

GREATER SYDNEY ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS 2021



On behalf of the Greater Sydney Local Land Services management and staff, I am pleased to present our 2021 Annual Achievements Report. It was yet another roller coaster year for the Greater Sydney region, but throughout the sometimes-testing circumstances, the needs of landholders always remained our top priority. Whether it was providing crucial aid through the March floods or finding innovative ways to deliver services in a COVID safe way, in the face of adversity our staff were able to adapt and achieve some remarkable outcomes. These included working closely with landholders to manage pest animals, launching a new coordinated deer control program, restoring and enhancing natural bushland damaged from the bushfires and providing advice to growers and primary producers. At the time of writing, we are unfortunately dealing yet another flood disaster, but rest assured, our staff will continue to support landholders and the wider community through the immediate response, and long-term recovery.



Robert Webster - Chair, Greater Sydney Local Land Services

We protected

165 ha

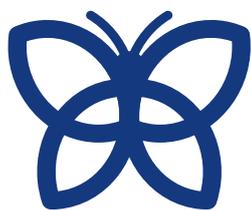
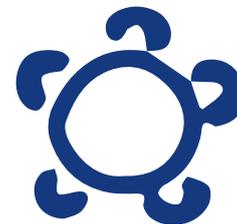
of land against regional priority weeds



We engaged and supported

10

Aboriginal community groups



171 ha

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

We protected

52,180 ha

of land against pest animals through coordinated control programs



We conducted

519

one-on-one landholder advice consultations



There were **16** opportunities for people to support Local Land Services decision making and

1,313 participants who took part





We helped protect

122 ha

of native vegetation through rehabilitation and enhancement

Our vets conducted

35

on farm animal disease investigations



We connected with

2,709 participants

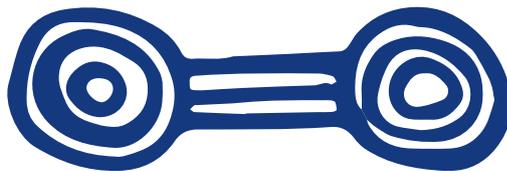
through **46** community training, awareness raising and capacity building events



We undertook projects to protect Aboriginal Cultural Heritage or Traditional Ecological Knowledge on

14 ha

of land



Our biosecurity officers conducted

37

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

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN ACTION

Feral deer have a significant impact on the environment, destroying native plants by grazing and trampling them, while also hampering agricultural production. Locally, we have seen a significant increase in deer activity in the Penrith and Liverpool areas, resulting in near misses on local roads, putting public safety at risk.

As a result, in 2021 we launched a new pilot monitoring and control program to try and tackle the issue in a safe and effective way. Working with more than 30 landholders, our officers were able to run nighttime ground shooting operations and surveillance on their properties based in Mulgoa, Wallacia, Greendale, Bringelly and Cobbitty. While there were challenges undertaking this program in several highly urbanised locations, comprehensive safety protocols and the use of infrared technology and interactive mapping tools, allowed us to remove almost 60 deer from the area during the operation.

