

2023 local annual achievement report

Murray region

On behalf of the Murray Local Land Services Board, I am pleased to present our 2023 Regional Annual Achievement Report. The last year has presented many challenges for our customers and ratepayers, from flood recovery right through to preparing for predicted drought and this has demonstrated the resilience of our landholders.

Our dedicated team are proud to be the boots on the ground in our communities by offering support, developing resources, organising events and carrying out projects and programs relevant to the needs of our region.

Some of the highlights include the completion of several National Landcare Program projects such as the Farm Dam Project, maintenance of traveling stock reserves (TSRs) leading to favourable grazing conditions, windmill to solar pump conversions on 4 more TSR sites with very few original windmills now remaining, an increase in weed and pest control programs and a successful seed harvest for Murray Seed Services.

The work undertaken by our staff, customers, local communities, and partners has enhanced productive agriculture and added value to the regional landscape. This annual achievement report provides just a brief snapshot of what we have been able to accomplish by working together.

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Chair, Murray Board



1,358,636 ha

of vertebrate pest control



966

1:1 advice consultations



2,596

participants at awareness raising/capacity building events



141

animal disease surveillance investigations



43%

of staff trained for an emergency response

Saving the Burrumbuttock Squirrel Glider

Murray Local Land Services has been supporting on-ground work to protect the threatened Squirrel Glider by providing advice, assisting in strategic planning and decision making, and developing the Burrumbuttock Squirrel Glider Local Area Management Plan (LAMP).

The project aims to secure viable populations of Squirrel Gliders in the Murray catchment through community action.

Key achievements so far, include:

- the continuity of a strong advisory group
- habitat assessments and Squirrel Glider surveys to quantify the current size of the population
- 50 landholders supporting Squirrel Glider conservation on their properties
- 47 LAMP Agreements
- over 60km of fencing and revegetation (over 50,000 seedlings plus direct seeding) to increase the size and quality of the habitat
- installation of 721 stock-proof tree guards to fill gaps between paddock trees and remnant vegetation patches
- installation of 142 nest boxes in sites that have emerging habitat but no hollows
- over 160 ha of revegetation and enhancement of the habitat
- development of various resources.



1,201 ha

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



704

permits issued for TSRs



406

weed inspections



1,502 ha

of weed management for improved biosecurity, agricultural productivity, and biodiversity



12

community group supported events