



NATIONAL FERAL PIG CONFERENCE 2025

24-26 March | Gold Coast

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Program

Day 1 - Monday 24 March

4.00-8.00pm	Registration Open	
5.00-6.30pm	Opening Plenary Chair: John Gavin, Chair, Remarkable NRM, Independent Chair NFPAP Implementation Committee	
5.00pm	Welcome to Country	
5.10pm	Official Opening: The Hon Julie Collins, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	
5.15pm	Gold sponsor presentation: Barry Kelly, Pigbaitta	
5.20pm	Jim Hone: Managing feral pig damage for production and biodiversity	
6.05pm	Sheridan Morris: Integrated pest management for feral pigs- where we're at and where to from here	
6.30-8.30pm	Welcome Reception & Networking Function	Sponsor: ACT Government

Day 2 - Tuesday 25 March

8.00am-5.15pm	Registration Open	
8.30am	Welcome to Queensland: The Hon Tony Perrett, Minister for Primary Industries, Queensland	
8.40am	John Gavin and Heather Channon: NFPAP Update – Priorities, progress and future directions	
9.15-10.15am	Session 1 - Effective regional coordination and collaboration Chair: Heather Channon, National Feral Pig Management Coordinator Program, Australian Pork Limited	
9.15am	Bec Gray: Pig picture thinking: driving statewide coordination for feral pig management	
9.40am	Angie Reid: Collaboration for positive outcomes in feral pig management on Indigenous lands and remote northern Australia	
10.05 am	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	
10.10am	John Scriven: Strengthening biosecurity preparedness and protection of wetlands and biodiversity in the Darling Downs & South West Queensland by the suppression of feral pigs	
10.15am	Morning Tea	Sponsor: Animal Control Technologies Australia
10.45am-12.15pm	Session 2 - Effective regional coordination and collaboration (Cont.) Chair: Mark Hogno, Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	

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10.45am	Linda Vernon: A zone-based approach to feral pig management: Lessons from the Mid West demonstration site, Western Australia	
11.10am	Chris Gaschk: Spatially assisted aerial shooting (SAAS) - translating feral pig habitat preferences into improved on ground outcomes	
11.25am	Preeti Prayaga: Experience and effort is never futile: lessons learned from managing feral animal impacts in the Burdekin Shire	
11.40am	Matthew Pauza: Pigs of the Roaring 40's, the unique and emerging challenges of feral pig (<i>Sus scrofa</i>) management in Tasmania	
11.55am	Warddeken Land Management: Remote pig trapping and monitoring in Arnhem Land	
12.10pm	Linton Staples: PIGOUT® Econobait 1080 long life feral pig bait for feral pig management	
12.15pm	Lunch	Sponsor: Hunter Land Management
1.00-3.00pm	Session 3 – Harnessing People Power Chair: Sam Armstrong, Agriculture Victoria	
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	Regional Coordination: Panel Discussion. Sam Armstrong, Agriculture Victoria; Bec Gray, NSW Local Land Services; John Scriven, South West Regional Organization Councils; Angie Reid, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Ltd. Chair: Karen Moloney, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	Sponsor: Centre for Invasive Species Solutions
3.30–4.30pm	Session 4 - Harnessing People Power (Cont.) Chair: Darren Marshall, Centre for Invasive Species Solutions	
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	Land Manager: Panel Discussion. Brendan Taylor, AgForce Queensland Grains President, Dalby QLD; Tony Lockrey, Moree NSW; Dave Worsley, Nullamanna, NSW. Chair: Romy Carey, Northern Territory Cattleman's Association	
5.10pm	Break	
6.30pm	Pre-dinner drinks	
7.00-9.30pm	NFPC Conference Dinner Nosh Restaurant, Mantra on View	Sponsor: Pigbaitta Pty Ltd

Day 3 - Wednesday 26 March

8.00am	Registration Open	
8.30-10.40am	Session 5 - Risk mitigation, decision making and continuous improvement Chair: Justin Perry, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Ltd, NFPAP Scientific Advisory Panel Chair.	
8.30am	Andrew Bengsen: From uncertainty to action: disease surveillance and response in feral pigs- 25 min	
8.55am	Troy Crittle: Do the worst first - put your pig control in order for maximum impact	
9.10am	Peter Hamnett: Hit them so hard they can't get backup: population modelling to optimise harvest strategies for feral pig eradication on Kangaroo Island	
9.25am	Peter Fleming: Catch per unit effort analysis of a local feral pig control program: suggestions for monitoring and continued effort	
9.40am	Marietta Matasia: Indigenous-led collaboration and consistent data collection to protect marine turtles from feral pig predation in Western Cape York	
9.55am	Adam Quinn: Insights on delivering integrated pig control programs in highly restricted areas, to stakeholders with differing decision drivers	
10.10am	Richard Bradhurst: Development of camera trap surveillance to detect feral pigs at piggeries	
10.25am	Linton Staples: HOGGONE® meSN feral pig bait controls USA wild hogs but spilled bait can pose risk to small birds in winter	
10.40am	Branden Riles: Towards effective feral pig control on the Yampi Sound Training Area (Kimberley, Western Australia)	
10.45pm	Andrew Williams: Firearms high-risk areas: perception vs reality	
10.50am	Morning Tea	Sponsor: INLOC
11.00am-12.55pm	Session 6 – Risk mitigation, decision making and continuous improvement (Cont.) Chair: Narelle Dybing, National Feral Pig Management Coordinator Program, Australian Pork Limited	
11.00am	Brendan Cowled: Pig carcass decomposition dynamics: Insights into carcass disposal for emergency animal disease management	
11.25am	Joanne Walker: Applying One Health to feral pig management in Australia: challenges and opportunities	
11.35am	Richard Bradhurst: Modelling the potential for spillover transmission of emergency animal disease between feral pigs and livestock	
11.45am	Jens Froese: A national map and dataset of feral pig current distribution in Australia (2024)	
11.55am	Tatiana Proboste: Unravelling the swine web: Decoding feral pig networks for disease prevention in Australia	
12.05pm	Deane Smith: Feral pig (<i>Sus scrofa</i>) activity areas across Australia for integration into disease spread models	
12.15pm	Andrew Morton: Picking the low hanging fruit, practical applications of distribution modelling and telemetry datasets	
12.25pm	Linton Staples: Adapting feral pig management technology to a potential depopulation need for domestic pigs in piggeries	
12.30pm	Q&A session	
12.55pm	Lunch	
1.40-4.00pm	Session 7 – Keeping up with Change Chair: Andrew Bengsen, NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	
1.40pm	Justin Perry and Jack Hill: Developing an ACCU Scheme method to manage feral ungulates in wetlands	
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	

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3.15pm	Nina Scarpelli: Passive acoustic detection: a new tool in the feral pig monitoring toolbox	
3.30pm	Panel discussion: Where to from here Chair: John Gavin, Remarkable NRM, Independent Chair NFPAP Implementation Committee	
3.50pm	Closing comments and conference close	
4.00-4.30pm	Afternoon Tea: Grab and Go	Sponsor: Greyman Ops
Invitation only – Thursday 27 March		
8.30am-12.00pm	For Indigenous land management groups or by invitation only, RSVP required to angie.reid@nailsma.org.au . Protecting Country Against Invasive Species – Indigenous Feral Pig Workshop sponsored by NAILSMA - Paradise Room 2 & 3	

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