

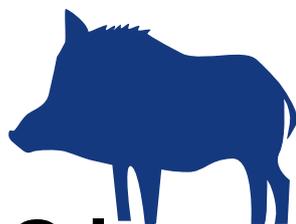
HUNTER ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS 2021

We hoped 2021 would be a return to normal; unfortunately, that was not the case. While seasonal conditions improved and commodity prices rose, we also had to manage severe flooding, mice activity and varying COVID restrictions. This provided numerous challenges, however our team responded admirably to keep providing crucial services, as well as ongoing internal training which aids the delivery of these services. We provided emergency support to flood-affected landholders, while also building their capacity to respond to natural disasters, and continued our bushfire recovery work through coordinated pest control. While eager to return to face-to-face interactions, we had to find alternative, innovative ways to engage and offer training to our landholders. This flexibility is now our business as usual. On a personal note, I was also proud to open our new office in Taree. While 2021 was challenging, we managed to achieve some remarkable outcomes and I would like to acknowledge all staff, landholders, stakeholders, partners and community groups who continue to make this possible.



Tony Hegarty – Chair, Hunter Local Land Services

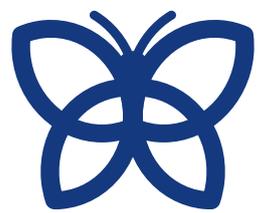
We protected
1,604,682 ha
of land against pest animals
through coordinated control
programs



We undertook projects to
protect Aboriginal Cultural
Heritage or Traditional
Ecological Knowledge on
65 ha
of land



2,481 ha
of significant species
and endangered
ecological communities
were enhanced,
rehabilitated and
protected



Our vets conducted
419
on farm animal disease
investigations



We conducted
6,939
one-on-one landholder
advice consultations



We connected with
12,266 participants
through **395** community
training, awareness raising and
capacity building events



We issued
189
permits on TSRs

Our staff helped grow
and protect

132 km

of rivers and estuaries
through rehabilitation,
enhancement and
protection



We protected

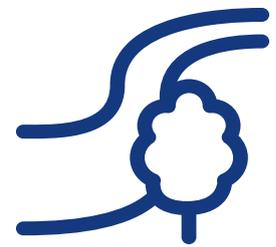
3,154 ha

of land against
regional priority
weeds



623 ha

of wetlands was protected
through rehabilitation and
enhancement



We engaged and supported

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Aboriginal community groups

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN ACTION

As the Upper Hunter continues to enjoy both strong seasons and livestock markets on the back of the worst drought on record, the Professional Wild Dog Controller Program is proving its worth to local producers. In its fifth year, and now with extra hands on-deck, producers continue to reach out to the program for assistance with strategic and reactive control measures to remove problem wild dogs from known hotspots impacting their herds.

Over the last 12 months, another 71 dogs have been removed from key sheep producing areas of the Upper Hunter. The team set 1,040 traps over 23 programs, utilising new night-vision technology to track down elusive older dogs that had previously evaded capture. The program has now become an intrinsic part of our biosecurity programs for landholders, and it has played a crucial role in the re-emergence of the local sheep industry.

