

NORTH COAST ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS 2021

It is difficult to look back on 2021 without a sense of déjà vu. At the time of writing, we are once again dealing with a flooding emergency, and it is heartbreaking to see the sheer extent and damage these floodwaters have caused, particularly after many landholders were still recovering from the 2021 floods and 2019/20 bushfires. While it may be difficult to be optimistic now, facing similar circumstances last year, we were still able to work through the flood and COVID-19 disruptions to achieve some incredible outcomes across the North Coast. These included supporting landholders to improve agricultural production, increasing the area of land covered through our pest animal control programs, rehabilitating rivers, estuaries and native vegetation and finding innovative ways to connect with landholders through varying COVID-19 restrictions. On behalf of the North Coast Local Land Services Board and staff, I am pleased to present our 2021 Annual Achievements Report.

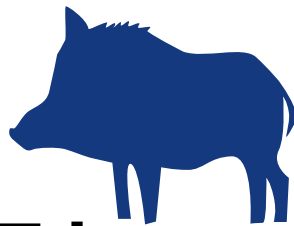


Robert Smith – Chair, North Coast Local Land Services

We protected

1,143,437 ha

of land against pest animals through coordinated control programs



We conducted

10,949

one-on-one landholder advice consultations



We protected

15,705 ha

of land against regional priority weeds



42,117 ha

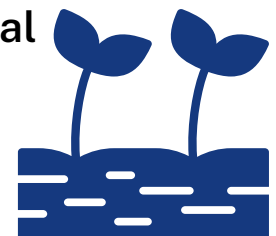
of land was managed for improved agricultural production



We issued

194

permits on TSRs





We helped protect

555 ha

of native vegetation through rehabilitation and enhancement

Our staff helped grow and protect

38 km

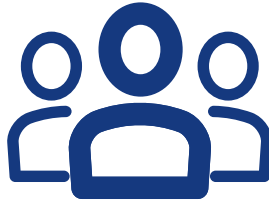
of rivers and estuaries through rehabilitation, enhancement and protection



We connected with

2,061 participants

through **440** community training, awareness raising and capacity building events



We engaged and supported

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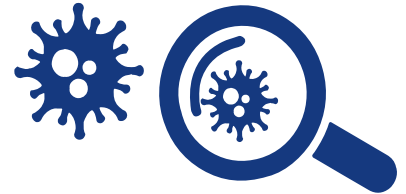


Aboriginal community groups

Our vets conducted

368

on farm animal disease investigations



823 ha

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

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN ACTION

The North Coast is home to some of the best koala habitat in NSW. However, growing urbanisation, habitat loss has resulted in fragmented patches of poor-quality habitat. Unfortunately, other threats, such as drought, fires and pest animal attacks are further impacting koala populations. To help, we are working with landholders, NSW Government agencies, local councils, Landcare groups and Aboriginal groups to protect and improve habitat in four Areas of Regional Koala Significance between Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour.

Through the program we help landholders create 'habitat refuges' by funding on-ground works, including pest animal and weed control, fire management planning and improved awareness about koala conservation. By the end of 2021, we had 15 landholders actively participating in the program and are working to have more taking part moving forward. By encouraging private land conservation in these significant areas, we can help ensure koala populations can persist for future generations.

