

# 20<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING OF PLANT HEALTH AUSTRALIA

Improving national biosecurity outcomes through partnerships



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# Chairperson's welcome



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# Ordinary business



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# Administrative arrangements



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# 2.1 Administrative arrangements

## Quorum

The Company Secretary will confirm that a quorum is present.

### **78.1 Number**

*The quorum for a general meeting is 5 Government Members and 5 Plant Industry Members, such Members present in person or by Representative, attorney or proxy, and the quorum must be present at all times during the meeting.*

# 2.1 Administrative arrangements

## Voting at this meeting

- Voting at a virtual General Meeting must be taken by a poll using technology which allows for voting in real time and not by show of hands.
- Electronic voting will remain open until we reach that agenda item at this meeting.
- Voting forms will be available for those here in Sydney that haven't already voted electronically.
- Members have been encouraged to record their vote in advance of the meeting.
- Voting is in accordance with the prescribed votes held by a Member.
- Ordinary resolution on a poll at least 60% Government and 60% of Industry Member must be in favour.

# 2.1 Administrative arrangements

## Returning Officer

The Chair intends to use the **Company Secretary** as Returning Officer to assist with voting, vote counting and assessing the validity of proxies.

A Scrutineer to observe the voting process may be appointed by Members, if required.

# 2.1 Administrative arrangements

## 82 Members' Representatives and Attorneys

### 82.1 *Appointment*

*Subject to clause 83, a Member must appoint, in accordance with clause 82.6, at least one individual as a Representative to exercise all or any of the powers the Member may exercise:*

- *at general meetings*
- *at meetings of creditors or debenture holders; and*
- *relating to resolutions to be passed without meetings.*
- *the appointment may be a standing one.*

### 82.6 *Member to notify change*

*Each Member must promptly notify the Secretary in writing of any change to its Representative.*

## 83 *Representative of Government Members*

*The Representative of each Government Member is the person from time to time holding the office of Minister of the Crown for that Government responsible for agriculture, or a person nominated by that Minister for the purpose of this clause 83.*

# 2.1 Administrative arrangements

## Notice of Meeting

- Notice of this meeting together with explanatory notes were mailed within the *Corporations Act 2001* timeframe.
- Information regarding participation in the virtual meeting was advised within appropriate timeframes and posted on the PHA website.

# 2.1 Administrative arrangements

## Proxies

Australian Forest Products Association	Chairman
Australian Ginger Industry Association	Chairman
NSW DPI	Satendra Kumar
Queensland Government	Mike Ashton

# Attendee participation-Chat function

Chat and Raise Hand will be in the controls at the bottom of your screen



As a virtual attendee at this PHA meeting, you can **Chat** to the host or all participants.

When you click on **Chat**, the chat window will appear either on the right side or in a window that you can move around your screen.

Type your message and press Enter to send it

To ask a question and be heard click on **Raise Hand**. If appropriate, your microphone will be unmuted to allow you to speak and ask your question or provide feedback to all attendees. On completion your microphone will be muted again.

**Raise Hand** can be overridden by lowering your hand.

# Apologies



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## 2.2 Apologies

Industry Member	
Apple & Pear Australia	Rosalie Daniel
Australian Forest Products Association	Natalie Heazlewood
Australian Grape & Wine Incorporated	Tony Battaglione
Avocados Australia	John Tyas
Canned Fruits Industry Council of Australia	Sarah Heazlewood
Dried Fruits Australia	Anne Mansell

## 2.2 Apologies

### Associate Member

AgNova Technologies

Andrew Glover

# Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 17 November 2020



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# Chairperson's address



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## 2.4 Chairperson's address

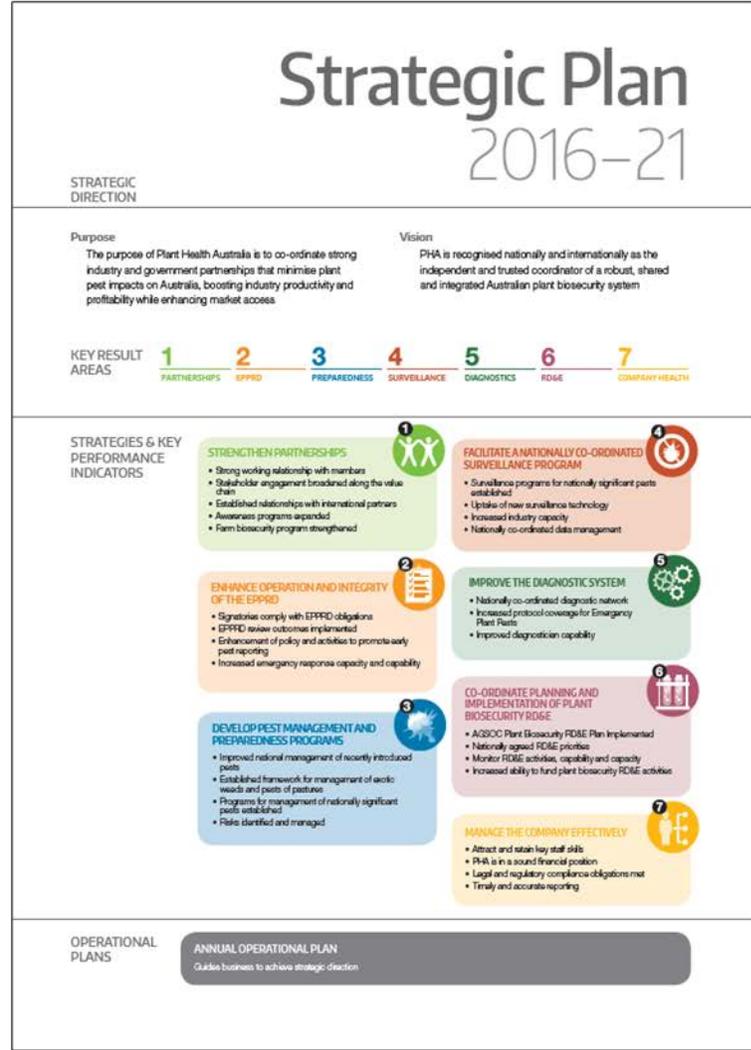
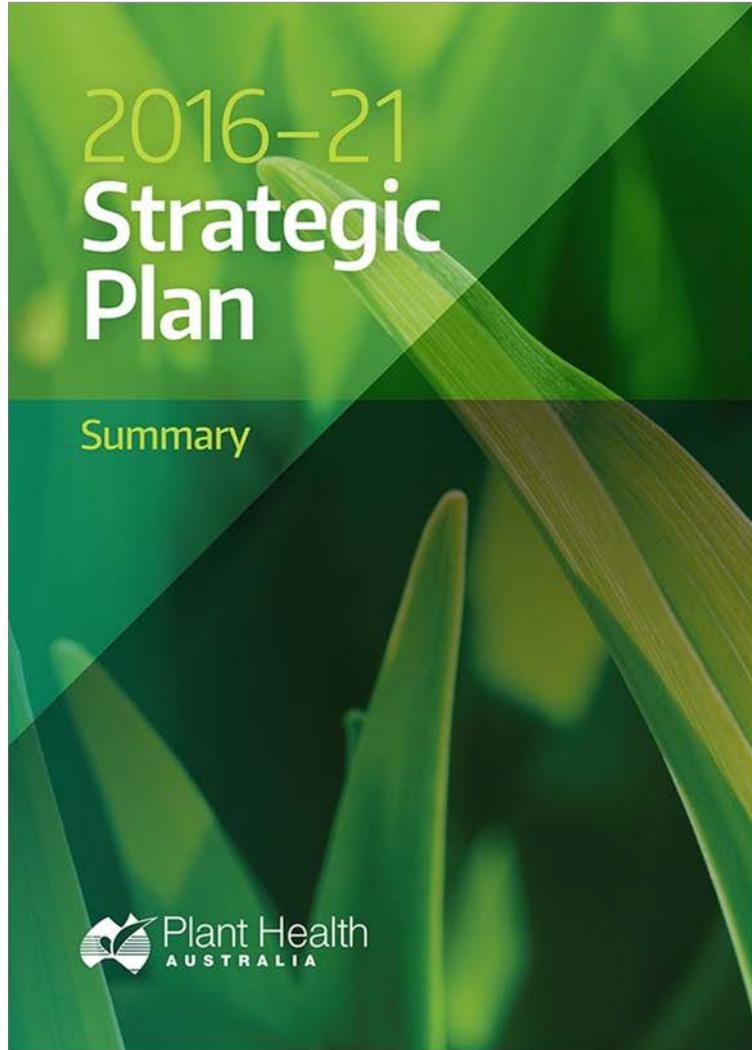
Mr Steve McCutcheon, Chairperson of PHA, will address the 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, providing an overview of PHA operations and critical developments.

