

ANNUAL REPORT

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We share recognition of our successes with all of our donors and supporters, as our work would not be possible without your support. I wish to thank our CEO, Andrew Cox, the ISC's dedicated staff and my fellow board members who should all feel very proud of what we've achieved.

Stuart Reeh, president

ERADICATION, CONTAINMENT AND CONTROL – 25% OF OUR EFFORT

Eradicate invasive species from selected islands and sites, contain emerging species and direct control efforts to threatened sites.

Facilitate eradication

- Our success at securing \$411 million for red fire ant eradication from Queensland has led to more independent oversight and greater community involvement in this program
- Led Townsville Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce, working with Townsville City Council, supported by the Queensland Government Community Sustainability Action grant.
- Supported community and government efforts to eradicate yellow crazy ants from Far North Queensland.
- Published the Ecology Australia report: Surveys for Smooth Newt in South-east Melbourne and presented it to the Victorian Government. We now are seeking funding for full delimitation.

Advocate for containment

- Played leading role in opposing NSW legislation protecting feral horses in

Kosciuszko National Park

- Prevented commercialisation of bumble bees in Tasmania
- Our calls for action on feral deer played a role in deer being classified as a priority pest in NSW and widespread recognition of their impacts in eastern Australia.

Support targeted control

- Participated in committee advising the NSW Primary Industries Minister about NSW Biosecurity Act implementation.
- Supported community-led rodent control and Argentine ant eradication from Norfolk Island with support from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation.
- Participated in the national feral cat task force.

Visit our website for our full strategic plan.

SUPPORT

Thank you to all our generous donors and supporters of our work. In particular, we thank the Limb Family Foundation, Curlew Fund, Garry White Foundation, Ian Potter Foundation, Eldon and Anne Foote Trust of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, Mullum Trust, Tracker Fund, Paddy Pallin Foundation, Queensland Government Department of Environment and Science and Federal Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.



FROM THE CEO

Last financial year's incredible fire ant funding success has been matched this year with the environment now explicitly recognised in the national biosecurity system.

We can rightly claim credit for this major change that sees new funding and the creation of an Office of Environmental Biosecurity in the department of agriculture. While we will need to maintain our pressure, we expect major long-term benefits to follow.

Andrew Cox, CEO

Outreach and communication



Froggatt Award winners

- IGAB review panel: Dr Wendy Craik (chair), David Palmer and Dr Richard Sheldrake
- Nic Gill



Feral Herald ebulletins

- Seven issues
- 36 stories
- 2300+ subscribers



Facebook

- 6680 page likes
- 24% increase
- Average 12 month reach: 3080



Twitter

- 1400 followers
- 27% increase
- Monthly impressions: 5000



Above, scientists attending an impacts assessment workshop as part of our joint Monash University/ISC insect pests prioritisation project. Left, Wendy Craik, chair of the independent review of national biosecurity and recipient of a 2018 Froggatt Award. Below, Yvette Williams, our new Townsville yellow crazy ant taskforce community coordinator.



Our CEO Andrew Cox with Minister for Agriculture, David Littleproud.



The highly invasive and 'illegal' pampas grass in Sydney.



The first Townsville Yellow Crazy Ant Community Taskforce baiting event at Billabong Sanctuary at Nome.



CEO Andrew Cox with Bruce Christie, 'biosecurity warrior', chair of national Environment and Invasives Committee and director of Biosecurity NSW.



Feral horses.



ISC played a leading role in securing a new biosecurity levy on imported shipping containers. Photo: Dirk Dallas



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