

PLANT HEALTH AUSTRALIA 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

27 November 2024

Chair

Mr Kim Halbert

Plant Health Australia



1.0 CHAIR'S WELCOME

Presenter: **Mr Kim Halbert**
Chair, Plant Health Australia



2.0 ORDINARY BUSINESS

2.1 Administrative arrangements

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Quorum

The Company Secretary will confirm that a quorum is present.

Voting at Meetings of Members

The Chair advises that all matters requiring a vote at this meeting will be carried by a poll under Clause 88 of the Constitution. Relevant clauses of the company Constitution can be found in Appendix (a) of the Notice of Meeting.

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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. Members may appoint a Scrutineer to observe the voting process, report irregularities and verify voting outcomes.

2.1 Administrative arrangements

Members Representative

- Members must appoint at least one individual as a Representative to exercise all or any of the powers the Member may exercise.
- Each member must promptly notify the Company Secretary in writing of any change to its representative.
- Note that only ONE representative of each member may exercise the Members powers at this meeting.

Notice of Meeting

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

2.1 Administrative arrangements

Proxies

NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	Shane Hetherington
Department of Primary Industries Queensland	Michael Reid

2.2 APOLOGIES

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Government Members

None	
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Industry Members

Almond Board of Australia	Tim Jackson
Australian Macadamia Society Ltd	Clare Hamilton-Bate
Australian Mango Industry Association	Trevor Dunmall
Cotton Australia	Adam Kay

2.3 MINUTES OF 23RD GENERAL MEETING

Held on 30 May 2024

2.3 Minutes of PHA 23rd General Meeting held on 30 May 2024

- Minutes of the 23rd General Meeting were provided as part of the Notice of Meeting on 6 November.
- Any amendments to the Minutes should be provided to admin@phau.com.au

2.4 CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Presenter: **Mr Kim Halbert**
Chair, PHA



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2.5 TO RECEIVE THE DIRECTORS' REPORT, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

2.5 Directors' Report, Financial Statements, and Independent Audit Report for the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024

- During this item of business there will be an opportunity for Members to comment on and ask questions of PHA and our auditors (Nexia) concerning the Annual Report.
- PHA has managed its financial position to ensure that sufficient reserves are in place to allow us to remain within the boundaries of the PHA Reserves Policy.
- There is no requirement in the *Corporations Act 2001* or the Company's Constitution for Members to approve the financial reports. Accordingly, there will be no formal resolution.

2.6 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (ORDINARY RESOLUTION)

2.6 Directors' Remuneration (Ordinary Resolution)

Resolution 2.6(a)	That the remuneration of Directors be increased by 3%, to be divided amongst Directors in a manner they determine. It is resolved that this increase will be effective from 1 December 2024.
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2.7 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (ORDINARY RESOLUTION)



Presentation To Plant Health Australia EPPRD Members

Introduction to Protected Cropping Australia (PCA)

Mission: PCA represents the protected cropping sector in Australia, advocating for high-value crops grown in controlled environments such as greenhouses, poly-tunnels, and vertical farms.

Core Focus Areas:

- **Advocacy:** Engaging with government and industry to represent the sector's interests.
- **Research & Development:** Partnering with institutions like Hort Innovation Australia (HIA), RMIT, and Applied Horticultural Research (AHR) to advance sustainability and strengthen biosecurity.
- **Education & Training:** Providing members with resources, workshops, and programs with support from experts such as Tony Bundock, Alistair McLean, and Andrew McIlwain to keep growers informed on best practices.
- **Networking:** Fostering connections among growers, suppliers, and researchers to drive innovation and industry growth.

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August 2024: Immediate Response to ToBRFV Outbreak

Detection and Emergency Response

- On detection of ToBRFV in South Australia, PCA led an emergency meeting for growers and stakeholders.
- We acknowledged our shortcomings and the importance of being members of the EPPRD and broader Biosecurity community.
- We prioritised strategies for containment, economic impact minimisation, and communication.

EPPRD Membership Application

Aimed at securing:

- Representation in biosecurity decision-making.
- Access to future Owner Reimbursement Costs (ORCs) for pest treatment and crop destruction.
- Collaborative cost-sharing models to support sustainable pest responses.

Industry Collaboration:

- We have actively communicated with HFF, IFPA, AUSVEG, PIRSA, Fresh Tomatoes', Field Growers, Nurseries and other organisations to advocate for national alignment in biosecurity strategies.