The Chairperson's address will be available on PHA's website [www.phau.com.au](http://www.phau.com.au) following this meeting.

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# Year-to-date Performance Report





# 2020-2021 Performance

	Actual YTD April 2021	Forecast 2020/21	Budget 2020/21	Variance Forecast to budget
<b>Revenues from Ordinary Activities</b>				
-Membership subscriptions	2,660,000	2,660,000	2,660,000	0
-Project Funding	5,672,205	6,811,404	7,531,104	(719,700)
-Interest Income	95,583	106,151	106,151	0
-Other Income	100,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
Total Revenue	8,527,788	9,677,555	10,347,255	(669,700)
<b>Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>				
Total Expenditure	7,930,655	9,530,511	10,406,911	(876,400)
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	597,133	147,044	(59,656)	206,700

# Partnerships

## Deliverables for remainder 2020/21

- Interstate trade review is progressing well
- Work on the three sub strategies of National Plant Biosecurity Strategy on track
- Revised NPBS will be delivered at the 2021 AGM
- NFFS implementation via NFFC
  - Support from NBC to develop Phase 4
  - Successful National Fruit Fly Symposium



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# Partnerships

- Continued to work with industries on MoUs
- Continued engagement with the PHC subcommittees
- PHA member of the Biosecurity Collective and contributing to planning the **Biosecurity Symposium 26-28 October 2021**

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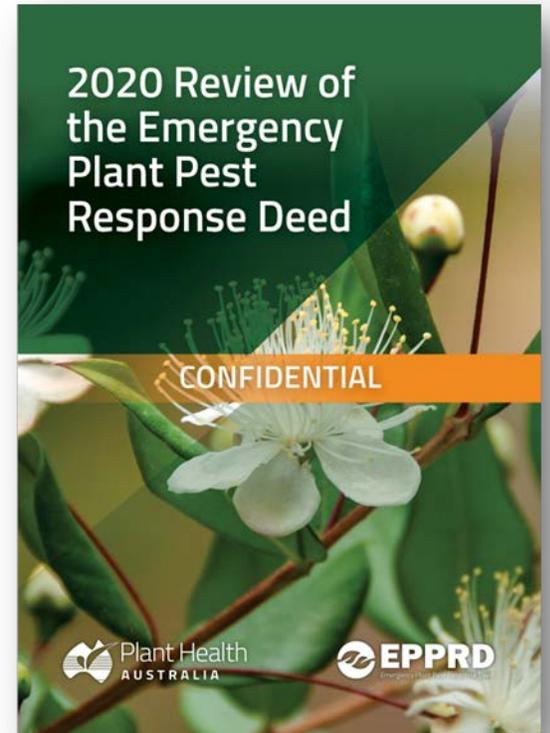
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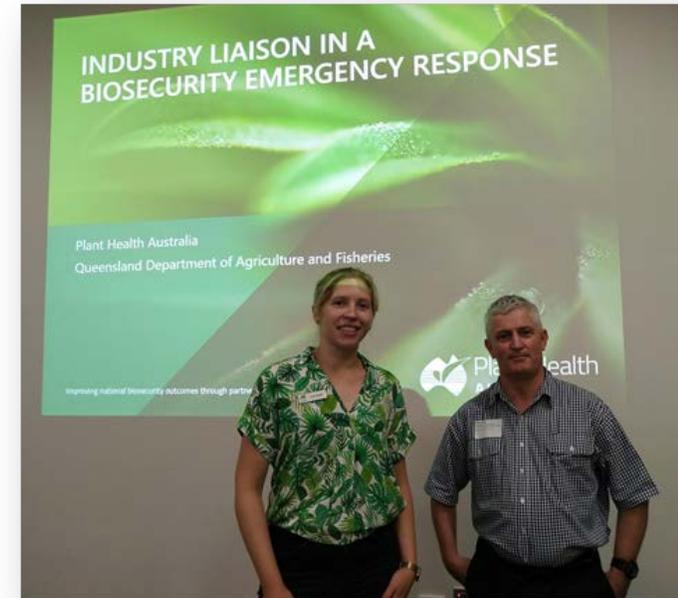
# Emergency response

