

MURRAY ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS 2021

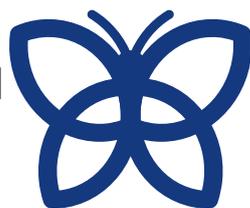
On behalf of the Murray Local Land Services Board, I am pleased to present our 2021 Annual Achievements Report. In many ways, 2021 was a year of recovery, from drought, bushfires and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the ongoing COVID19 challenges and in some areas the mouse plague has made it less than a smooth year. Our team has continued to provide quality services and support for our customers across the region, mostly in a challenging work environment. Whether that is undertaking coordinated pest control programs, assisting with production and environmental recovery from the bushfires, working with our Aboriginal community or providing timely seasonal production advice, we have been able to improve agricultural productivity and enhance ecosystems across the region. I would like to acknowledge the Murray Local Land Services team, producers, land managers and our delivery partners who have worked together to make these achievements possible.



Derek Schoen – Chair, Murray Local Land Services

586,360 ha

of significant species and endangered ecological communities were enhanced, rehabilitated and protected



We protected

15,466 ha

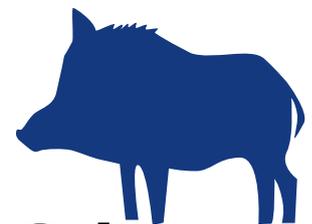
of land against regional priority weeds



We protected

2,180,003 ha

of land against pest animals through coordinated control programs



We conducted

728

one-on-one landholder advice consultations



We issued

597

permits on TSRs

Our staff helped grow and protect

19 km

of rivers and streams through rehabilitation, enhancement and protection

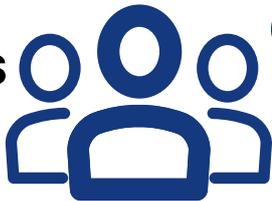


We connected with

707 participants

through **31** community

training, awareness raising and capacity building events



We engaged and supported

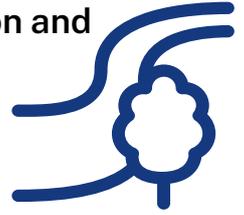
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Aboriginal community groups



904 ha

of wetlands was protected through rehabilitation and enhancement



Our biosecurity officers conducted

147

on farm plant pest and disease investigations providing landholders best practice advice



Our vets conducted

163

on farm animal disease investigations



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN ACTION

The NSW Central Murray Forests Ramsar site provides habitat to a wide range of key wetland and terrestrial species. However, increasing pest animal activity in the area is resulting in native animals being preyed on, while the spread of invasive woody weeds are outcompeting native species.

To address these key threats, in 2021 we worked with nearby landholders, local Aboriginal groups, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Forestry Corporation to carry out wide scale coordinated pest control activities. This included four fox baiting programs, one rabbit control program, an aerial shooting campaign and thermal monitoring on more than 36,000 hectares within the site, while also working with neighbouring landholders to control pigs, foxes, deer and woody weeds. Through this program we are forming great relationships and building capacity of landholders and Aboriginal groups to help carry out these control programs, which are already yielding positive outcomes, including finding more juvenile turtles at known nesting sites. A great result and great collaboration.



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