

2023 local annual achievement report

South East region

I am delighted to highlight South East's achievements in 2023, addressing the diverse needs of our region in biosecurity, natural resource management and agricultural advisory services.

Throughout a challenging year marked by impending drought, our dedicated staff provided crucial support to land managers, offering guidance on animal welfare, seasonal updates, and decision-making workshops to safeguard their land and livestock.

Additionally, we extended efforts to customers recovering from bushfire and flood impacts and continued the great work in tackling erosion, enhancing knowledge of threatened species, and nurturing key habitats, in collaboration with land managers and Aboriginal groups.

In partnership with our Feral Fighters groups, increased efforts in vertebrate pest control have yielded significant results, mitigating land degradation and biosecurity risks in priority landscapes.

Our commitment to forging strong partnerships with all land managers remains critical. I thank my fellow Board members for their strategic planning efforts ensuring the South East continues to thrive.

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Chair, South East Board



3,653,245 ha

of vertebrate pest control



12,523

1:1 advice consultations



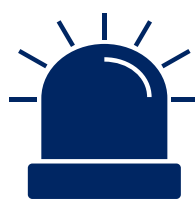
3,685

participants at awareness raising/capacity building events



246

animal disease surveillance investigations



25%

of staff trained for an emergency response

Since its establishment in 2018, our Marine Estate Management Strategy program has effectively collaborated with local landholders to safeguard and enhance water bodies, coastlines, and estuaries. Through a combination of capacity-building initiatives and practical on-ground endeavours, significant progress has been made.

In 2023, landholders and managers achieved notable advancements in both environmental conservation and primary production. These included creek restoration, installation of riparian fencing, extensive replanting efforts, dirt road rehabilitation, riverbank stabilisation, and more.

The program produced great outcomes, such as enhancing 26 hectares of riparian zones along 10 kilometers of riverbanks, establishing 12,340 native riparian plants, upgrading 250 meters of dirt roads with improved drainage, protecting 30 meters of riverbanks from erosion, creating 14 Fert\$mart nutrient management plans, evaluating the effluent management system of a 400-herd dairy farm, and conducting four awareness-raising events with 71 participants.

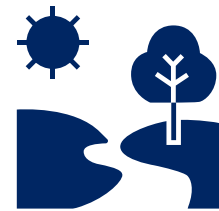
This program is being delivered by South East Local Land Services through funding from the NSW Government Marine Estate Management Strategy.



1,566 ha
of weed management



792
holdings participating in
pest animal control



525 ha
of native vegetation enhanced,
rehabilitated or protected



733
Aboriginal projects to protect
Aboriginal cultural heritage and or
traditional ecological knowledge