- Significant set of variations to the EPPRD drafted and negotiated with Parties
  - Equity for impacted Owners
  - Vector/pathogen complexes
  - Improvements in interpretation and drafting
- 2020 Review of the EPPRD completed
- Resolution on policy regarding near border Incidents and the EPPRD
  - Drafting of guidance material underway
- Financial management of a response / needs analysis progressed
- Owner Reimbursement Cost frameworks progressed with several Industry Parties



# Emergency response

- Full revision of the *Plant Biosecurity in Australia* **BOLT** course
- Industry liaison training delivered in three jurisdictions with a fourth planned late June
- EPPRD awareness training delivered to several Parties
- National Biosecurity Response Team deliverables supported through advisory group membership
- Full review of PLANTPLAN structure underway
- Active responses programs supported
  - Citrus canker declared eradicated



# Preparedness

- National Bee Biosecurity Program to promote biosecurity awareness and compliance with the Code of Practice continues.
- Biosecurity Plans underway for Mushrooms, Honey bees and Production Nurseries.
- Biosecurity Plans being finalised for Plantation Forestry, Lychee, Papaya and Passionfruit.
- Biosecurity Reference Panels held for Avocado, Banana, Berries, Ginger, Mango, Onion, Potato, Sweetpotato and Vegetables.
- Final reports for 5 biosecurity planning project being completed.
- Biosecurity Preparedness Portal [biosecurityportal.org.au/](https://biosecurityportal.org.au/) continues to be populated.

# Surveillance

- Continued to work with SNPHS
- Botanic garden surveillance network progressed with blitzes for BMSB, Myrtle rust and Tree of Heaven undertaken
- Continued roll out of *AUSPestCheck*<sup>™</sup>
  - Secured endorsement from NBC to support *AUSPestCheck*<sup>™</sup> for next 3 years for collation of plant pest surveillance data.
- Development of BOLT surveillance course
- Negotiation to continue the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program
- Partnership for National Forest Pest Surveillance Program
- PSNAP membership has remained stable at 215 members



# Diagnostics

- New appointment of SPHD co-deputy chair and Coordinator of the Reference Collection Working Group
- National Diagnostic Protocol coordinator position transferred to PHA
- Finalised project to assess surge capacity for foliar PCR based protocols
- Continued project delivery by AgVic to identify and address NPPP specimen gaps in Reference Collections
- NPBDN membership remains strong with 406 members
- Planning commenced for Annual Diagnostician's Workshop and a Pest Blitz workshop as part of Rural R&D for Profit Boosting Diagnostics project
- PaDIL and APPD
  - PaDIL transferred to PHA and a project to rebuild the system has been negotiated with DAWE
  - APPD transfer to PHA underway, with rebuild to commence in 2021/22

# RD&E

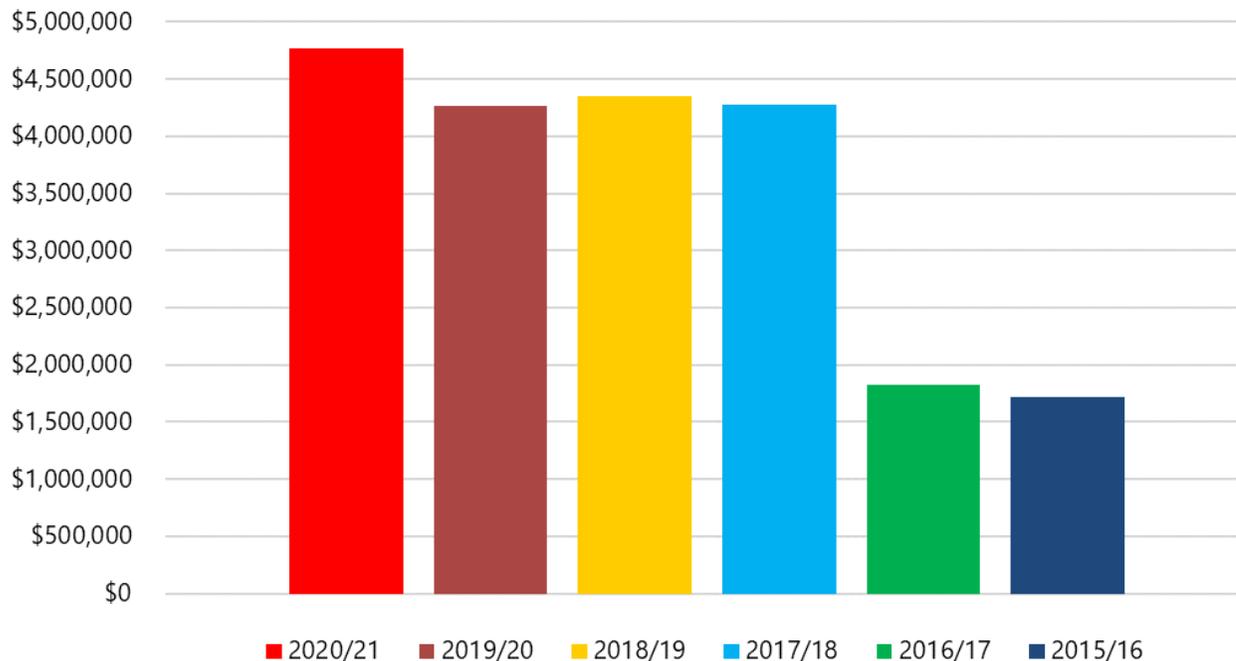
- Fall Armyworm Continuity Plan published
- PHA – PBRI podcast series developed
- National, cross sectoral Fall Armyworm R&D gaps and opportunities identified and prioritised.
- Targeted national FAW R&D projects being contracted.
- PBRI strategy finalised and published
- PBRI priority RD&E workshop series continuing 3 completed, 9 planned.

