

# OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

## North Coast Local Land Services



During 2017 the board and staff of North Coast Local Land Services have strengthened relationships with ratepayers, landholders and communities and continued to deliver services and partnerships that meet the diverse needs of our region.

Our projects and partnerships grow farm productivity and healthy environments, but also play a vital role in helping to protect against pests, diseases and environmental threats.

The North Coast is unquestionably the most agriculturally and environmentally diverse in the state. It is home to the third most biodiverse area in Australia, it is the most biodiverse region in NSW, and supports a progressive, diverse and engaged community.

Our response to meeting these diverse needs has been to develop an integrated approach to service delivery. We partner with public and private organisations to achieve our goals and this collaborative approach best serves the needs of the region.

The team had a number of key achievements in 2017 including

- Increasing the capacity of land managers to improve primary production and natural resource management through training, workshops and field days.
- Our district veterinarians and biosecurity officers attending more than 900 general consultations and conducted a range of investigations to exclude emergency animal disease.
- Providing education and training workshops to build the capacity of land managers to support and help coordinate group control programs — bringing landholders together to control wild dogs, foxes, pigs and deer.
- Continued support to the local Landcare networks for the three-year period from 2015 to 2018.

Our team is supporting communities when it matters, and provided emergency response support for animal and agriculture services at a fire at Pappinbarra, the Lismore major flood event and various storm events that resulted in significant damage to horticulture producers across the region.

I commend to you the 2017 North Coast Local Land Services Annual Achievements report.

Bob Smith  
Chair, North Coast Local Land Services Board

### 2017 Snapshot



We assisted **20 land managers** and **community groups** to enhance and protect the environment by providing **\$366,000** in incentive funding.



We're the **boots on the ground** to support agriculture and animals in an emergency and responded to **six emergencies** in 2017. More than **90 per cent** of staff have been trained to assist in an emergency or biosecurity outbreak.



We worked with **land managers** to establish **16 wild dog management plans** with **1,130 properties** involved in baiting over an area of **423,000 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**. More than **335 ha** of land with **Aboriginal cultural value** was managed.



We increased the capacity of **land managers** to improve primary production and natural resource management and trained more than **700 customers** at training events.



Our vets and biosecurity officers attended **980 general consultations** and conducted **660 disease investigations**.



# Our on ground achievements

We planted **53 ha** of native species to help with regeneration.

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

We managed **8,400 ha** of travelling stock reserves.

We enhanced and rehabilitated **30 ha** of wetland and **28 ha** of coastal native vegetation.

More than **354 ha** of land was managed for sustainable grazing.

We enhanced and rehabilitated **3,515 ha** of land and protected **85 ha** of vegetation through fencing.

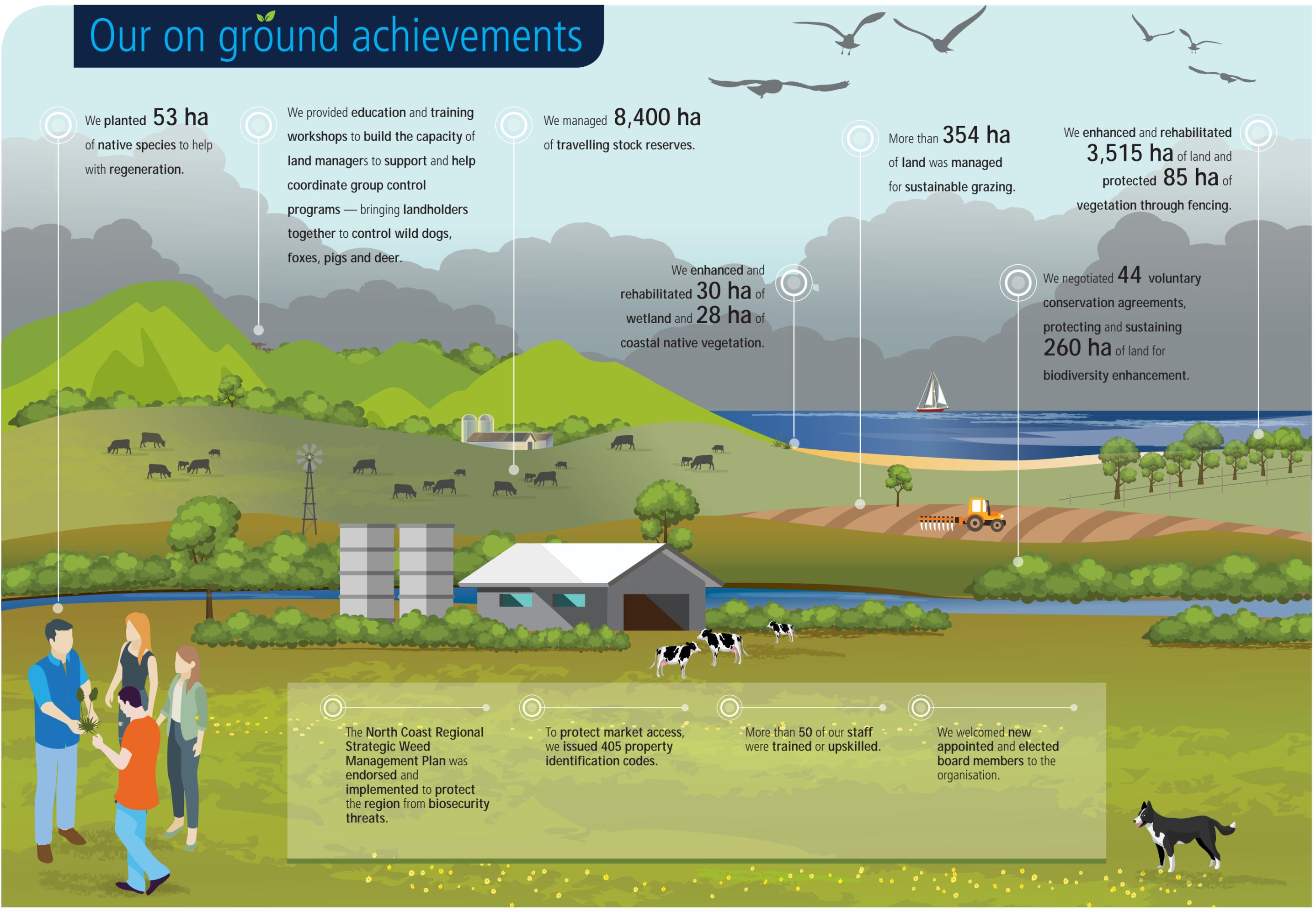
We negotiated **44** voluntary conservation agreements, protecting and sustaining **260 ha** of land for biodiversity enhancement.

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

To protect market access, we issued **405** property identification codes.

More than **50** of our staff were trained or upskilled.

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



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