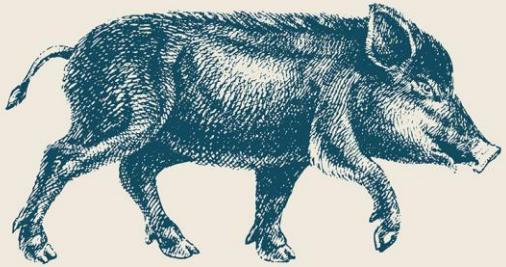

NATIONAL FERAL PIG CONFERENCE 2025

24-26 March | Gold Coast

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Draft Program

Day 1 - Monday 24 March	
4.00-8.00pm	Registration Open
5.00-6.00pm	**Opening Plenary** Chair: John Gavin, Chair, NFPAP Implementation Committee
5.00pm	**Opening and Acknowledgement to Country**
5.15pm	**Jim Hone:** Managing feral pig damage for production and biodiversity
6.00-8.00pm	Welcome Reception & Networking Function
Day 2 - Tuesday 25 March	
8.00am-5.30pm	Registration Open
8.30am	**Welcome to Queensland: The Hon Tony Perrett, Minister for Primary Industries, Queensland**
8.40-10.00am	**Session 1 - Effective regional coordination and collaboration** Chair: TBC
8.40am	**Heather Channon**: NFPAP Update – Priorities, progress and future directions
8.55am	**Bec Gray:** Pig picture thinking: driving statewide coordination for feral pig management
9.20am	**Angie Reid**: Collaboration for positive outcomes in feral pig management on Indigenous lands and remote northern Australia
9.45am	**Rhiannon Ellis**: The Queensland Feral Pest Initiative is contributing to the fight against feral pigs: Grants for landscape-scale, cross tenure coordination, and innovation and diversification of control tools and techniques.
9.55am	**John Scriven:** Strengthening biosecurity preparedness and protection of wetlands and biodiversity in the Darling Downs & South West Queensland by the suppression of feral pigs
10.00am	Morning Tea Sponsor: Animal Control Technologies Australia
10.30am-12.00pm	**Session 2 - Effective regional coordination and collaboration (Cont.)** Chair:
10.30am	**Linda Vernon:** A zone-based approach to feral pig management: Lessons from the Mid West demonstration site, Western Australia

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10.55am	**Chris Gaschk:** Spatially assisted aerial shooting (SAAS) - translating feral pig habitat preferences into improved on ground outcomes
11.10am	**Preeti Prayaga:** Experience and effort is never futile: lessons learned from managing feral animal impacts in the Burdekin Shire
11.25am	**Matthew Pauza:** Pigs of the Roaring 40°s, the unique and emerging challenges of feral pig (*Sus scrofa*) management in Tasmania
11.40am	**Alex Ernst:** Remote pig trapping and monitoring in Arnhem Land
11.55am	**Linton Staples**: PIGOUT® Econobait 1080 long life feral pig bait for feral pig management
12.00pm	Lunch Sponsor: Hunter Land Management
1.00-3.00pm	**Session 3 – Harnessing People Power** Chair: TBC
1.00pm	**John Nolan** Harnessing People Power
1.25pm	**Jamie Werner:** Obtaining social license for feral pig management in a unique environment. Inviting Iwi (Indigenous) to the decision-making table
1.40pm	**Darren Marshall:** Ten years of working with Santos GNLG to control and research feral pig populations to improve landscapes scale nil-tenure control
1.55pm	**John Cuskelly:** Self reflection by a recovering vertebrate pest coordinator
2.10pm	**David Worsley:** Landholder versus Government pig control. 2 case studies of feral pig control conducted by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, NSW
2.25pm	**Land Manager:** Panel Discussion
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea Sponsor: Centre for Invasive Species Solutions
3.30–5.15pm	**Session 4 - Harnessing People Power (Cont.)** Chair: TBC
3.30pm	**James Templeton:** Bringing the sounder together: stakeholder collaboration and engagement insights from the Otways feral pig program
3.55pm	**Jason Dearle:** Forming productive relationships with state and local government as well as private landholders and corporate business to effectively manage feral pigs collaboratively
4.10pm	**Tony Lockrey**: Estimating economic impacts of feral pigs to grain growers
4.25pm	**Peter West:** The use of Feral Scan by communities monitoring and managing feral pigs.
4.40pm	**Madeleine Stigner:** Upskilling Indigenous Rangers in feral animal control: Djelk Indigenous Protected Area
4.45pm	**Regional Coordination:** Panel Discussion
5.15pm	Break
6.30pm	Pre-dinner drinks (optional)
7.00-9.30pm	**NFPC Conference Dinner** **Nosh Restaurant, Mantra on View** Sponsor: Pigbaitta Pty Ltd