# Company Health

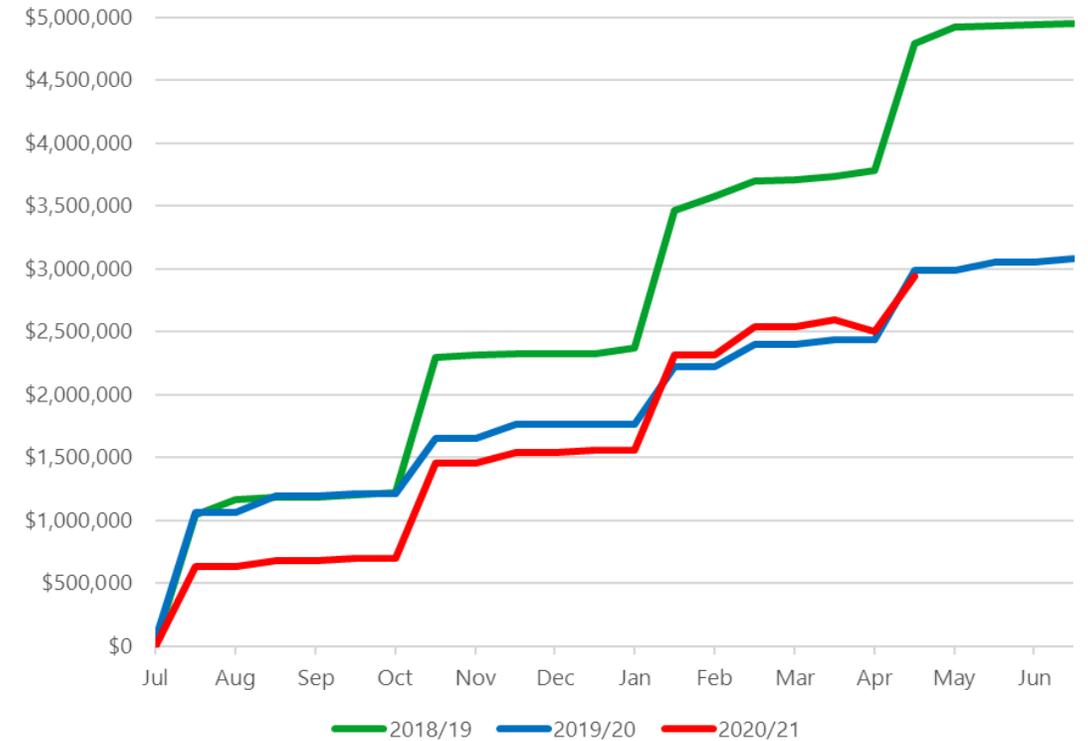
Considerable savings this year compared to budget because of COVID-19.

