

## RIVERINA ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS 2021

2021 was a year of recovery for many Riverina producers, from both drought and bushfires. While widespread rain may have caused harvest difficulties, the favourable conditions resulted in bumper crops and helped rejuvenate burnt landscapes. Of course, COVID-19 still posed many challenges to our day-to-day operations, but I am incredibly proud of the way our team was able to adapt and continue delivering our valuable services, particularly our crucial work in protecting the region from biosecurity threats, such as fall armyworm, lupins anthracnose, invasive weeds and pest animals. In 2021, we also worked with more than 200 landholders to deliver effective natural resource management projects, including revegetation, streambank stabilisation and protecting threatened species like the plains wanderer, malleefowl and Australasian bitterns. This report provides a great overview of these achievements, and many more, and I would like to acknowledge and thank staff, customers and all our partners who have helped us deliver these positive outcomes.



Barney Hyams – Chair, Riverina Local Land Services

We protected

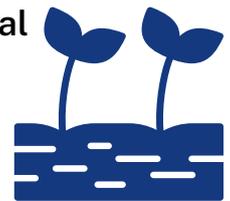
# 17,772 ha

of land against regional  
priority weeds



# 148,269 ha

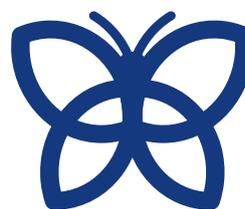
of land was managed for  
improved agricultural  
production



We protected

# 3,722,395 ha

of land against pest animals  
through coordinated control  
programs



# 5,264 ha

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



We trained

# 76

staff to be able to respond to  
natural disasters and emergencies



We helped protect  
**22,662 ha**

of native vegetation  
through rehabilitation and  
enhancement

Our staff helped grow  
and protect

**11 km**

of rivers and streams  
through rehabilitation,  
enhancement and  
protection



We connected with

**2,134 participants**

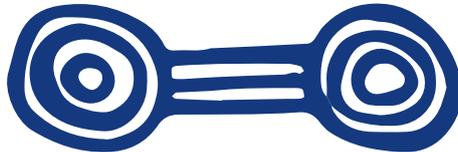
through **93** community  
training, awareness raising  
and capacity building events



We facilitated

**28**

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



We issued

**251**

permits on TSRs

Our vets conducted

**315**

on farm animal disease  
investigations



Our biosecurity officers  
conducted

**553**

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

## AWARD WINNING FERAL PIG CONTROL

Riverina Local Land Services is proud to carry out the largest feral pig control program in Australia, delivering improved production for landholders and helping protect several fragile wetlands and threatened species. The Western Riverina Pig Project has now been recognised for its outstanding achievements, receiving a national Froggatt Award from the Invasive Species Council.

The Western Riverina Pig Project started in 2016, after we were contacted by NSW Farmers to help manage a feral pig population that was quickly becoming too large for landholders to control. We then embarked on a widescale nil-tenure program, integrating a range of innovative technologies, to effectively manage feral pigs across 187 private and public landholdings, spanning 2.1 million hectares. Between June 2016 and June 2021, 43,608 feral pigs were removed from the program area and the population density was reduced from a peak of 11.2 pigs per square kilometre in 2017 down to just 0.88 pigs in 2020.

