations. Hopefully in the coming year we will be back to standard practice with meetings.

Southern Biosecurity Group

Southern Biosecurity Group is a subgroup committee of the Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network (RAIN) mandated to coordinate control of declared pest species in the Shire of Ravensthorpe. SBG began operating in 2002 as the Ravensthorpe Declared Species Group and in 2022 will have achieved 20 years of community-based local decision-making and pest management.

Southern Biosecurity Group's Committee members for the 2019/20 financial year were:

- Karyn Tuckett (Chair),
- Jen Chambers,
- Reece Laycock,
- Gemma Walker,
- Bevan Tuckett.

In the beginning, SBGs role focused on wild dog control in the shire as a Declared Species group. Over the years it has grown to prioritizing a range of declared pests.

We believe declared pests can be better managed by a coordinated approach between community, industry and government and work to support landholders through coordination and collaboration across tenure.

In 2017, SBG requested Recognised Biosecurity Group status through the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007 (BAM Act) to allow community funds raised through the Declared Pest Rate are matched dollar for dollar by the state government, enabling us to provide coordinated and targeted control of declared pests within the Shire of Ravensthorpe. Southern Biosecurity Group contract a part time Executive Officer and a Licensed Pest Management Technician (up to 100 days per year) and works closely with partners and collaborators such as Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Esperance Biosecurity Association (EBA), Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) and the Shire of Esperance.

Key programs

Southern Biosecurity Group will focus on the following key areas that address strategic objectives set out in the 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan.

- Wild dogs
- Rabbit, fox and cat control
- Strategic weeds (bridal creeper, prickly pear and apple of Sodom)
- Governance and administration
- Community engagement and education

Most funding for activities is via the Declared Pest Rate annual budget however where possible this is supplemented by additional external funds.

In 2020/21, SBG will continue to administer and focus on accessing a range of additional funding opportunities to continue activities including: Industry Fund Scheme (Sheep and Goat), Federal Drought funding (in partnership with the Shire of Ravensthorpe and RAIN); State Natural Resource Management and various ongoing Australian Government funds.

In 2019/20 Southern Biosecurity activities were supported by the following contractors;

Kylie Fletcher- Executive Officer and in late June for Kylie's Maternity Leave – Glenice Batchelor, Gavern House – Licensed Pest Management Technician, Mark Cronin – Licenced Weed Management Technician.

SBG is a subcommittee of RAIN and SBG would like to thank Elisa Spengler, Jack Guthrie and Jen Biddulph and the RAIN committee for their ongoing support and assistance.

Communications and engagement

In 2020 COVID 19 impacted globally and has changed our world and how we relate to it.

Each year a draft calendar of communications and engagement activities is developed and is included in the Operational (Business plan) for the following financial year.

This is an indicative annual calendar and does not include ongoing activities aligned to creating community awareness that may occur opportunistically throughout the year. Dates for these activities are dependent on community and project activities. Like 2019/20, it is anticipated that 2020/21 will again be subject to COVID19 influences beyond SBGs control.

Regular updates and Information are shared through the SBG website (southernbiosecuritygroup.org.au) and other channels, such as social media and the RAIN e-news. Landholders and those interested can sign up for the RAIN E-news at rainoffice@westnet.com.au or the Community Spirit <https://www.ravensthorpe.crc.net.au/community-spirit.html>.



Executive Officer Kylie Fletcher presenting the winners of the 2019 Community Fox Shoot. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Community Fox shoot, the “Verminators” have retained the Community Fox shoot title for another year. It is anticipated the event will occur in 2021. The event galvanizes the community and keeps the conversation going around pest management.

