

NORTH WEST ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS 2021

It was an eventful year, full of great potential and many challenges for landholders and communities across the North West. We experienced flooding, storm events, mice plagues, locust outbreaks and intermittent COVID restrictions. However, quick-thinking and dedicated staff were able to pivot to continue providing valuable support to landholders. Programs, field days, farm visits and even office availability all had to be adapted so we could continue to deliver our services. Despite these challenges, we were still able to achieve great things last year, such as further exploring the impacts of feral pigs on our local agricultural production systems, enhancing koala habitat and working collaboratively with landholders to manage pest animals and weed incursions. On behalf of the board and staff of North West Local Land Services, I am pleased to present the North West Local Annual Achievements Report 2021.



Richard Clark – Chair, North West Local Land Services

135,100 ha

of land was managed for improved agricultural production



We protected

21,654 ha

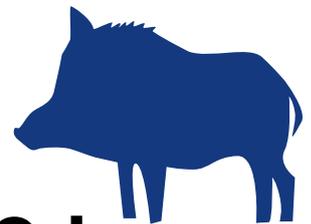
of land against regional priority weeds



We protected

1,768,810 ha

of land against pest animals through coordinated control programs



We conducted

11,724

one-on-one landholder advice consultations



We issued

781

permits on TSRs

We connected with
2,047 participants

through **87** community
training, awareness raising
and capacity building
events



Our staff helped grow and
protect

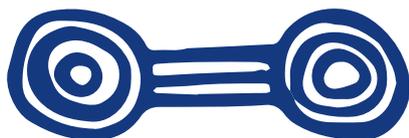
11 km

of rivers and streams
through rehabilitation,
enhancement and
protection



We facilitated

22



Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
or Traditional Ecological
Knowledge awareness and
capacity building events



Our biosecurity officers conducted

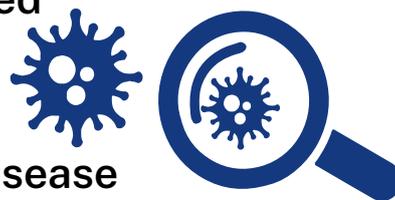
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on farm plant pest and disease
investigations providing landholders
best practice advice

Our vets conducted

392

on farm animal disease
investigations



209 ha

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

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN ACTION

Fall armyworm is an emerging plant pest present in Queensland that has recently moved into NSW, impacting important summer crops, leading to reduced yields and profit for local farmers. Producers need to be prepared to manage this new plant pest, so early detection and awareness programs are critical. To help protect crops throughout the North West, we launched an early fall armyworm detection program in partnership with NSW Department of Primary Industries.

Since the program commenced in early spring 2019, 20 monitoring sites have been established in key locations throughout the region. This is in addition to a dedicated training and awareness program, which has engaged 200 advisors and producers across the region. Unfortunately, fall armyworm has the potential to cause significant economic losses for producers in the region, but by establishing this early detection network and ongoing training, we can continue to support landholders to manage and minimise its impacts.