Overall good levy income for the majority of industries

**Total PHA levy payments received April 2021 YTD**



**Total EPPR levy Receipts April 2021 YTD**

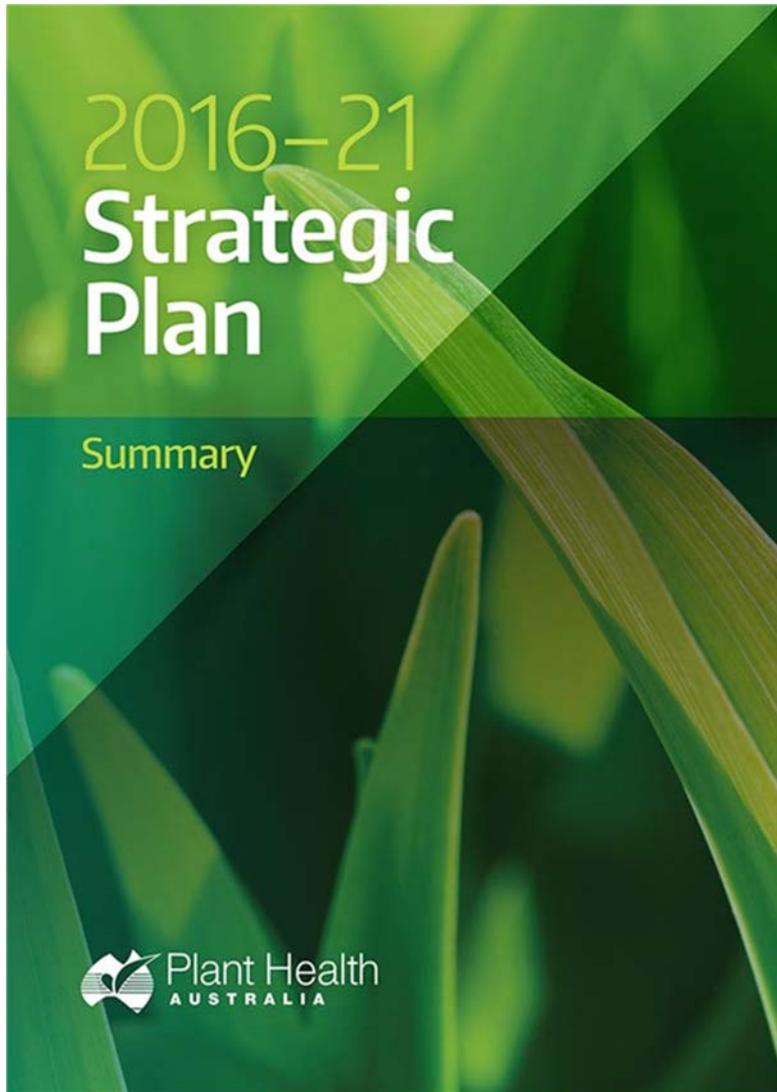


# 2021-22 Annual Operational Plan



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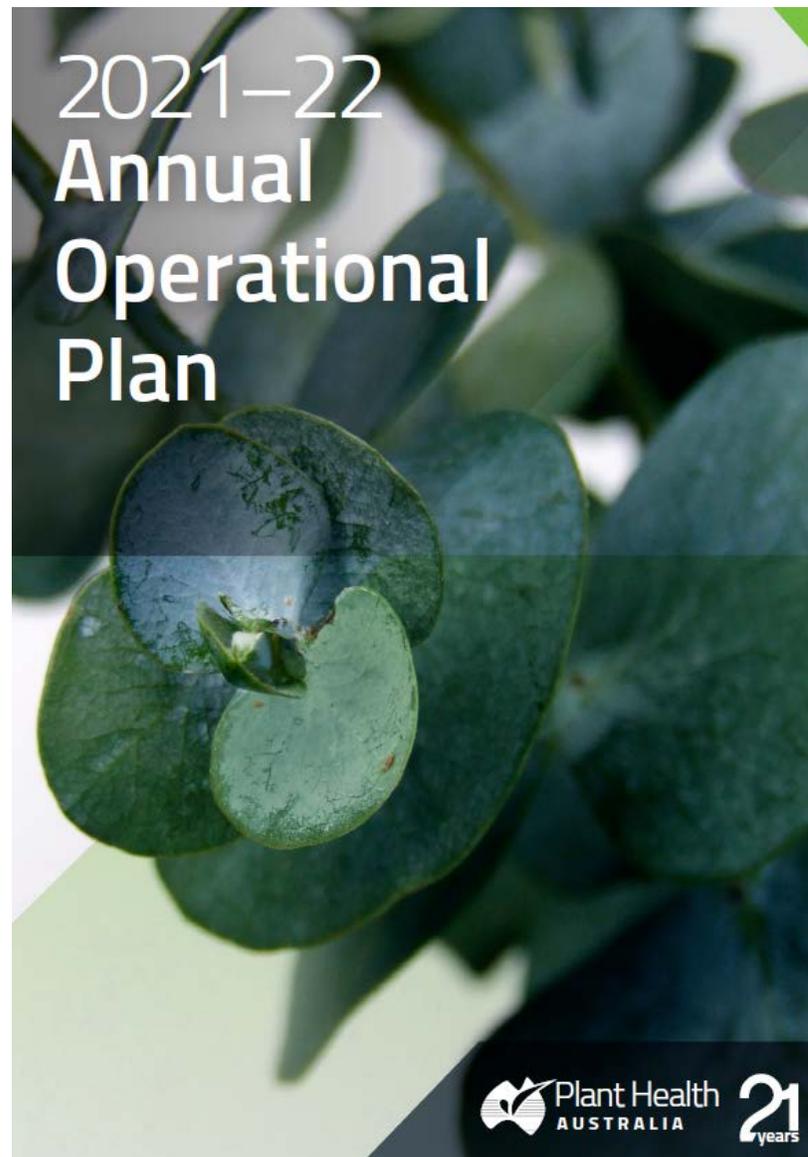
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2021-22 AOP is based on 7 Key Result Areas (KRAs) identified in the 2016-21 Strategic Plan

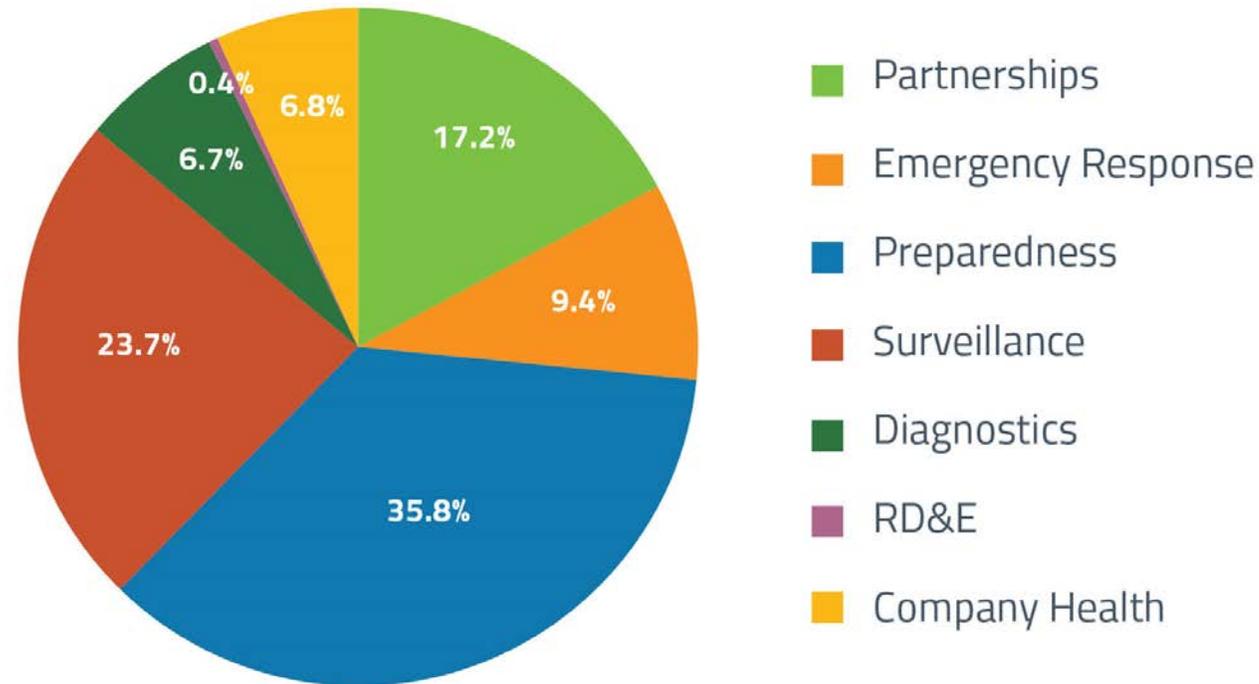
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- ✓ EPPRD
- ✓ Preparedness
- ✓ Surveillance
- ✓ Diagnostics
- ✓ RD&E
- ✓ Company Health

2021-22 BUDGET	\$	%
<b>Income:</b>		
Subscription	2,660,000	23.7
Non-subscription	8,553,923	76.0
Interest	34,724	0.3
<b>Total income</b>	<b>11,248,647</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Partnerships	1,961,889	17.2
EPPRD	1,073,889	9.4
Preparedness	4,093,014	35.8
Surveillance	2,710,533	23.7
Diagnostics	768,144	6.7
RD&E	50,389	0.4
Company health	776,919	6.8
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>11,434,747</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Result: surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(186,100)</b>	



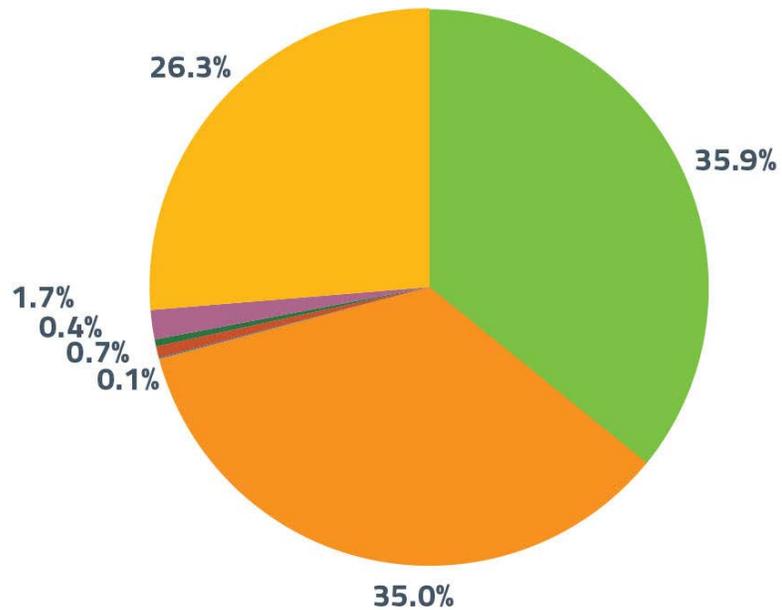
# 2021-22 Subscription and non-subscription expenditure

