

2022 local annual achievement report

Greater Sydney region

On behalf of the Greater Sydney Local Land Services Board, management and staff, I am pleased to present our 2022 Regional Annual Achievement Report.

2022 continued to test our team with weather extremes but the Greater Sydney team was steadfast in their focus on the needs of our Landholders who are always our highest priority.

A great achievement by our team this year was being the winning tenderer and awarded a contract with the Federal Government to deliver biosecurity offsets on a parcel of land in western Sydney almost 1,000 ha in size. Not only is this the largest region-specific contract won by Local Land Services, being a 16-year contract, it is also the longest. This exciting project will see Cumberland Plain Woodland restored to its natural state, which will include the reintroduction of some native wildlife currently extinct in this region.

Pleasingly, weather conditions did allow our Aboriginal Communities team to conduct some long planned cultural burns where First Nations People and landholders were able to come together to learn about this important technique in caring for Country. The broader team continued to deliver advice, guidance and capacity building on our core functions as you will read about below.



Robert Webster

Chair

Greater Sydney Local Land Services



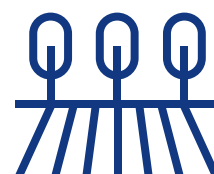
124,058 ha

of pest animal control



9,680

weed inspections conducted



5,142 ha

of land improved for
agricultural production



2,302

1:1 landholder
advice consultations



643

participants in community
groups supported

Caring for Country

Our Aboriginal Advisory Group has increased engagement with First Nations Groups in the region and improved access to Country and cultural knowledge. The First Nations people involved in these projects have strengthened their cultural ecological knowledge and continue to work with us to enhance relationships with land managers and increase traditional land management practices.

We have funded 24 on-ground projects with local First Nations Groups and facilitated 12 cultural burn workshops since 2016. These activities bring together experienced Indigenous Cultural Fire practitioners, First Nations knowledge holders, ecologists, and land managers to improve the practice of managing ecosystems using Caring for Country principles.

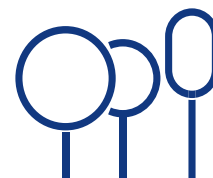
Burns and demonstrations held with NSW National Parks, Water NSW, Local Government and a private conservation trust increased knowledge and improved the health of Country. Over 150 people attended these events.

These projects provided further opportunities for First Nations people and land managers to build and maintain respectful relationships.



1,864

participants at awareness
raising/capacity
building events



641 ha

of native vegetation
enhanced, rehabilitated
or protected



425 ha

of weed management



254

participants at opportunities for
people to support LLS
decision making



217

participants at Aboriginal
awareness raising/capacity
building events