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Day 3 - Wednesday 26 March	
8.00am	Registration Open
8.30-10.40am	**Session 5 - Risk mitigation, decision making and continuous improvement** Chair: TBC
8.30am	**Andrew Bengsen**: From Uncertainty to Action: Disease Surveillance and Response in Feral Pigs
8.55am	**Jens Froese:** A national map and dataset of feral pig current distribution in Australia (2024)
9.10am	**Andrew Morton:** Picking the low hanging fruit, practical applications of distribution modelling and telemetry datasets
9.25am	**Peter Hamnett:** Hit them so hard they can't get backup: population modelling to optimise harvest strategies for feral pig eradication on Kangaroo Island
9.40am	**Peter Fleming:** Catch per unit effort analysis of a local feral pig control program: suggestions for monitoring and continued effort
9.55am	**Adam Quinn:** Insights on delivering Integrated Pig Control Programs in highly restricted areas, to stakeholders with differing decision drivers
10.10am	**Marietta Matasia**: Indigenous-led collaboration and consistent data collection to protect marine turtles from feral pig predation in Western Cape York
10.25am	**Andrew Williams:** Firearms high-risk areas: perception vs reality
10.30am	**Branden Riles:** Towards effective feral pig control on the Yampi Sound Training Area (Kimberley, Western Australia)
10.35pm	**Linton Staples**: Adapting feral pig management technology to a potential depopulation need for domestic pigs in piggeries
10.40am	Morning Tea Sponsor: INLOC
11.00am– 12.55pm	**Session 6 – Risk mitigation, decision making and continuous improvement (Cont.)** Chair: TBC
11.00am	**Brendan Cowled**: Pig carcass decomposition dynamics: Insights into carcass disposal for emergency animal disease management
11.25am	**Richard Bradhurst:** Modelling the potential for spillover transmission of emergency animal disease between feral pigs and livestock
11.35am	**Madalene Oberin:** Development of camera trap surveillance to detect feral pigs at piggeries
11.45am	**Tatiana Proboste:** Unravelling the swine web: Decoding feral pig networks for disease prevention in Australia
11.55am	**Deane Smith:** Feral pig (*Sus scrofa*) activity areas across Australia for integration into disease spread models
12.05pm	**Joanne Walker:** Applying One Health to feral pig management in Australia: challenges and opportunities
12.15pm	**Linton Staples:** HOGGONE® meSN feral pig bait controls USA wild hogs but spilled bait can pose risk to small birds in winter
12.25pm	**Troy Crittle:** Do the worst first - put your pig control in order for maximum impact
12.35pm	**Q&A session**
12.55pm	Lunch
1.40-4.00pm	**Session 7 – Keeping up with Change** Chair: TBC
1.40pm	**Justin Perry and Jack Hill:** Developing an ACCU Scheme method to manage feral ungulates in wetlands

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2.05pm	**Tarnya Cox:** Achieving rapid removal and local eradication of feral pigs: methods to improve impact and exotic disease management outcomes	
2.30pm	**Valerie Hager:** Biodiversity enhancements from controlling feral pigs, buffalo and cattle in wetlands in Australia	
2.45pm	**Stephen Frankenberg:** Genetic biocontrol options for feral pigs	
3.00pm	**Matt Gentle:** Exploring the use of thermal in aerial culling in north Queensland	
3.15pm	**Nina Scarpelli:** Passive acoustic detection: a new tool in the feral pig monitoring toolbox	
3.30pm	**Panel discussion:** Where to from here	
3.50pm	**Closing comments and conference close**	
4.00-4.30pm	**Afternoon Tea:** Grab and Go	Sponsor: ACT Government

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