

### AG EXTENSION

- 583** CUSTOMER PHONE CALLS
- 245** ON FARM VISITS
- 672** CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT THROUGH GROUP EVENTS
- 192** ADVICE PROVIDED

BASED ON DPI COMBINED DROUGHT INDICATOR, **100%** OF THE NORTH WEST IS EXPERIENCING **INTENSE DROUGHT\***

\*Intense Drought is defined as all three indicators (rainfall, soil water, plant growth) are below the 5th percentile of the historic range.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

The team have...

- 3** MONTHS IN THE LAST
- 1491** PHONE CALLS
- 445** SPOKE TO WALK IN CUSTOMERS
- 780** PROCESSED NOTICE OF SALES
- 90** COMPLETED LAND TRANSFERS

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 16** LEAD EVENTS
- 5** PARTNERED EVENTS
- 15** PARTICIPATED IN OTHER EVENTS

EVENTS COVERED SPRING SEASONAL UPDATES, DROUGHT FEEDING & ANIMAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS, PEST TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION DAYS

- 115** NEW FOLLOWERS ON FACEBOOK
- 115,656** VIEWS OF NWLLS FACEBOOK POSTS
- 95** POSTS, LINKS & VIDEOS POSTED
- TOP VIDEO POST VIEWED **665** TIMES

### TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES

- 10,323** HEAD OF CATTLE ACROSS 162,000HA
- 1,230** HEAD OF SHEEP ACROSS 162,000HA
- 16** WATER POINT UPGRADES
- 239** PERMITS ISSUED

Avg. TSR Groundcover Levels as at 31 December 2019

### NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**NRM PROGRAMS INCLUDE**

- IMPROVING HABITAT FOR REGENT HONEYEATER
- IMPROVING CONDITION OF BRIGALOW WOODLANDS
- BUILDING CHARACTER OF RAMSAR WETLANDS
- RESILIENT REGIONAL AGRICULTURE CAPACITY FOR CHANGE - IMPROVING SOIL CONDITION

THE **REGIONAL NRM PLAN 2019 - 2024** HAS COMPLETED COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND IS PUBLISHED READY FOR RELEASE. THE PLAN WILL GUIDE INVESTMENT AND HELP COMMUNITIES PLAN FOR HEALTHY AND RESILIENT SOILS, FLORA, FAUNA, RIVERS, WETLANDS AND AQUIFERS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO THRIVE

**19** LANDHOLDERS SUPPORTED BY FUNDING THROUGH **8** PROJECT PROPOSALS FROM CHECK READY GROW IN THIS QUARTER COVERING OVER **6000 Ha** OF WORKS

WORKS INCLUDE FENCING, WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, PERENNIAL PLANTINGS, AND COVER CROPPING. WORKS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO MANAGING LAND TO CAPABILITY- REDUCING EROSION, INCREASING GROUND COVER, IMPROVING SOIL ORGANIC MATTER, BIODIVERSITY AND REHYDRATION

DESPITE SEVERE DROUGHT ACROSS THE NORTH WEST WOODLAND BIRD SURVEYS AROUND THE BARRABA AREA IDENTIFIED **10** SPECIES OF THREATENED WOODLAND BIRDS ON PROJECT AREAS AND TSRS HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING HABITAT THROUGH DROUGHT

### TELL US YOUR PRIORITIES .....

Put them on the map

TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR PRIORITIES AND EMAIL TO ADMIN.NORTHWEST@LLS.NSW.GOV.AU

### NORTHERN DROUGHT RESPONSE AREA

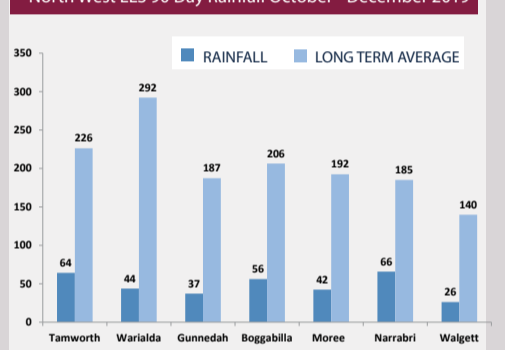
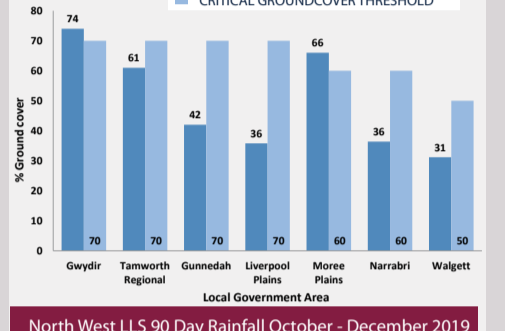
NWLLS CONTACTED **1,500** LANDHOLDERS OFFERING DROUGHT SUPPORT

OFFICE LOCATIONS  
STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES  
LGA BOUNDARIES