Key Stakeholders

SBG will continue to work, partner and collaborate with identified key stakeholders including:

- Local communities within the Shire of Ravensthorpe
- Shire of Ravensthorpe – including support of Drought funding projects
- Shire of Kent – Lake Magenta wild dog activities
- Fitzgerald Biosphere Group
- Feral Cat regional management group
- Neighbouring RBGs including the Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group and the Esperance Biosecurity Association
- Esperance Weed Action Group
- State Natural Resource Management Office
- South Coast NRM
- Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions – Regional offices of Esperance, Albany and Merredin
- Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development – ongoing support with RBG, Wild dogs, Rabbits, RCCPs and Cactus program.
- Industry Funding Scheme (Sheep and Goat) Committee
- Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network (RAIN)

Community Survey

The Annual priority survey is in its third year and a key mechanism to provide an annual opportunity for community input and to inform the following year's Operational plan.

The survey was first created in 2018 and remains very similar each year to allow Southern Biosecurity to track changes and identify any trends from the initial baseline data captured. The website provides ongoing opportunity for contact or queries – with a direct link to the SBG Executive Officer email for further queries or feedback opportunities

Report on 2019 Priority Survey

In July/August 2019 a priority survey was developed to gain input from community on priorities for the 2020/21 Operational Plan. The opportunity for feedback was advertised in the Community Spirit and a copy of the survey was included in the letter sent to all landholders in early August 2019.

Survey Monkey was also used to create a digital version of the survey. This was promoted through the RAIN e-news and SBG website (homepage).

A total of 51 responses were received, representing at 1000% increase on the previous survey (5 responses)

A summary of additional results is available on the Southern Biosecurity Group's website.

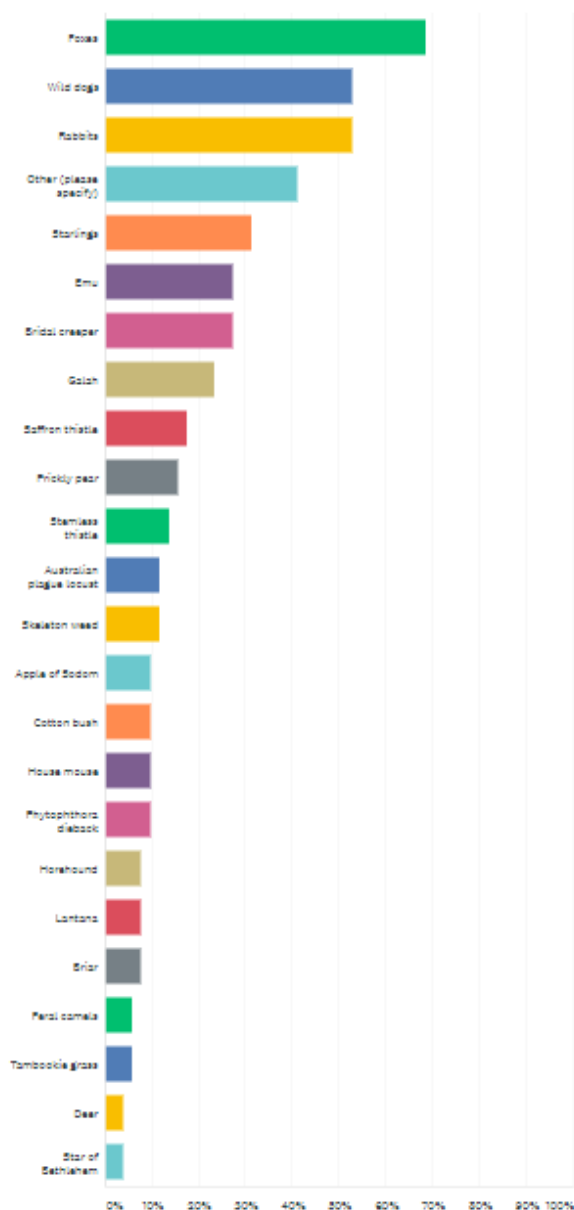
Key Results.

Q1. What declared species should be a priority for Southern Biosecurity Group? Please pick three from the list below.