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Strengthening Biosecurity and Research Initiatives

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Research Collaborations:

- Ongoing Partnerships with RMIT, Hort Innovation, and AHR to advance pest management, disease resistance, and water efficiency.

National Biosecurity Representation:

- Pursuing membership in EPPRD and other biosecurity bodies to ensure the sector's needs are prioritised.
- Advocating for science-based approaches to market access and quarantine measures.

Proposed Initiatives:

- Introducing a sector-specific biosecurity levy to fund rapid responses and innovation.
- Exploring public-private insurance models to mitigate financial losses during biosecurity crises.
- with the government, promoting sustainable pest response measures



The Case for PCA's EPPRD Membership

Current Challenges:

- Limited inclusion in biosecurity discussions has exacerbated growers' financial and operational challenges.
- Fragmented quarantine measures have disrupted trade and market access.
- Lack of communication with growers has created an environment of fear to the detriment of open disclosures of potential infection.

Key Benefits of Membership:

- Representation in biosecurity decision-making ensures growers' voices are heard.
- Access to cost-sharing frameworks and financial support for emergency responses.
- Enhanced collaboration with government and industry to safeguard the sector.

Interim Request:

- Granting PCA observer status to enable immediate participation while the membership process is finalised.

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Forging a Bio-secure Future

- **PCA's Vision:**

- Strengthening the protected cropping sector through proactive biosecurity leadership.
- Building out and communicating protocols for outbreak prevention, management and market access.
- Supporting growers with innovative solutions and collaborative initiatives and acting as the eyes, ears and voice of our members communicating openly with the broader Ag sector.

- **Looking Ahead:**

- PCA is committed to fostering resilience, growth, and innovation in Australian agriculture.
- Together, we can build a future where protected cropping thrives as an inclusive biosecurity contributor, ensuring a robust and secure industry for generations to come.

- **Next Steps:**

- *Approve PCA's EPPRD membership application to formalise our role in national biosecurity efforts and negotiate financial commitments.*
- *Grant observer status to support immediate engagement in critical discussions.*
- *Collaborate with PCA to implement sustainable biosecurity solutions that benefit growers, governments, and consumers and industry alike.*

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2.7 Membership application (Ordinary Resolution)

Resolution 2.7(a)	That Protected Cropping Australia Ltd be approved as a plant industry Member of Plant Health Australia Limited effective from 27 November 2024.
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3.0 FOR INFORMATION

3.1 Presentation on performance related to the 2024/25 Annual Operational Plan and preliminary discussion on preparation of the 2025/26 AOP

Presenter: **Sarah Corcoran**
CEO

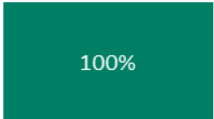
PHA income

Total income excluding interest (Q1)