## Total expenditure for 2021/22

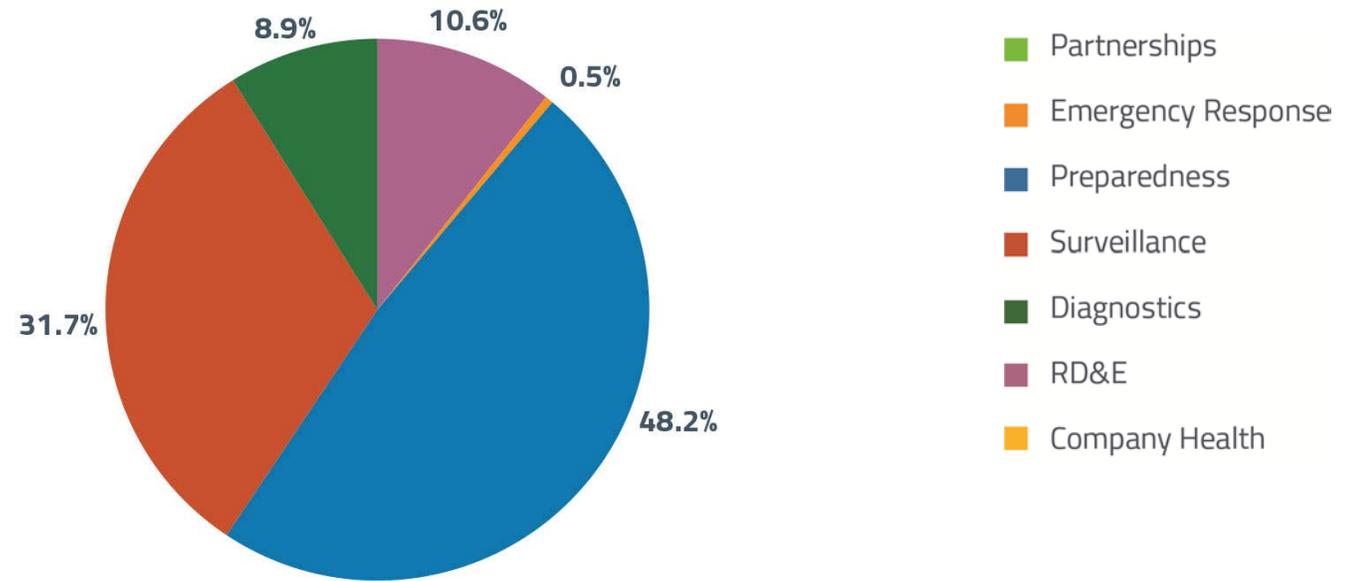


# 2021-22 Subscription and non-subscription expenditure

## Subscription funded expenditure for 2021/22



## Non subscription funded expenditure for 2021/22



- Partnerships
- Emergency Response
- Preparedness
- Surveillance
- Diagnostics
- RD&E
- Company Health

# Partnerships

## Identified AOP 2021-2022 Activities

- Interstate trade review
- NPBS delivered at the 2021 AGM
- Phase 4 of the NFFC
- Biosecurity Symposium 26-28 October 2021



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## Emergency Response

- Focus on supporting Parties improving their knowledge and understanding, together with their capability and **capacity** to implement the EPPRD
- Implement outcomes/priorities from the 2020 EPPRD review
- Improved implementation of Owner Reimbursement Cost provisions
- Shared understanding of Normal commitments
- Finalise PLANTPLAN review and restructure
- Industry Liaison training delivered in 4 jurisdictions
- Updated eLearning courses that are more interactive
- Supporting Parties in responding to incidents
- Participate in relevant national committees and programs (such as the National Biosecurity Response Team)



# Preparedness

- Significant number of programs from 2020/21 to continue in the next financial year including Reference Panels
- Biosecurity Plan reviews actively under negotiation include:
  - *Cotton, Citrus, Grains, Rice, Honey bee and Mushrooms*
- Planning for 2022 calendar year when a further eight BPs are due for review including *Sugar, Tree nuts and Olives*
- National Bee Biosecurity Program
  - New workplans in place with 6 Bee Biosecurity Officers
- National Plant Biosecurity Preparedness Strategy and Implementation Plan finalised.

# Surveillance and Diagnostics

- Digital Platforms
  - AUSPestCheck™ deployment
  - Continued investigation of MyPestGuide™
  - Finalise rebuild of PaDIL and APPD
- National surveillance initiatives and programs
  - Establishment of new National Bee Pest Surveillance Program
  - Establishment of new National Citrus Biosecurity Program
  - Establishment of National Forest Pest Surveillance Program
  - Establishment of the Australian Plant Sentinel Network
- Professional development for surveillance and diagnostics
  - Residential and training programs
  - Annual Surveillance and Diagnostician's Workshops
  - Coordination of NPBDN and PSNAP
- Coordination of National Diagnostics and Surveillance Protocols