Species	% of respondents	Number of respondents
Foxes	68.63%	35
Wild dogs	52.94%	27
Rabbits	52.94%	27
Other (please specify)	41.18%	21
Starlings	31.37%	16
Emu	27.45%	14
Bridal creeper	27.45%	14
Galah	23.53%	12
Saffron thistle	17.65%	9
Prickly pear	15.69%	8
Stemless thistle	13.73%	7
Australian plague locust	11.76%	6
Skeleton weed	11.76%	6
Apple of Sodom	9.80%	5
Cotton bush	9.80%	5
House mouse	9.80%	5
Phytophthora dieback	9.80%	5
Horehound	7.84%	4
Lantana	7.84%	4
Briar	7.84%	4
Feral camels	5.88%	3
Tambookie grass	5.88%	3
Deer	3.92%	2
Star of Bethlehem	3.92%	2

What declared species should be a priority for Southern Biosecurity Group?
Please pick three from the list below.

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



The "Other" responses were:

Feral cats (14), Boxthorn (3),

Clover, Snails, Kangaroos and Mosman River Grass (all 1)

Q2. Why have you selected these?

Many of the comments included feral pest impact – *“direct and economic; on the local environment, on our farming district; every day and long term operations; on native flora and fauna; they are all important to somebody and They impact on my property; I endeavour to manage them myself and with my limited knowledge I believe a wider, collective effort might actually make a difference.”*

Q3. What skills, knowledge or resources would help you manage declared species on your property?

This year following review and discussion about responses, SBG was able to respond the following requests:

- *“Assistance with 1080 baiting licence requirements”,*
- *“Fox Baits, Fox bait Crown land”, “Keeping dog fence upgraded”*
- *“Regular updates of what threats are around and advice. Perhaps opportunities to trial and/or group by resources e.g. monitoring cameras. Training as appropriate. Community awareness”*

Website

Since its launch in September 2018, the Southern Biosecurity Group website continues to provide a point of contact for the Southern Biosecurity Group and provide relevant information and key updates to interested landholders and declared pest ratepayers. The website was initially funded by South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. and is at www.southernbiosecuritygroup.org.au. It is updated regularly.

The website is now evolving into an information hub with a focus on making sure relevant information is available on biosecurity and priority pests in the Ravensthorpe Shire such as the Pesty Guide, Industry, State and National updates and links to the RAIN e-news as well as opportunity to provide input via a live link to the Executive Officer's email sbg.execofficer@gmail.com. This is especially important as the Executive Officer role is part-time.

Visits are monitored for effectiveness and traffic.

Declared Pest Rate Projects

Wild dogs / Foxes

Wild dogs do not respect tenure boundaries such as fences, borders or land uses. Management activities work best when they are coordinated and people work together.

The aim of the wild dog control program funded through the Declared Pest Rate and coordinated by the SBG, is to keep a 20 kilometres buffer zone east of the State Barrier Fence (SBF) in the Shire of Ravensthorpe, free from wild dogs. Wild dogs may enter onto the western side of the SBF, affecting livestock enterprises. They also present a real risk to human safety, with attacks on people reported in WA and across Australia during the past year.

SBGs contracted Licensed Pest Management Technician assists with trapping, shooting and baiting activities to limit wild dog numbers in the shire ensuring all activities are humanely carried out and adhering to the Code of Practice. The SBG contractor has over eighteen years of experience and will support landholders to manage wild dogs until June 30th 2022. Contractor reporting aims to capture and collect all relevant data, significant events and occurrences associated with the wild dog control program being undertaken by SBG. Information includes but is not limited to events such as number and location dog traps set, captures, photo's, activity found, baiting programs, opportunistic shooting and related control activities. In January/February 2020 the area of control was impacted on by Bushfires.

The contract allows for a rapid 48-hour response for any reported Wild Dog attacks.

If Landholders suffer any losses from a wild dog attack, they can contact the LPMT directly on the advertised phone number to report the attack and for assistance.

For any wild dog sightings Landholders are asked to email the Executive Officer to report the sighting and let neighbours know to monitor their livestock more closely.