\$6,325,742

2024-25 Forecast **\$14,873,281**

Subscription



\$2,965,052

2024-25 (F) **\$2,965,052**

Non-subscription



\$3,360,690

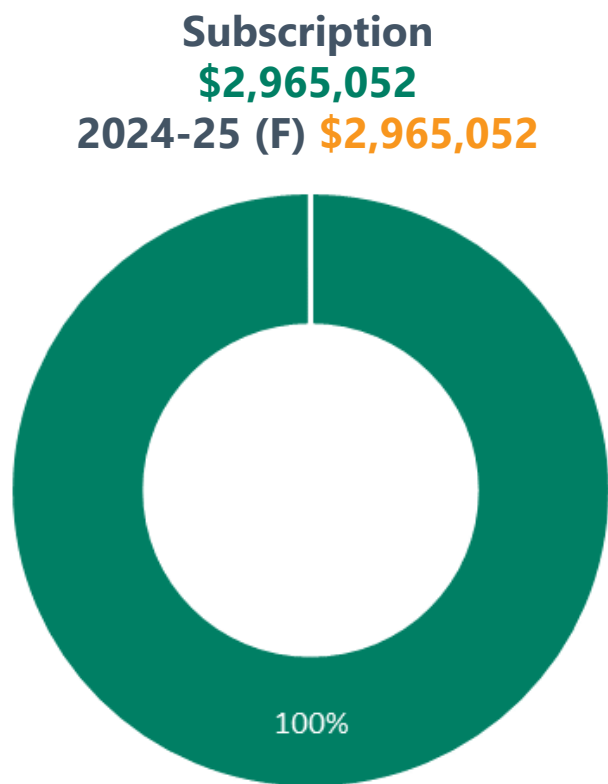
2024-25 (F) **\$11,908,229**

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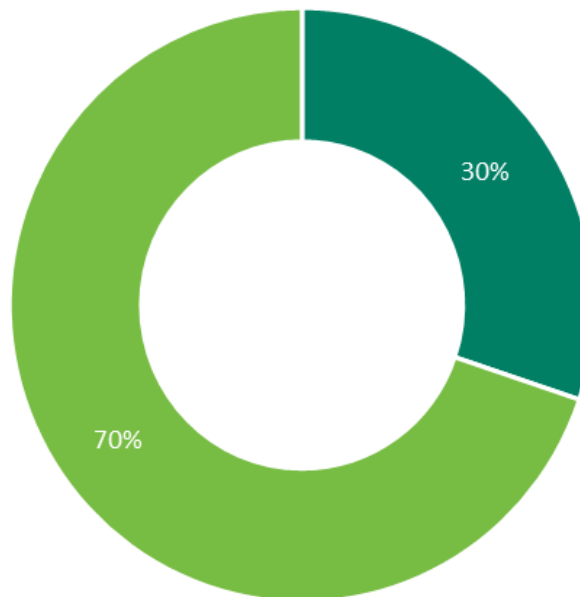
■ Q1 Income ■ FY25 Forecast

- Note: Q1 calculation is from July 2024 to September 2024.

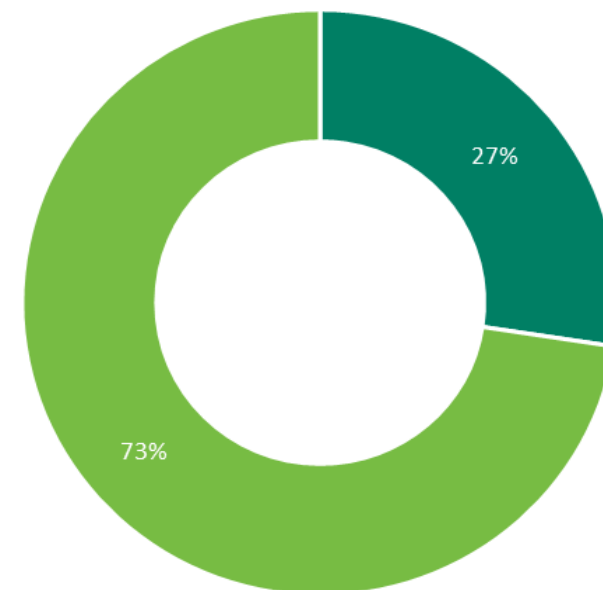
Breakdown of income (Q1) against forecast