## RD&E

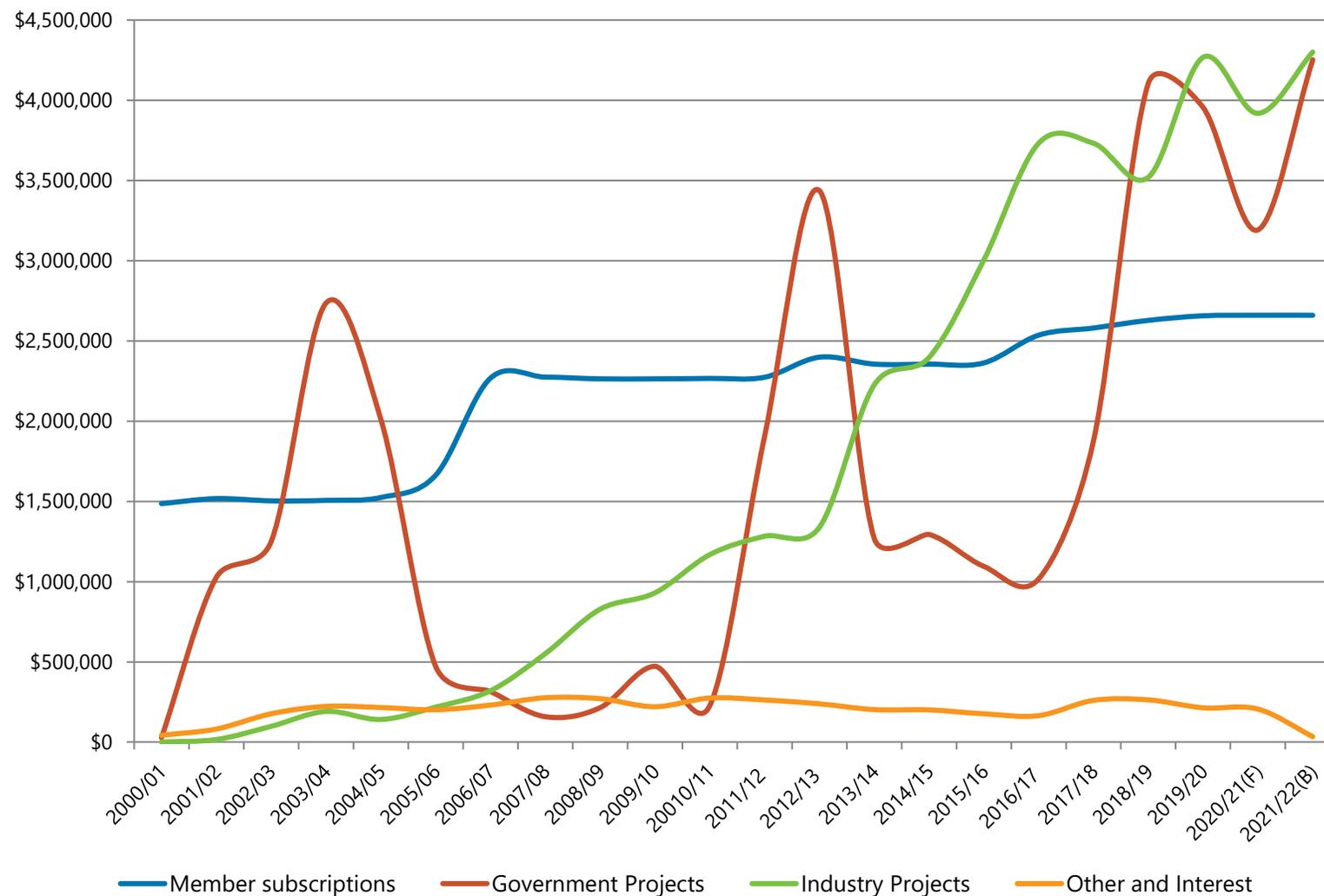
- *National Agricultural Innovation Policy Statement* expected to be released mid 2021 that include new National Agricultural Innovation Priorities to drive collaboration and focus investment
- Initiated through the release of the **Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 roadmap**
- Agricultural Innovation Australia Ltd.
- *Plant Biosecurity Research Symposium* planned for **11-12 May 2022**
- *Australian Biosecurity Symposium* with AHA planned for **26-28 October 2021**

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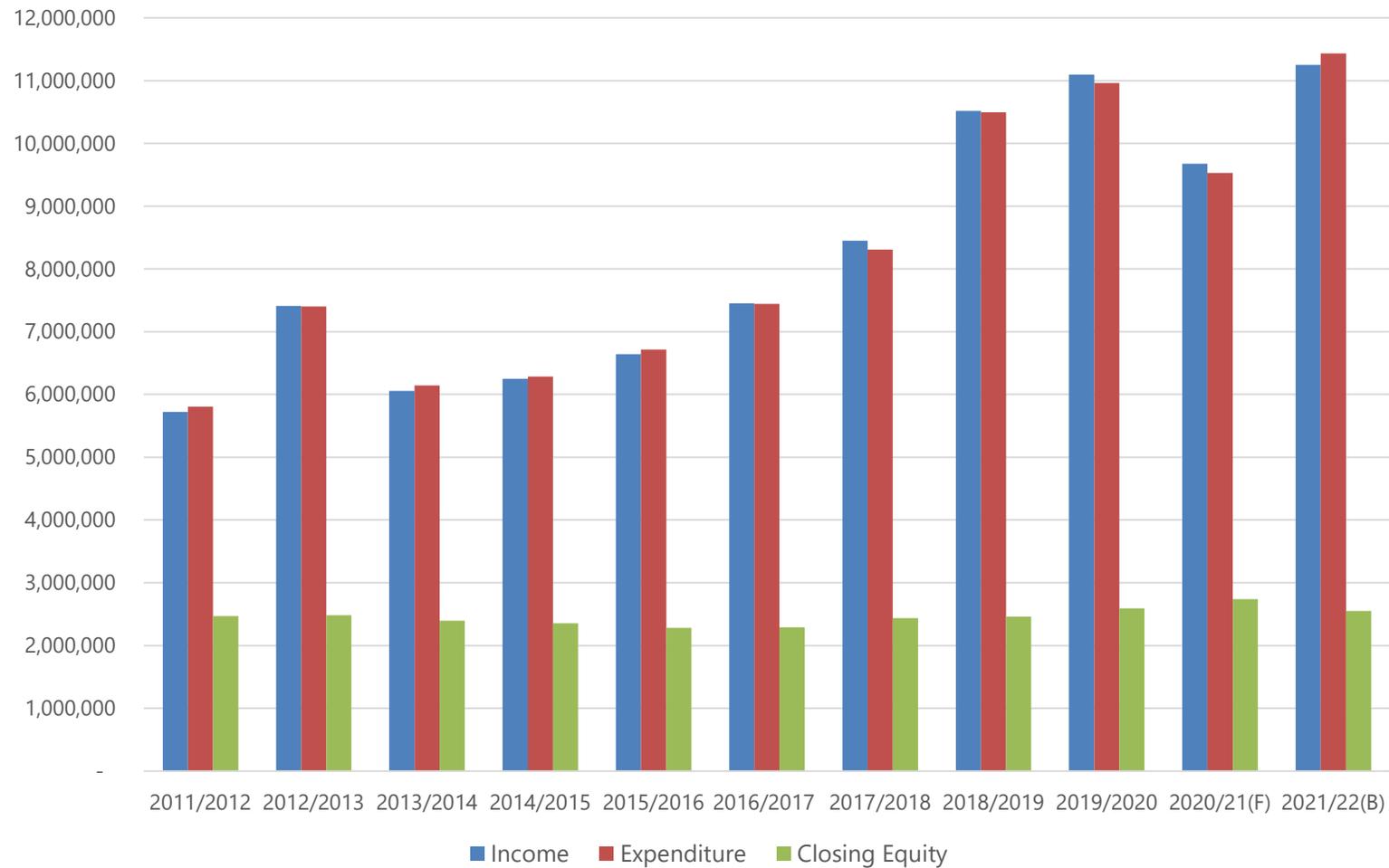
## Staff levels