In 2019/20 there has been ongoing evidence of wild dog activity with numerous sightings and five dogs trapped. Stock losses included 3-4-month-old lambs in October 2019. SBG will maintain continual vigilance and encourage reporting. By controlling Wild dogs through ongoing baiting and trapping, foxes are also being managed.

Anecdotally the 8km extension to the SBG in the Ravensthorpe Shire appears to have had a positive impact.

Landholders are regularly reminded that by law they need an approved Restricted Chemical Product (RCP) Permit for their own control activities and for the contracted LPMT to work on their land to support their own management activities.

Once the permit and training are completed and the permit issued, landholders in the Shire of Ravensthorpe are encouraged to email the Executive Officer. The RCP Permit process has been an ongoing issue for many groups for many years for both landholders and for access to UCL or Government lands for surveillance and control of declared pests.

As a Recognised Biosecurity Group, the SBG is eligible for a 50% reduction in the cost of the RCP Permits, however landholders must identify this on the application to be eligible.

In 2019/20 SBG subsidised the cost of these permits in order to encourage shire wide, cross boundary pest control.

Rabbit Control

Rabbits have been identified as an ongoing priority. SBG funded two releases of the RDHV1-K5 (also known as Calicivirus) program via Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network (RAIN) in 2019/20. Due to the extent of the rabbit problems currently affecting the shire, additional virus releases are contracted to take place in late Spring 2020.

Coordination of the release of the K5 virus enhances the outcomes of a variety of rabbit control activities such as trapping, shooting and destroying of warrens. Broad-scale virus release is necessary to maximise the impact of the virus on the rabbit population however SBG encourages existing traditional methods and any action should always be a part of an integrated pest management program. Rabbit Control Glovebox guides are readily available to assist and SBG has sought ongoing expert advice to help fine-tune the project and continue to improve Rabbit control. Landholders are encouraged to indicate interest for involvement and enter rabbit sightings, impact and control on the local RabbitScan database. In 2019/20, 11 rabbit sightings, 1 rabbit impact and 112 rabbit control records were entered and Hopetoun was a key target area for control.

Opuntia monacantha (drooping prickly pear cactus)

Efforts to eradicate the drooping prickly pear (*Opuntia monacantha*) continued throughout the 2019/20 financial year in the Oldfield River corridor with a minimum of 70ha treated. If removed from the Oldfield River catchment site then these efforts will have successfully eradicated the Declared Weed from the Ravensthorpe Shire. The plants form dense thickets and out-compete native species. It also acts as a harbour for pest animals such as foxes, rabbits and fruit fly.

DPIRD has funded and partnered with SBG for a contractor to work with the Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Aboriginal Corporation. Final project funding reports are available on the SBG website.

Control included a range of techniques such as chemical stem injection, collection by hand and buried or used as food for Cochineal scale insect trials being undertaken.



Initial injection



3 months later



7 months later

Other Pests and Weeds

Bridal Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*)

Southern Biosecurity Group funded a Bridal Creeper project aiming to control 4.6 hectares of bridal creeper along the highly visible Hopetoun foreshore through the Declared Pest Rate. Check our website for more details.

Apple of Sodom (*Solanum linnaeanum*)

SBG focusses on awareness and capacity building mechanisms rather than direct on ground activity, however when Apple of Sodom was identified as a priority in the annual survey a State Natural Resource Management grant was successfully applied for and will commence in October 2020. The report is available on the SBG website.

African Boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)

African Boxthorn was identified in both previous community surveys as an already concerning weed pest problem. This species is a Weed of National Significance; however, it is not a Declared Species which unfortunately means it cannot be managed via the DPR funding. However, in a partnership with the Shire of Ravensthorpe and following a successful Federal Drought funding project with RAIN, initial management control will be undertaken in 2020/21 highlighting the importance of partnerships and collaboration.

Funding sourced in addition to DPR

Apart from ongoing sustainable funding, one of the key benefits of being a RBG is that it allows the SBG to be seen as a legitimate supplier and key stakeholder of Biosecurity for management and control.

