

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Riverina Local Land Services



2017 was a year of achievements and innovation in our region. Some of the more notable highlights include:

- *The Western Feral Pig Program using infra-red technology to locate and eradicate feral pigs in Riverina, Murray and Western Local Land Services regions.*
- *More than 20 workshops for livestock producers to assist them comply with Livestock Production Assurance scheme and new J-BAS requirements for export cattle.*
- *Over two million hectares managed for pest animal control through our Feral Fighters program.*
- *Surveillance monitoring for lupin anthracnose to give surety to our growers they are disease free.*
- *Participation in major emergency management training across the state for improved preparedness.*
- *Development and approval of the Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan.*
- *Aerial baiting of wild dogs using results of the wild dog tracking project, complementing on-going trapping and baiting.*
- *More than 400 expressions of interest in our NRM and community grants programs.*
- *Securing a \$900,000 grant from NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for Plains-wanderer habitat protection in a joint project with Murray Local Land Services.*
- *Launch of an Indigenous RAP video to promote Indigenous natural resource management.*
- *Revised community advisory group approach to improve feedback from landholders about our services and programs.*

Financially Riverina Local Land Services is in a strong position and operating within our financial budgets. Our external funding from both the NSW and Australian Government has seen over three million dollars invested in managing and protecting our natural resources through the provision of grant funding and building the capability of land managers through the provision of advisory services. Rates funding continues to be used to undertake preventative measures for biosecurity risks including surveillance activities, providing livestock health and management advice, and providing proactive pest management advice.

I thank my fellow Board members, management team, and our dedicated staff for their support and hard work in the past year and look forward to feedback from you, our customers about our service delivery.

Barney Hyams
Chair, Riverina Local Land Services

2017 Snapshot



We assisted 251 land managers and community groups to enhance and protect the environment by providing \$436,016 in incentive funding.



We're the boots on the ground to support agriculture and animals in an emergency and responded to two emergencies in 2017. All of our biosecurity staff have been trained to assist in an emergency or biosecurity outbreak.



We worked with land managers to establish three wild dog management plans with 60 properties involved being both public and privately owned, baiting over an area of 224,245 ha across the region.



We support Aboriginal people to care for Country, share traditional land management knowledge and help protect and strengthen Aboriginal cultural heritage. We completed Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments on 13 travelling stock reserves and five sites on private land in partnership with the Aboriginal communities and the land managers, covering 228 ha.



We increased the capacity of land managers to improve primary production and natural resource management and trained more than 2,480 customers at training events.



Our vets and biosecurity officers attended more than 620 general consultations and conducted 467 disease investigations.



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Our on ground achievements

We managed **84,000 ha** of travelling stock reserve and issued **132** walking permits for stock movement.

We enhanced and rehabilitated **3,011 ha** of land and protected **3,011 ha** of vegetation through fencing.

We planted **1090 ha** of native species to help with regeneration.

More than **14,622 ha** of land was managed for sustainable grazing.

We provided education and training workshops to build the capacity of **300** land managers to support and help coordinate group control programs — bringing landholders together to control wild dogs, foxes, pigs and deer.

We enhanced and rehabilitated **102 ha** of wetland

The Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan was endorsed and implemented to protect the region from biosecurity threats.

To protect market access, we issued 221 property identification codes.

We issued 44 media releases about programs and events.

Nearly 40 staff were trained or upskilled.

We welcomed six new appointed and elected board members to the organisation.

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