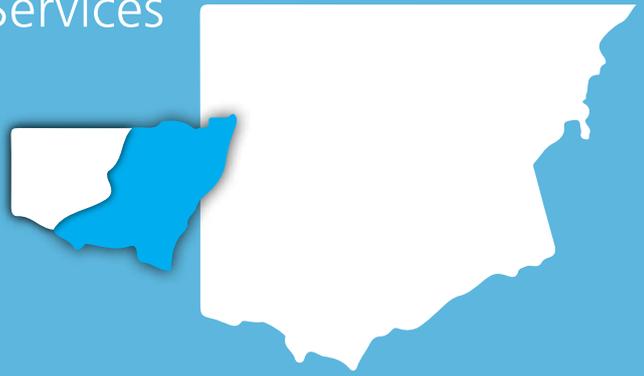


OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Western Local Land Services



Not unlike the previous three years, 2017 was another year of hard work for our staff, stakeholders and landholders which resulted in a number of great outcomes from what were at times, challenging circumstances.

The biosecurity workshop series that was held in early to mid-September is one that continues to stand out. This series, which saw 24 workshops held over 24 locations throughout the Western region, was attended by 493 landholders in what was the biggest workshop event involving landholders that Western Local Land Services has coordinated.

The management of pest animals such as wild dogs, cats, pigs and foxes was again a top priority. Through our autumn and spring wild dog baiting programs, 261,510 baits were issued to members of 14 pest animal control groups and Landcare groups.

Our staff played an important role in assisting a group of landholders in the Gilgunnia area tackle grazing pressure and native and pest animal management through cluster fencing. The cluster fence involved 16 landholders and 22 properties and enclosed 177,000 hectares with the landholders reporting immediate improvements.

A number of important Aboriginal cultural heritage projects were carried out in the Western region, with our staff assisting landholders put control measures in to protect burial sites, artefacts and so forth.

It was great to be involved in the Western Landcare forum which brought more than 200 enthusiastic landholders and stakeholders to Broken Hill to explore how we can work together to promote the produce and sustainable production of the Western region.

While there were many highlights in 2017, the most pleasing aspect was the fact staff continued to strengthen relationships with ratepayers, landholders and communities.

I would like to thank our staff and board, stakeholders and landholders for their efforts in 2017, and look forward to another year of working collaboratively to provide our core services and achieve our strategic goals.

Ben Barlow

Chair, Western Local Land Services Board

2017 Snapshot



We assisted **42** landholders and community groups to enhance and protect the environment by providing **\$1,308,279** in incentive funding.



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



We worked with **14** pest animal control groups and Landcare groups which resulted in **317** properties being involved in baiting over an area of **9.27** million 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. Aboriginal cultural value was managed on **985** ha of land along with four Aboriginal sites.



We increased the capacity of land managers to improve primary production and natural resource management and trained more than **1,121** customers at training events.



Our vets and biosecurity officers attended more than **1,380** general consultations and our vets conducted **106** advisory consultations and **276** disease investigations.



Our on ground achievements



We enhanced and rehabilitated **3,148 ha** of land and protected **14,446 ha** of vegetation through fencing.

More than **97,396 ha** of land was managed for sustainable grazing.

We issued **261,510** baits to pest animal control groups and landholders that participated in our autumn and spring wild dog baiting programs.

We consulted with landholders to extend circa **150** stock watering place leases and appointed a senior land services officer for travelling stock reserves (TSR) to develop a Regional Plan of Management and administer TSRs in the Western region.

We enhanced and rehabilitated **854 ha** of wetland

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

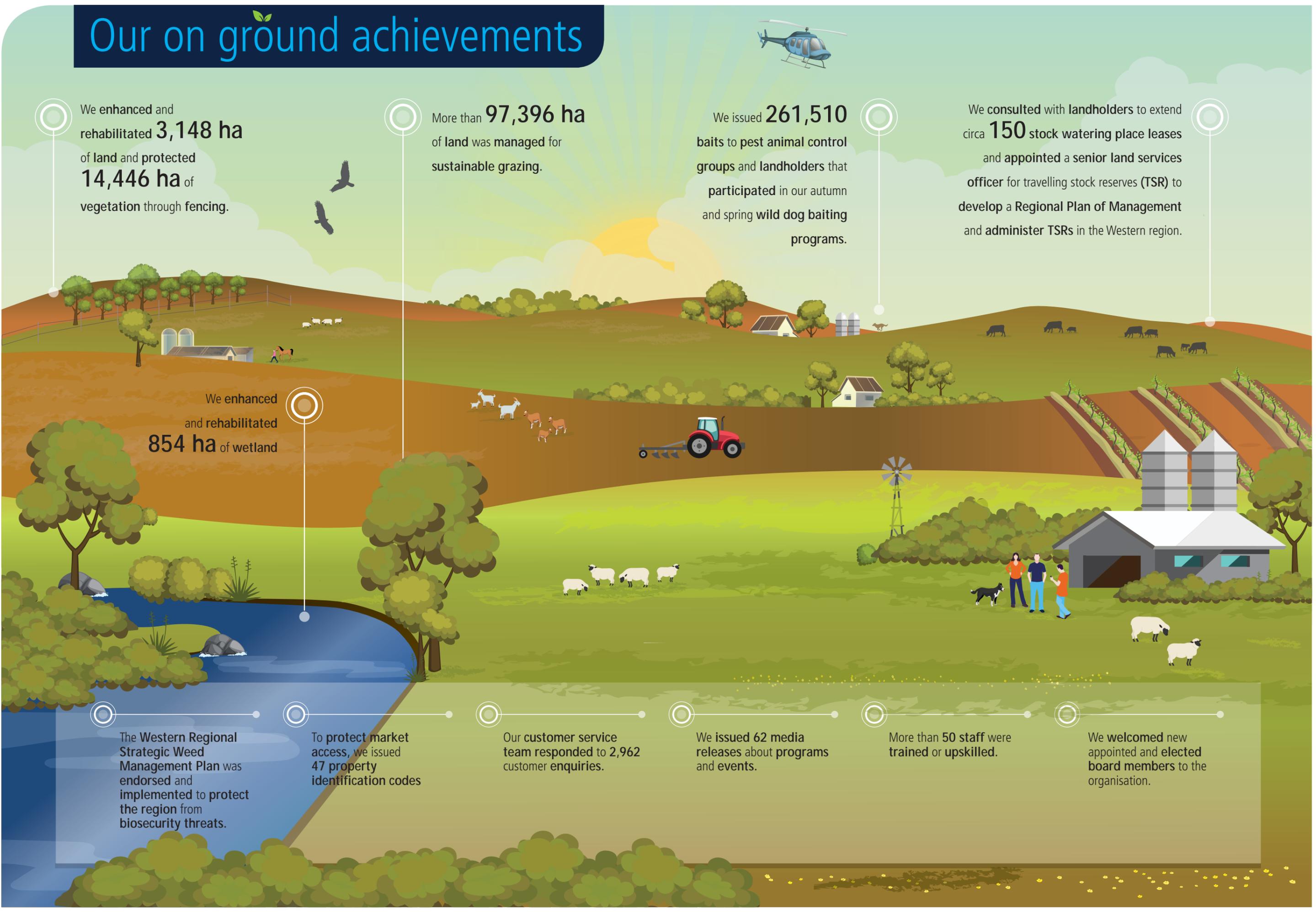
To protect market access, we issued 47 property identification codes

Our customer service team responded to 2,962 customer enquiries.

We issued 62 media releases about programs and events.

More than 50 staff were trained or upskilled.

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



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