

# OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

## Central Tablelands Local Land Services



*Despite facing challenging seasonal conditions on the Central Tablelands, we can reflect positively on the outcomes we achieved in 2017 and our continued engagement with landholders.*

*The weather did not go our way, with high temperatures and low rainfall, followed by a dry and frosty winter and spring. The tragic Sir Ivan bushfire devastated areas in the north and staff responded on ground both during and after the event. On a positive note, we enjoyed excellent markets in many industries – particularly beef, lamb and wool, which are key commodities across the Central Tablelands. This offset mother nature's challenges to an extent, and fingers crossed producers can continue to see high returns in 2018.*

*Across the region, a wide range of issues were dealt with. From livestock health and productivity, pastures, pest animal and weed control, natural resource management, protecting endangered native plants and animals, Landcare support, Aboriginal culture... and the list goes on!*

*Key initiatives included advisory sessions to assist with farm biosecurity plans; the creation of a regional pest animal plan and a weeds action plan; consultation on our future services and local priorities and development of proposals for natural resource management projects to be funded under the new National Landcare Program.*

*Local Land Services could not provide these services without our key funding providers - our rural ratepayers, national and state governments, rural industry funding bodies and those who pay fees for some services provided.*

*On behalf of the board, I would like to thank our staff, stakeholders and landholders for another great year. I would particularly like to thank our new General Manager Chris Cumming.*

*I look forward to another year of working together to provide core services and continue to fulfil our strategic goals.*

Ian Rogan  
Chair – Central Tablelands Local Land Services

### 2017 Snapshot



We assisted 82 land managers and community groups to enhance and protect the environment by providing \$940,000 in incentive funding.



We're the boots on the ground to support agriculture and animals in emergencies. In 2017 we responded to the Sir Ivan fires, staff assisted in the management of the outbreak of prawn white spot disease in Queensland.



We worked with land manager wild dog groups to establish two wild dog management plans and supported 352 properties involved in baiting over an area of 320,000 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. Nearly 60 ha of land was managed for Aboriginal cultural values as were two Aboriginal sites.



Through a range of extension activities, we increased the capacity of land managers to improve primary production and natural resource management and trained more than 1,260 customers at training events.



Our vets and biosecurity officers conducted more than 2,000 general consultations and conducted 440 on-farm disease investigations.



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# Our on ground achievements

We enhanced and rehabilitated **1,500 ha** of land and protected **1,400 ha** of vegetation through fencing

We planted **500 ha** of native species to help with regeneration.

We managed **3,100 ha** of travelling stock reserves and issued **9** walking permits for stock movement.

We provided education and training workshops to build the capacity of **260** land managers to support and help coordinate group pest control programs and brought landholders together to control wild dogs, foxes, pigs and deer.

More than **2,260 ha** of land was managed for sustainable grazing.

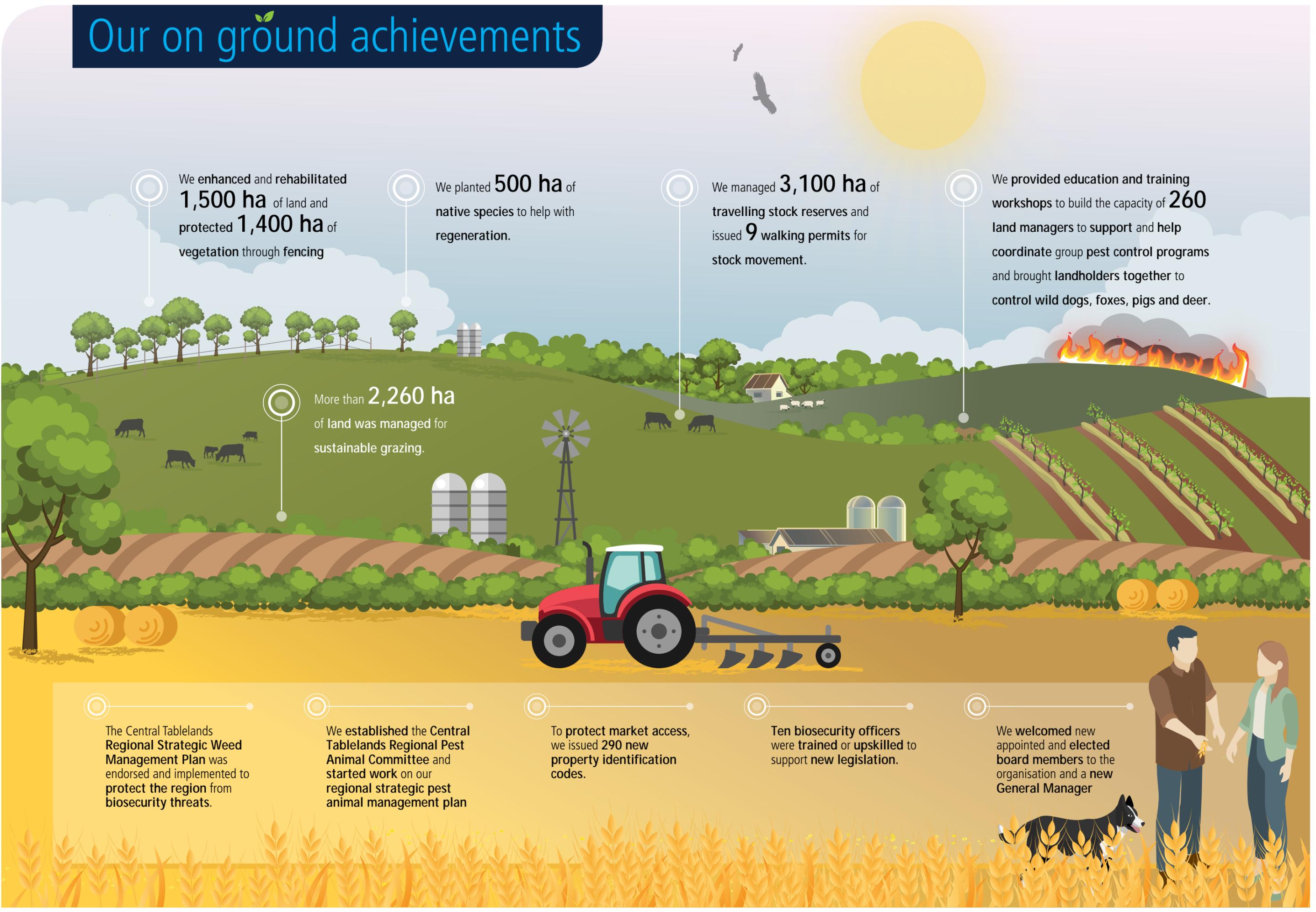
The Central Tablelands Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan was endorsed and implemented to protect the region from biosecurity threats.

We established the Central Tablelands Regional Pest Animal Committee and started work on our regional strategic pest animal management plan

To protect market access, we issued 290 new property identification codes.

Ten biosecurity officers were trained or upskilled to support new legislation.

We welcomed new appointed and elected board members to the organisation and a new General Manager



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