

2023 local annual achievement report

Central West region

After some of the worst and most widespread flooding in late 2022, the whole Central West region found itself flood declared. As a result, we spent much of early 2023 in response mode with our staff coordinating the rescue of 25,000 sheep and fodder drops for a further 44,000 animals and assisting the community with more than 7,000 animals temporarily housed at evacuation centres.

Our flood recovery work quickly turned to delivering increased biosecurity and animal health programs in response to the heightened risk from foot and mouth and lumpy skin diseases. Ironically, by the second half of the year, team's focus had turned back to drought planning.

Responding to current and emerging response challenges on top of our expansive program of core services, means that we continue to achieve exceptional results for Central West landholders and communities.

It has been a privilege to serve as Chair for the last 7 years and oversee all this great work.

Susan Madden

Chair, Central West Board



4,980,597 ha

of vertebrate pest control



1,094

1:1 advice consultations



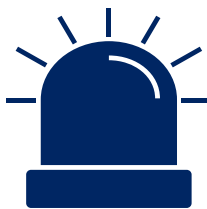
1,453

participants at awareness raising/capacity building events



274

animal disease surveillance investigations



39%

of staff trained for an emergency response

Building landholder capacity

We have been working closely with the Dapper Pest Animal Control Group to build landholder capacity to undertake coordinated wild dog control.

Our team has supported group members to complete training enabling them to take part in 1080 baiting programs.

The training program also included a wild dog trapping course which helped group members gain hands-on trapping skills they could put into practice, undertaking trapping for the group and other landholders within their community.

Landholders erected exclusion fencing and established a group trapping fund to pay for a professional wild dog controller's service as required, further enhancing their control efforts.

The group remains highly active, reports dog sightings and impacts when they occur and continues to take part in twice yearly landscape-scale, cross-tenure aerial baiting programs alongside Local Land Services, Forestry NSW and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

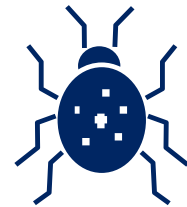
This work is a valuable contribution to the Central West Local Land Services Wild Dog Control program, which is funded through the pest management fund.



52,519
weed inspections



1,948 ha
of native vegetation enhanced,
rehabilitated or protected



70
investigations for plant
pests/diseases



64,694 ha
of TSRs actively managed



122
community group
support events