EVENT: NWLLS EVENTS, PARTNERED EVENTS

PRIORITY CONTROL SPECIES: PIG, DEER, DOG, RABBIT, FOX

FIRES, ABORIGINAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING EVENTS



### PASTURE CONDITIONS

**MONTHLY PASTURE GROWTH RATES** - NO CHANGE GROWTH RATES ARE VERY LOW IN THE <10KG/HA RANGE FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE REGION

**PASTURE BIOMASS** - NO CHANGE - MAJORITY OF THE REGION REMAINS BELOW 250KGDM/HA (AUSSIE GRASS). \*North West LLS targets a pasture biomass of 1200kgDM/ha or pasture utilisation levels above 10cm as suitable for grazing

**GROUND COVER** - DECREASING - REDUCTION IN GROUND COVER LEVELS DUE TO ONGOING DRY CONDITIONS

### ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

- 40** CONNECTING PEOPLE TO COUNTRY
- 11** ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS ENGAGEMENT
- 1** KNOWLEDGE SHARING EVENTS

**40** WOMEN ATTENDED THE HEALING WOMEN HEALING COUNTRY EVENT HELD BY DHABIYAANBAA MAARUMALI AT WALLABADAH

### LAND MANAGEMENT

**NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING ADVICE**

- 181** ENQUIRIES
- 62** PROPERTY VISITS

INCREASE IN CASELOAD WITH **102** NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE OCTOBER 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH**

- 11 VERTEBRATE PESTICIDE TRAINING - MOREE
- 15 AUTUMN SEASONAL UPDATE - UPPER MOOKI
- 20 AUTUMN SEASONAL UPDATE - WALGETT

**APRIL**

- 8 VERTEBRATE PESTICIDE TRAINING - WALGETT

**MAY**

- 13 VERTEBRATE PESTICIDE TRAINING - WARIALDA

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**31** FIRES IN THE NORTH WEST LANDHOLDERS AFFECTED **213**

**PREPAREDNESS**

**61%** STAFF PARTICIPATED IN 'EXERCISE BIG BLAZE' TO INCREASE NATURAL DISASTER CAPABILITIES AND PREPAREDNESS FOR BUSH FIRES. THE AIM OF THE EXERCISE WAS TO IMPROVE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE FOR NATURAL DISASTERS, HIGHLIGHT THE ACTIVATION PROCESS AND BUILD STAFF CAPABILITIES IN RESPONDING TO BUSH FIRES UNDER AASFA ARRANGEMENTS

**6** STAFF ATTENDED 4 MEETINGS WITH KEY LOCAL EMERGENCY ORGANISATIONS FOCUSING ON EVACUATIONS CENTRES, LIVESTOCK ROLLOVER AND FLOOD PLANS

**RESPONSE**

**12** STAFF HAVE CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN **135** DAYS TO AGRICULTURAL ANIMAL SERVICES FUNCTIONAL AREA TO SUPPORT ROLES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE FIRES FOR THE NORTH WEST, NORTHERN TABLELANDS, NORTH COAST AND SOUTHERN NSW FIRES

### BIOSECURITY ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

- 145** DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS
- 418** ADVISORY CONSULTATIONS

INVESTIGATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS WERE PRIMARILY DROUGHT RELATED LIVESTOCK HEALTH ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH NUTRITION AND MANAGEMENT

CURRENT FOCUS HAS BEEN ON LIVESTOCK HEALTH AFTER RECENT RAIN, AFRICAN SWINE FEVER PREPAREDNESS AND NLIS REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

### WEED ACTION PROGRAM

- 16,482 Ha** ROADSIDE HIGH RISK INSPECTIONS
- PRIVATE PROPERTY INSPECTIONS **120,454 Ha** ACROSS **93** PROPERTIES
- 13,722 Ha** WATERWAY HIGH RISK INSPECTIONS
- ADDITIONAL **54,340** INSPECTIONS OF COUNCIL LANDS, RESERVES & ARTC AREAS

### INVASIVE SPECIES

**BAITS ISSUED**

- 905kg** ACROSS **14** HOLDINGS
- 4,480** baits ACROSS **125** HOLDINGS
- 2,355** baits ACROSS **97** HOLDINGS
- 1,173kg** ACROSS **19** HOLDINGS

SPRING BAITING PROGRAMS OFFERING FREE MEAT BAITS FINALISED AND FREE GRAIN FOR FERAL PIG CONTROL PROGRAMS FOR SUMMER COMMENCED

### CACTI CONTROL PROGRAM

EVENTS COVERED AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND CONTROL OPTIONS WITH **42** COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**17** PEOPLE ATTENDED THE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT KOALA PROJECT UPDATE HELD AT MOREE

**25** PEOPLE ATTENDED THE HARISSA CACTUS STEAM DEMONSTRATION HELD AT GOONDIWINDI

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS WERE SEEN BY **1,688** PEOPLE THROUGH NORTHERN SLOPES LANDCARE ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE