

2022 local annual achievement report

Central West region

On behalf of the Central West board and staff, I am pleased to present our 2022 Regional Annual Achievement Report.

With the easing of COVID restrictions throughout the year, we were able to resume a number of important face-to-face engagement activities and events, including hosting our inaugural Big Tech Big Ideas Field Day and Conference in Trangie and Dubbo in June, as well as a series of events focusing on prevention and preparedness for Emergency Animal Diseases including foot and mouth or lumpy skin disease.

We want to thank landholders and community members from across the region who gave their input to a number of key planning documents throughout the year, including updating our local Aboriginal Engagement Strategy and Natural Resource Management Plan and our new Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan for 2022-2027.

These plans help guide our service delivery in certain areas of the organisation and attract investment so that we can continue to work toward our vision for the Central West region of resilient communities in productive, healthy landscapes.

Susan Madden

Chair

Central West Local Land Services



37,153 ha

of travelling stock reserves actively managed



124

staff trained in emergency management



499,800 ha

of land improved for agricultural production



136,600 ha

land managed for improved soil condition



4,796,935 ha

of pest animal control

Weed control in action

Weed control across the region continues to be a challenge for land managers. We have been working closely with NSW Primary Industries and local control authorities to establish biological weed control nurseries for control of St John's wort and blue heliotrope. This follows on from successful programs using biological control for hudson pear.

Regional Weeds Coordinator, Jodie Lawler, has been working to collect, distribute and monitor the beetles, which will eventually be provided to land managers across the region once the populations reach sufficient levels.

Biological control can form an effective component of an integrated weed management strategy to aid a land manager to control weeds.

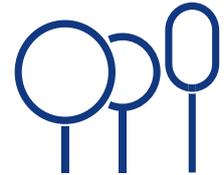
During 2022, we organised informative field days that were well attended by land managers and members of the broader community, keen to know about biological control and integrated weed management options in our region.

This work is a valuable contribution to the regional weed inspection program, which is funded through the NSW Weeds Action Program.



854 ha

of threatened species, populations, or ecological communities enhanced, rehabilitated or protected



306 ha

of native vegetation enhanced, rehabilitated or protected



854

animal disease surveillance investigations



1,578

1:1 landholder advice consultations



32

participants at Aboriginal training events