

2022 local annual achievement report

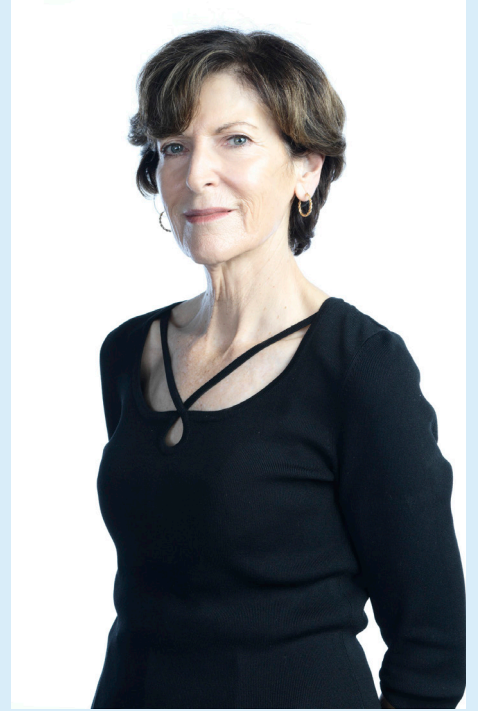
South East region

It is my pleasure to highlight the range of on-ground programs and activities undertaken by South East Local Land Services across our core business functions: biosecurity, emergency management, primary production and landscape management.

The work done by our staff, customers, local communities and various other partners, has enhanced productive agriculture and added value to regional landscapes and economies throughout the year.

The economic environment and weather conditions that have prevailed in recent times created many challenges; however, this has also provided opportunities to adopt new practices and in doing so achieve innovation. It has also meant reflecting on the range of services we provide and being prepared to adapt our business to support the needs of customers and stakeholders in such a dynamic environment.

We will continue to build on the partnerships already developed with local communities, customers and stakeholders to achieve a profitable and sustainable future in our region.



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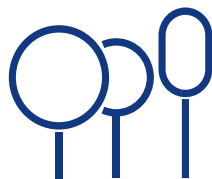
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South East Local Land Services



9,698,213 ha

of pest animal control



824 ha

of native vegetation enhanced, rehabilitated or protected



107 km

of river/estuary enhanced, rehabilitated or protected



7,693

1:1 landholder advice consultations



4,675

participants at **230** awareness raising/capacity building events

Feral fighter group baiting program

Since its inception in 2014, our Feral Fighters program has been delivering coordinated group pest animal control programs with landholders across land tenures. In 2022 the program helped landholders across the South East to target and control pest species across the region, facing increasing pest numbers on the back of strong seasonal conditions.

The Feral Fighters program within the South East region is a community-based initiative with 100 groups led by local landholders to undertake coordinated and effective landscape-scale pest control programs. The program helps landholders to meet their 'biosecurity duty' and educates the broader community on the impacts of pest animals.

Participants of the program receive subsidised training, baits and access to current technical advice.

Meeting regularly throughout the year, the group bait drops are an opportunity for landholders to network and connect. Some groups have included morning tea and discussion to increase social interaction.

Nearly 9 years on, the program continues to grow and spread to include more pest animal species, all working together to reduce the impact that pest animals have on production, the environment and the community with customers reporting outcomes such as improved lambing percentages and increased native fauna.



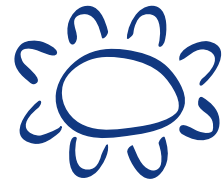
590

participants at **59** training events



1,933

participants across 117
community groups supported



117

participants in **5** Aboriginal
community groups supported



177

permits issued for travelling
stock reserves



87

staff trained in
emergency management