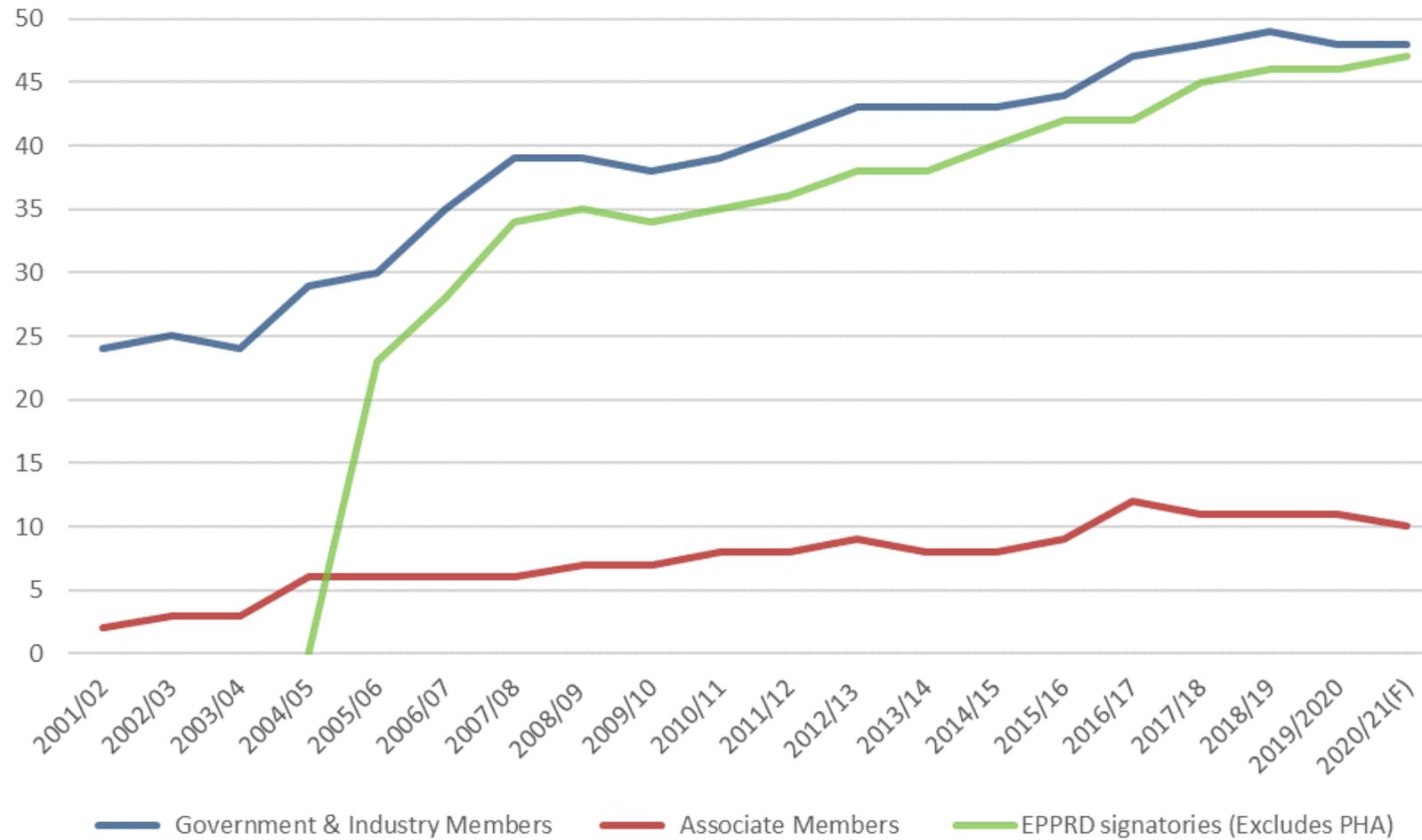
# Subscription and project income



# Equity movements



# Member numbers and EPPRD signatories



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## Levy Activity

- The PHA Levy is established for 22 out of 39 member Industries
- The EPPR levy is established for 29 out of 38 industry signatories
- 11 Industries have a Positive EPPR levy and 18 have an EPPR levy set at zero
- Discussions are occurring with several Members regarding implementing or amending statutory levies in 2021/22
- At least two EPPR levies will be deactivated in the new year as repayment to the Commonwealth for underwriting emergency responses is completed

# 2021-22 Member Subscriptions

(Ordinary Resolution)



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# 2.7 Member subscriptions

## Ordinary Resolution

2.7 (a)	That PHA Members approve the 2021-2022 Annual Membership Subscription as being:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Subscription payable by the Australian Government \$880,000</li><li>• Total Annual Subscription payable by State/Territory Members \$880,000</li><li>• Total Annual Subscription payable by Plant Industry Members \$880,000</li></ul>

For information



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# Board Selection Committee



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# 3.1 Board Selection Committee

Your Board discussed the appropriate number of Directors at its February meeting agreeing that **8** was appropriate and worked well.

**Carnovale Recruitment** has been engaged by the Board to manage the Board Selection process.

Candidates will be recommended by Carnovale to the Board Selection Committee for interviewing.

The **Government representatives** on the Board Selection Committee are:

- Dr Gabrielle Vivian-Smith, Australian Chief Plant Protection Office
- Dr John Tracey, Deputy Director General | Biosecurity & Food Safety - NSW Department of Primary Industries

The **Industry representatives** were discussed at the Industry Forum earlier today.

# Other business



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# CLOSE OF GENERAL MEETING

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