The demonstrated strong governance and secure matching government funding means the group can facilitate and apply for a range of additional external funds to manage pests not able to be addressed through the Declared Pest Rate. This can be difficult to explain to concerned communities and the need for the DPR to be expended only within the prescribed area of SBG means that often pests that impact across boundaries are difficult to manage.

SBG seeks to address this through close collaboration and networking with other areas, like-minded groups and with neighbouring Recognised Biosecurity Groups. In 2019/20 the group was successful in sourcing a range of external funding.

Drought Funding

The Shire of Ravensthorpe's Commonwealth Drought funding success means that Southern Biosecurity Group will be collaborating with the Shire and RAIN to implement additional declared pest management work to add even more value to SBG's existing programs.

Industry Funding Scheme (IFS)

Southern Biosecurity Group successfully gained additional funding from the Goat and Sheep Industry Funding Scheme to monitor wild dog activity along the extensions to the State Barrier Fence – before, during and after.

SBG is partnering with the Esperance Biosecurity Association (EBA) to implement the program across the two shires in 20/21. Animal recognition software will be used by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to interpret data and positioning and SBG and EBAs LPMTs will assist in positioning and monthly downloads and maintenance.

Additionally, SBG and DBCA are supporting a Shire of Kent NRM project. SBG coordinates a 12-month contract employing a LPMT (Greg Elliott) for surveillance and management of wild dogs (and foxes) in the Shire of Kent as a condition of support by DBCA. The area falls outside a Recognised Biosecurity Group so is not eligible to raise a DPR. However, the area around Lake Magenta and Lockhart Nature Reserves is highly strategic as it's the only gap in wild dog control within the State Barrier Fence zone from Northampton to Ravensthorpe and has the potential to impact four Shires and their communities.

What's ahead for the 2020/21 year?

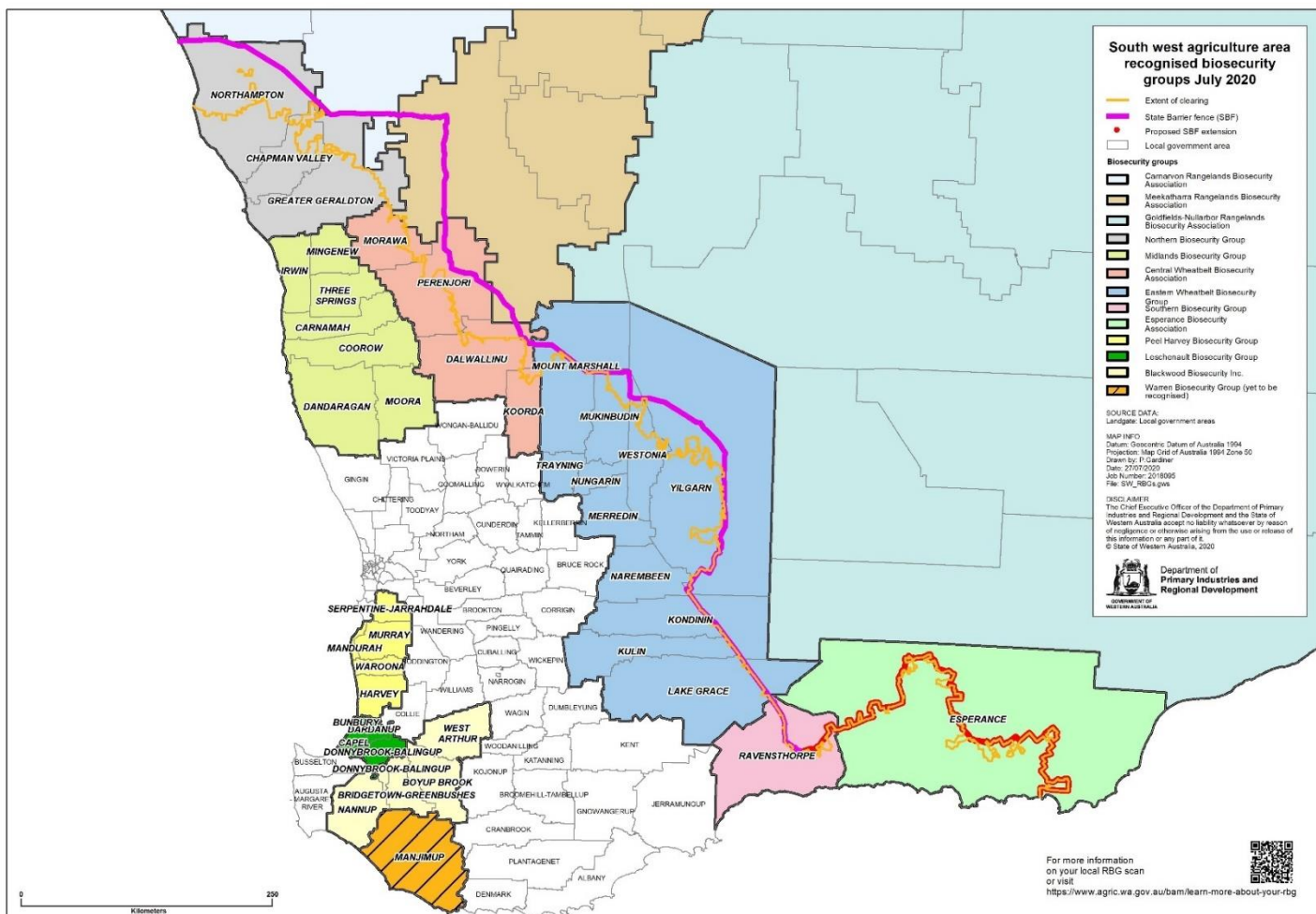
As Southern Biosecurity Group moves into its third year of a rate the areas of focus remain very much the same as previous years. This enhances and builds on the long history and dedication of local people making local decisions and undertaking and understanding Biosecurity and Declared Pest species implications and responsibilities.

