

WA FERAL CAT WORKING GROUP

A Working Group to improve native fauna conservation trajectories with a focus on effective and humane management of feral cats

SUMMARY OF MINUTES – MEETING #1

Held on Friday 28 April 2020, 8.55

(via Zoom due to COVID-19 Distancing Restrictions - :

In attendance:

Hon Kerry Sanderson, AC CVO	Chair WAF CWG
Victoria Aitken	Director of Invasive Species, DPIRD
Dr Dave Algar	Member, National Feral Cat Taskforce
Tim Allard	CEO, Australian Wildlife Conservancy
Professor Simon McKirdy	Chairman, WA Biosecurity Council
Elisabeth McLellan	Manager, Bush Heritage Australia
Jane O'Malley	CEO, PHCC (on behalf NRM WA)
Dr Rachel Paltridge	Member, Indigenous Desert Alliance
Dr Fran Stanley	Executive Director, DBCA
Dr Bruce Webber	Program Director, WABSI
Naomi Briggs	Volunteer Minute Taker

Apologies:

Nil

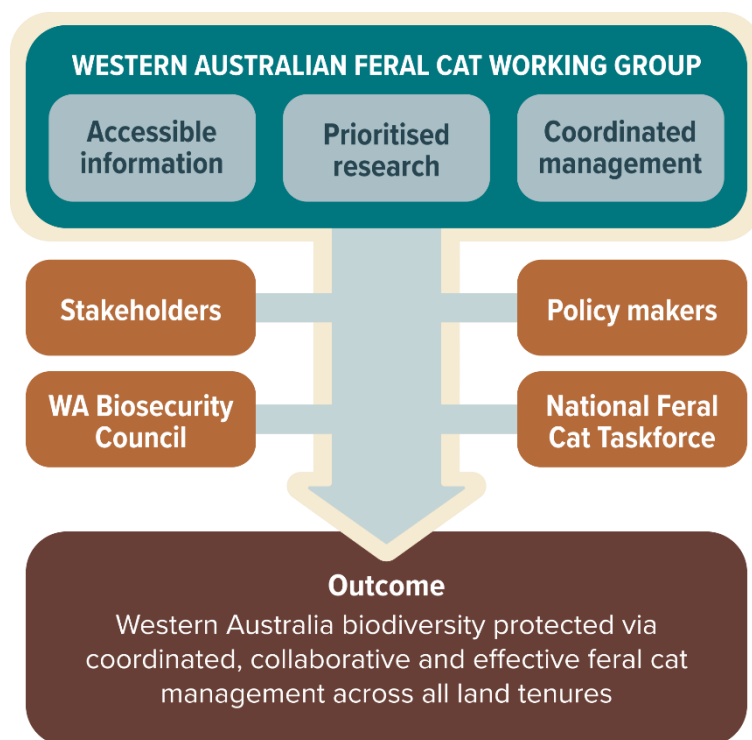


As this was the inaugural meeting, the group started by introducing themselves and declaring any potential conflicts of interest.

OBJECTIVES

The Working Group endorsed an Objective and the three pillars that support the objective as shown below.

Objective: To improve the trajectory of WA native fauna conservation outcomes through collaborative, effective, resource-efficient and humane management of feral cats.



The Working Group also discussed and endorsed:

- *Terms of Reference*
- *Membership of the Working Group*
- *Membership of the Advisory Group (2 additional members were recommended & endorsed)*
- *Priorities against each of the three pillars as a starting point for the plan of action for the Working Group*
- *Communications protocols and the proposed communications plan.*

See here for details: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/wa-feral-cat-working-group/>

Resourcing of the Working Group was discussed, including the employment of an Executive Officer. Projected budget figures and ideas for sources of funding were shared.

Major outcomes of the funding applications include:

- Supporting the Working Group through administration and research support activities
- Website development and maintenance
- Website hosting and administration
- Indigenous consultation, knowledge sharing and improving cross-organisation collaborative opportunities
- 2021/22 WA Feral Cat Symposium

Currently waiting a decision.

Next meeting: 19th June 2020