



NATIONAL FERAL PIG CONFERENCE 2025

24-26 March | Gold Coast

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Draft Program

Day 1 - Monday 24 March

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| 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

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| 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 (<i>Sus scrofa</i>) 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 |
| 3.30–5.00pm | 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 | |
| 6.00-9.00pm | NFPC Conference Dinner Nosh Restaurant, Mantra on View | Sponsor: Pigbaitta Pty Ltd |

Day 3 - Wednesday 26 March

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| 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 (<i>Sus scrofa</i>) 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 |

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