

2022 local annual achievement report

Riverina region

Despite the challenges throughout 2022, Riverina Local Land Services continued to deliver a wide variety of service offerings to our customers and ratepayers.

In addition to flooding and ongoing wet conditions impacting cropping and livestock producers, we were challenged in 2022 through several emergency responses including Japanese encephalitis virus, varroa mite, and hailstorms that heavily impacted the horticulture industry in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.

In response to the threat of foot and mouth incursions, increased funding for feral pig control and disease surveillance activities provided stakeholders with a range of advisory services with 566 producers attending workshops in Griffith, Wagga, Young and Gundagai.

We were successful in attracting funding for a number of key projects including \$850,000 for Drought Resilience Soils and Landscapes Program, \$450,000 for the Cudgel Creek protect protecting koalas, superb parrots and trout cod through riparian protection works, and \$480,000 for protection of squirrel gliders, Black Falcon and the Box Gum Grassy Woodland community.



Barney Hyams

Chair

Riverina Local Land Services



391

permits issued for travelling stock reserves



76

staff trained in emergency management



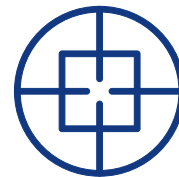
13,164 ha

of weed management



2,719 ha

of threatened species, populations, or ecological communities enhanced, rehabilitated or protected



4,011,896 ha

of pest animal control

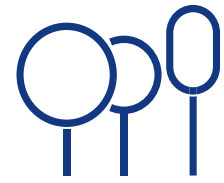
Delivering peer learning to protect natural assets

Maintaining a farms' natural assets during and following drought is critical to build profitability, maintain animal welfare and to protect ecological values. Examples of how this can be achieved include confinement feeding, rehabilitating riparian areas and providing stock protection via shelterbelts.

Our Paddock-Farm-Landscape project commenced in 2022 and will run through to 2024. The goal is to deliver peer-to-peer learning opportunities via establishing 15 demonstration sites. The lessons learnt will be then championed by the property owner so that neighbouring landholders can hear and learn from their trusted first-hand experience.

Technical support will be provided by the Australian National University and Riverina Local Land Services to establish the sites and objectively monitor the outcomes.

So far, 10 champions have been selected to host the demonstration sites. Eight partners have also agreed to promote and support the project including Landcare, Biodiversity Conservation Trust, NSW Farmers and Tocal College.



25,629 ha

of native vegetation enhanced, rehabilitated or protected



381

animal disease surveillance investigations



8,128

1:1 landholder advice consultations



3,463

participants at 230 awareness raising/capacity building events



27

participants at Aboriginal training events