



**Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Committee of Management Meeting held  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of October, 2019 at Merredin CRC Conference Room, Merredin.**

**Chairperson:** Stuart Putt.

**1. Opening of Meeting:** 9.32am.

**2. Attendance and Apologies:**

**a. Attendance:** Lisa O'Neill (Executive Officer), Stuart Putt (Chairperson), Steve Palm (Deputy Chairperson), Dean Sinclair, Ross Della Bosca, Mark Crees, Jim Sullivan, Glenice Batchelor (DPIRD observer), Helen Shemeld, Kent Mouritz, Dean Sinclair and Cyril Smith.

**b. Apologies:** Steve Hunt and Ron Burro.

**3. Disclosure of Interests:** none.

**4. EWBG 2020/21 Operational Plan Budget**

**Motion**

The EWBG will use their current Declared Pest Rate carryover funds of \$118,320 from previous years to continue pest control work in 2020/21 and into the future at existing levels, recognizing that the Financial Assistant Agreement (R4R) finishes at the end of the 2019/20 fiscal year and will have a significant impact on future budgets.

**Moved: J. Sullivan. Seconded: R. Della Bosca.  
Carried.**

In 2019/20 and future years the EWBG will look to use EWBG carryover funds to continue Wild Dog Control at its current level, continue to aerial bait a minimum of once per year, target Wild Dog hot spot areas and ensure landholders have an RCP Permit in place. The EWBG will commit to sending a total of 11 Committee Members or active Landholders (one per member Shire) and the EWBG Executive Officer to the Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference in Melbourne on the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2020 to increase capacity building and the EWBG presence in the Control of Declared Pests.

The continued carryover of EWBG funds gives the group the ability to manage any potential biosecurity threats in the future or a financial shortfall.

**5. Close of Meeting:** 10.12am.