

## Rural and Environmental Pest Management training: Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group





In May 2023, the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group (PHBG) hosted the Certificate III (AHC30318) Rural and Environmental Pest Management training in Harvey, WA. PHBG host this course once every two years to enable a greater number of people from south-west WA to attend. This is the third time PHBG have hosted this training opportunity. The course was delivered by Central Regional TAFE.

This training covered a number of vertebrate pest species and the range of humane best practice management techniques that can be applied. These techniques were discussed in presentations as well as in the field, with hands-on training. This training had a strong feral pig focus reflective of issues being experienced with feral pigs in the region.

This course covered:

- Surveying and monitoring pests
- Preparing and implementing pest management plans
- How to assess the pest and apply the appropriate management technique
- How to prepare and implement different management strategies
- · Preparing and applying chemicals
- Using the Humaneness Assessment tool

Narelle Dybing, National Feral Pig Program Support Officer, was invited to attend and present on the National Feral Pig Action Plan, how pest management technicians can be supported, the importance of management planning, feral pig management training, and applying integrated best practice management techniques for effective control.

This training program was supported by:

- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Evicom Australia
- · Leschenault Biosecurity Group
- WA Feral Pig Advisory Group
- National Feral Pig Action Plan
- Water Corporation

Completion of the AHC30318 Certificate III in Rural and Environmental Pest Management:

- Supports the Industry Code of Practice
- Provides credibility to the pest animal controller
- Facilitates the understanding and appreciation of undertaking integrated pest management
- · Addresses animal welfare
- · Fosters trust in the community
- Provides the qualification required to become a licensed pest management technician and ability to register a pest management business with the Department of Health
- Increases networking opportunities and support network

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