They include but are not limited to the following key points. The value of groups such as SBG are that they are community led with the ability to respond quickly as required through their relationships with land managers and by accessing trusted networks.

As indicated in the attached 2020/21 Operational Plan, the Southern Biosecurity Group will:

- Continue to implement wild dog control activities and build on previous activities and local knowledge including supporting the continuation of the Shire of Kent program.
- Source additional funds to carry out future prickly pear control – this was achieved for 2020 but needs to continue.
- Continue to support the awareness raising activities and community engagement of the annual Red Card for Red Fox shoot and educate landholders about baiting and RCPPs.
- Continue with the annual landholder letter and survey to inform the SBG of priority species and ensure landholders are aware and understand and build participation in declared pest management activities
- Expand community engagement and information activities to ensure landholders understand that they are responsible for managing declared pest species on their land and that coordination and collaboration enhances this.
- Continue to monitor control activities and encourage use of database reporting on Feralscan suite.
- Feral cats are now listed as a declared species. SBG will continue to work with other groups and subject matter experts such as “Feral Cat Chat” to identify best practice management and support the use of “Eradicat” by DBCA and seek funding to support this and encourage reporting via FeralCatScan.
- Apple of Sodom will remain a key weed for ongoing management messaging and activities. Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network were contracted to carry out a mapping program to determine the extent of area that the weed covers. From this information, it will then be possible to determine the cost and feasibility of control.
- Maintain a watching brief and seek opportunities for additional funds and resources to further enhance management opportunities for declared pest management and strategic activities identified in the Biosecurity Management Strategy for the Shire of Ravensthorpe. Available on SBG website.
- Obviously COVID 19 has impacted and will continue to impact activities such as displays at various events over the course of the year. Key events will be targeted again including the RAIN Crop update and Spring Field walk and, the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Festival.

The Southern Biosecurity Group is part of a State-wide community led program that is providing surveillance, on-ground management, control, education as evidenced by the map below.



