

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Murray Local Land Services



On behalf of the Board of Murray Local Land Services, I am pleased to present the Murray Local Land Services Annual Achievements Report for 2017.

While this report provides a great snapshot of the year, there have also been a number of highlights, including:

1. The NSW Landcare and Local Land Services Conference – the regional Landcare and producer group community, in cooperation with Local Land Services, planned and delivered a magnificent event. One of the highlights for me was the inaugural inclusion of an Aboriginal theme. I am sure this will significantly increase interaction between the Aboriginal community and Landcare across the state.

2. Reinvigorating the local community advisory and Aboriginal community advisory groups. These groups are crucial in connecting the board and staff to the broader community.

3. Planning and hosting a major inter-state and multi-partner exercise to test our ability to respond to a major animal health disease outbreak. These exercises play a major role in ensuring our produce can continue to access export markets.

Our success would not be possible without the continued support and commitment of a large number of individual landholders, Aboriginal communities, Landcare and producer groups, volunteers, government agencies across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, local councils, industry groups, schools, research institutions and our funding partners via the National Landcare Program and Catchment Action NSW program.

Finally, I would like to extend the board's thanks to the Murray Local Land Services team, who have displayed commitment and passion in working with the community. On behalf of the Murray Local Land Services Board, I acknowledge their contributions and commend them on their work.

In closing, I look forward to working with you to make 2018 a successful and profitable year.

David Wolfenden
Acting Chair, Murray Local Land Services



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2017 Snapshot



We assisted **16 community groups** to enhance and protect the environment and participate in sustainable agriculture by providing **\$272,000** in incentive funding.



We're the **boots on the ground** to support agriculture and animals in an emergency and responded to **five emergencies** in 2017. More than **40 per cent** of staff have been trained to assist in an emergency or biosecurity outbreak.



We worked with **land managers** to establish one new **wild dog management plan** for the Tumberumba area and continued with our **two existing wild dog management plans** with coordination and support.



We worked with **landholders** to assist them to develop **130 km** of electric **wild dog exclusion fencing** on impacted landholdings and helped coordinate **wild dog trapping efforts**.



We conducted **aerial baiting** for **wild dogs** across **5 parks** and **nature reserves** and **3 forests** using **8,000 wild dog baits**, alongside **ground baiting efforts**, covering **120,000 ha**.



We support **Aboriginal people** to care for Country, share **traditional land management knowledge** and help protect and strengthen **Aboriginal cultural heritage**. More than **33,000 ha** of land with **Aboriginal cultural value** was managed along with **five Aboriginal sites**.



We helped increase the capacity of **land managers** to improve **primary production** and **natural resource management** through **112 awareness raising events**.



Our **vets** and **biosecurity officers** attended more than **1,220 general consultations** and conducted **334 disease investigations**.

Our on ground achievements

We enhanced and rehabilitated **1,234 ha** of land and protected **517 ha** of vegetation through fencing

We negotiated **37** voluntary conservation agreements, protecting and sustaining **1,091 ha** of land for biodiversity enhancement

Our autumn and spring fox baiting programs resulted in **450** landholders laying **66,000** baits across **823,399 ha**.

We provided education and training workshops to **83** land managers to support and help coordinate group control programs for wild dogs, foxes, pigs and rabbits.

More than **91,100 ha** of land was managed for sustainable grazing.

We planted **238 ha** of native species to help with regeneration.

We managed **52,175 ha** of travelling stock reserves and issued **1,117** walking permits (including **759** routine stock movement permits) for stock movement.

We enhanced and rehabilitated **364 ha** of wetland

We baited for rabbits across **35,000 ha** in a program involving **25** landholders.

We assisted and participated in the release of the K5 strain of RHDV across the region to help control rabbits.

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

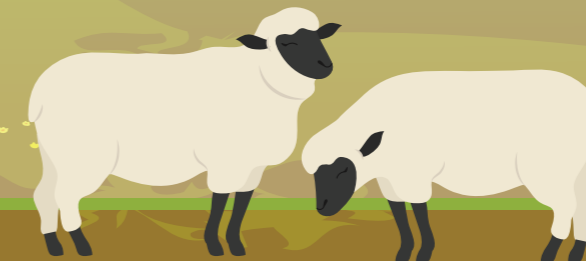
To protect market access, we issued **130** property identification codes.

Our customer service team fielded **10,500** customer enquiries

We issued **32** media releases about programs and events.

Nearly **60** staff were trained or upskilled.

We welcomed new appointed and elected board members to the organisation.



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