

Tackling Feral Pigs Together

Local Land Services
Greater Sydney

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A/TL Invasive Species





Local Land Services acknowledges that it stands on Country which always was and always will be Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters, and we show our respect for Elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work.



Introduction

-  Megalong Valley located 124km west of Sydney with the Kanimbla Valley is situated to its west
-  Both Valleys are in Gundungurra Country and hold significant cultural connections to First Nations People
-  Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area
-  Rural communities known for their bushwalking, fishing, horse riding and tourism
-  The historic 42km, Six-Foot-Track runs through the landscape, a three-day trek from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves



-  Feral pigs are established in both Valley's
 - Megalong Valley = low/moderate
 - Kanimbla Valley = moderate/high
-  Cause damage to pastures, potential to spread diseases to livestock and humans and negatively impact upon sensitive native flora and fauna
-  Feral pigs listed as a priority pest species in the Greater Sydney RSPAMP 2024-2028
-  Feral pigs require continued active management to prevent escalation to moderate-high densities as seen in neighbouring areas

Engagement turns effort into success

-  Participation rates have never been higher!
-  >85% FAAST programs
-  100% for our feral pig trapping programs
-  Work with land managers, stakeholders and recreational hunters

“Greater Sydney LLS have been working with the Megalong Valley community for nearly a decade!”



Pigs out, community in

-  Workshops
-  Community events
-  Monitoring cameras
-  One-on-one advisory
-  New technologies – traps + thermal drones
-  Managers out in the field – see the value
-  Funding opportunities
-  Neighbouring LLS Region + mentoring



A photograph of an elderly man wearing a straw hat and a plaid shirt, looking angry with his teeth bared. He is holding a large QR code on a piece of paper. Other similar QR code papers are floating in the air around him. A woman in a plaid shirt is partially visible next to him.

What happens when land managers/stakeholders have workshop, QR code and survey fatigue?

Less squeal, more steel – getting creative



-  Cultural Inductions
-  'Pig Blitz' + disease surveillance
-  'Trap 'n' Snap' pilot program
-  Trialling new ideas
-  Taking up opportunities
-  Engagement and advisory!

“Key stakeholders need to actively engaged and consulted”

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Let's hog the spotlight

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Successful mob capture! 🙌🐷

After weeks of free-feeding, biosecurity officers successfully trapped this group of feral pigs by letting them get comfortable entering the trap. Most of the mob walked in confidently, but the cautious sow lingered just outside, until finally she stepped in and triggered the gate, capturing the entire group in one go.

This is a great example of best practice trapping in action to reduce feral pig impacts on our environment and agricultural assets.

👏 Big thanks to the landholders working with us to protect our landscapes!

If you have feral pest problems on your land, don't hesitate to reach out on 1300 795 299.



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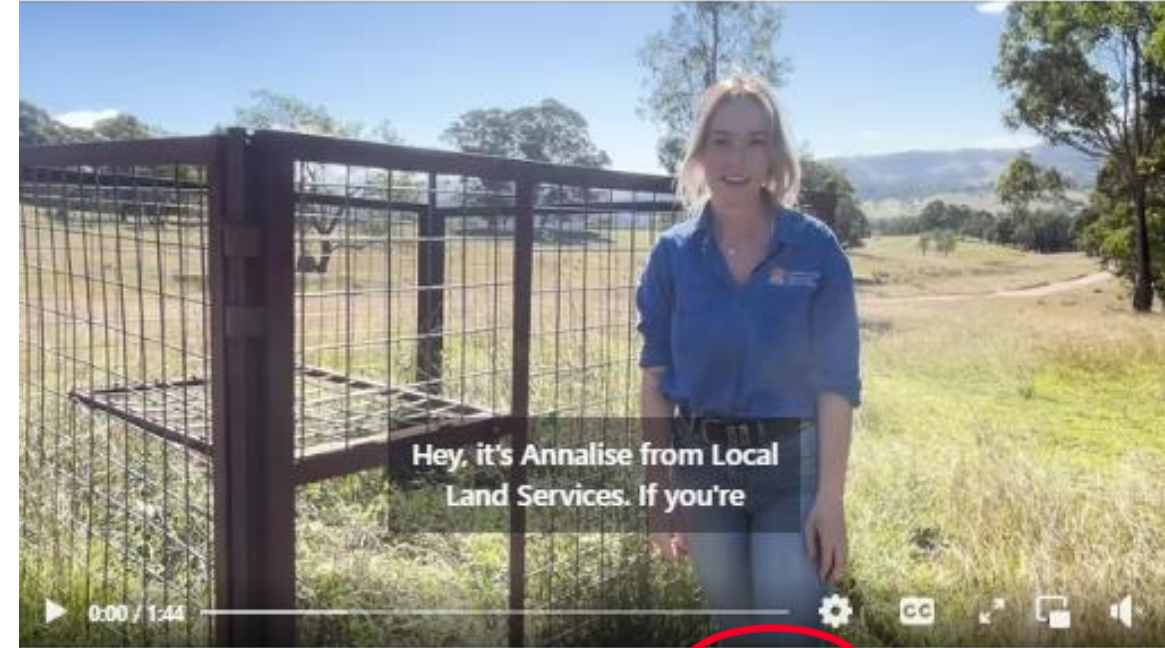
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🔴 Dealing with feral pigs? Watch this video for essential tips to keep your traps strong and effective! 🐷

- 1 Inspect the trap structure - check for bent bars, rust, or broken welds! Make sure pickets are hammered in and tied with wire.
- 2 Check that the door (drop gate, guillotine, or swinging) moves smoothly and locks tight.
- 3 Ensure the floor is level, removing anything that would stop the trap from working
- 4 Confirm the trigger system works

Make sure your traps are ready before the next mob shows up - a quick check could save you a big headache 🤕

Need help? Chat to one of our biosecurity officers on 1300 795 299.



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Thank you – questions
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