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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2020

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Your committee members submit the financial report of Southern Biosecurity Group for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Committee members

The names of the committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Karyn Tuckett (President)
Gemma Walker
Jennifer Chambers
Reece Laycock
Bevan Tuckett

Principal activities

The principal activity of the association during the financial year is:

Pest and invasive species management in the Ravensthorpe District.

Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating result

The loss of the Association for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$80,171.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:

Karyn Tuckett (President)

Gemma Walker

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2020

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
FUNDING INCOME		
DPIRD - Declared Pest Rate	135,810	145,877
AWI Funding	-	3,000
DPIRD Funding	-	62,686
Shire of Kent Funding	46,223	-
Other Grants	36,760	-
DPIRD Exec. Officer Holding Funds	59,390	-
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	278,183	211,563
Other income		
Interest Received	215	740
Miscellaneous Income	3,140	16,250
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	3,355	16,990
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	281,538	228,553
EXPENSES		
Administration Costs	2,573	20,167
Apple of Sodom Control	-	11,900
Audit Fees	380	-
Cactus Control	20,000	41,523
Communications	-	6,262
Contract Dogger	-	60,335
Declared Pest Rate Expenditure	119,747	-
Executive Officer Expenditure	37,110	62,040
Insurance	-	4,076
Rabbit & Other Vermin Control	-	10,107
Tool & Equipment	-	4,966
Wild Dog Control	21,558	4,006
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	201,367	225,382
PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX	<hr/>	<hr/>
	80,171	3,171
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	159,003	155,832
RETAINED EARNINGS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<hr/>	<hr/>
	239,173	159,003

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	<i>Note</i>	2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	241,087	160,944
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>241,087</u>	<u>160,944</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>241,087</u>	<u>160,944</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	4	1,913	1,942
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,913</u>	<u>1,942</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,913</u>	<u>1,942</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>239,173</u>	<u>159,003</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings		239,173	159,003
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>239,173</u>	<u>159,003</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

The financial statements cover Southern Biosecurity Group as an individual entity. Southern Biosecurity Group is a not-for-profit association incorporated in Western Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

The principal activity of the association for the year ended 30 June 2020 is:

Pest and invasive species management in the Ravensthorpe District.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, 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 and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

Income tax

The association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

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Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised on transfer of goods to the customer as this is deemed to be the point in time when risks and rewards are transferred and there is no longer any ownership or effective control over the goods.

Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association determines whether there is an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the assets is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss, except for goodwill.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	<i>Note</i>	2020 \$	2019 \$
3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash at Bank		-	47
Cash at Bank - Reserve Account		241,087	160,897
		241,087	160,944
4 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES			
CURRENT			
Cash at Bank		1,523	-
GST Collected		390	1,942
		1,913	1,942
5 RETAINED EARNINGS			
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		159,003	155,832
Profit before income tax		80,171	3,171
		239,173	159,003

6 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

No matter or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

7 STATUTORY INFORMATION

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Lot 13 Morgans Street, Ravensthorpe WA 6346

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Southern Biosecurity Group as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Southern Biosecurity Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Karyn Tuckett (President)

Gemma Walker

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2020

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN
BIOSECURITY GROUP
ABN 65 484 162 896**

Scope

The Special Purpose Financial Report and Committee's Responsibility

The financial report comprises the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the statement by members of the committee for Southern Biosecurity Group (the association), for the year ended 30 June 2020.

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the association Incorporations Act WA and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporations Act WA. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Audit Approach

I conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the association. My audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

I performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate for the needs of the members.

I formed my audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the committee.

While I considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, my audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

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Independence

In conducting my audit, I followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Southern Biosecurity Group presents a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Southern Biosecurity Group as at 30 June 2020 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Name of Firm: Heasman & Associates Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants

Name of Director: 
Malcolm W Heasman

Address: Suite 4/98 Dempster Street Esperance WA 6450

Dated this 29th day of SEPTEMBER 2020

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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Karyn Tuckett of PO Box 292, Ravensthorpe WA 6346, certify that:

- a) I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on _____
- b) The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2020

President: _____
Karyn Tuckett