Project income (Government)
\$1,079,035
2024-25 (F) **\$3,578,536**



Project income (Industry)
\$2,281,655
2024-25 (F) **\$8,329,693**



■ Q1 government income

■ Remainder of forecasted income

■ Q1 industry income

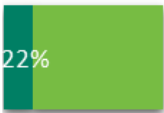
■ Remainder of forecasted income

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PHA expenditure

Total expenditure (Q1)
\$3,607,873
2024-25 Forecast \$15,325,472

Subscription



\$765,823
2024-25 (F) \$3,476,076

Non-subscription



\$2,842,050
2024-25 (F): \$11,849,396

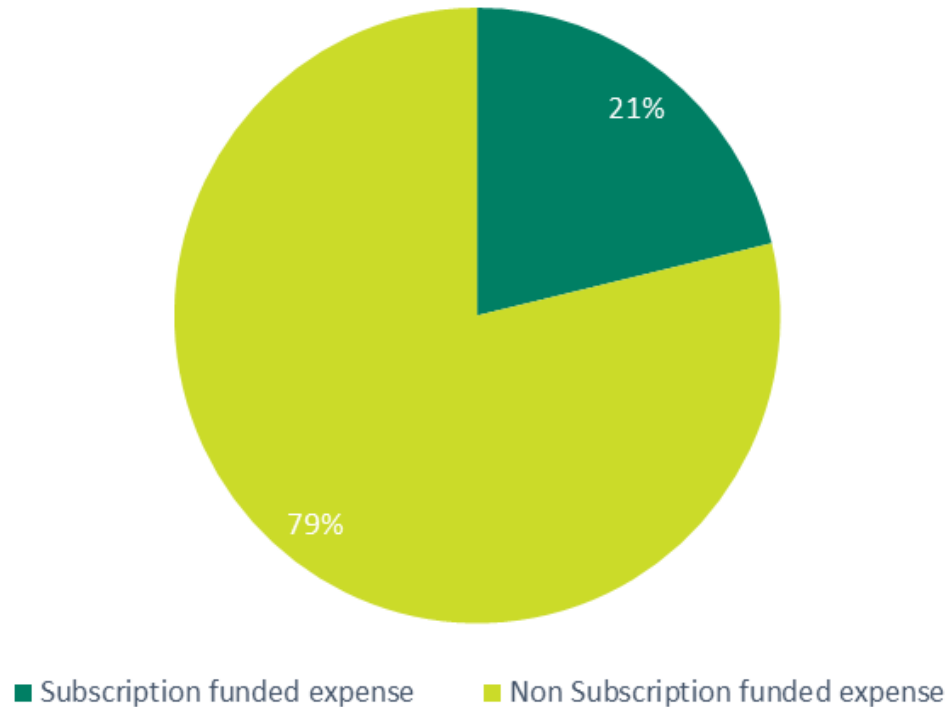
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■ Q1 Expenses ■ FY25 Forecast

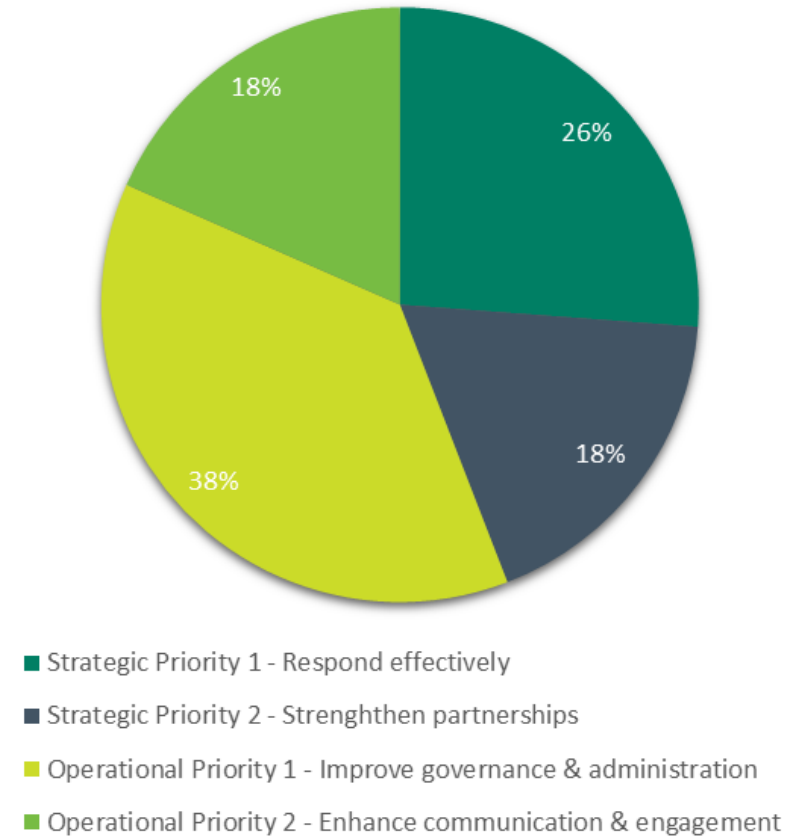
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Breakdown of expenditure (Q1)

Subscription and Non-Subscription Expenses



Subscription Funded Expenses by Priorities



Note: Q1 calculation is from July 2024 to September 2024.

Levy funded projects

Number of Industries
with Active Levy
Funded Projects

11

Number of Active
Levy Funded
Projects

17

Total Value of Levy Funded
Projects (Life of Project)

\$23,394,207

AOP timeline

Description	Date
Ongoing consultation with Members	Dec 2024 – Feb 2025
AOP webinar with Members	March 2025
Member feedback on draft AOP	April 2025
Presentation of final AOP at General Meeting	May 2025

4.0 OTHER BUSINESS

MEMBER FEEDBACK

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