



# NATIONAL FERAL PIG CONFERENCE 2025

24-26 March | Gold Coast

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## Program

### Day 1 - Monday 24 March

4.00-8.30pm	Registration Open
5.00-6.30pm	<b>Opening Plenary</b> Chair: John Gavin, Remarkable NRM, Independent Chair NFPAP Implementation Committee
5.00pm	<b>Welcome to Country</b>
5.10pm	<b>Official Opening: The Hon Julie Collins, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</b>
5.15pm	<b>Gold sponsor presentation: Barry Kelly, Pigbaitta</b>
5.20pm	<b>Jim Hone:</b> Managing feral pig damage for production and biodiversity
6.05pm	<b>Sheriden Morris:</b> The pathway forward for feral pig control: IPM and funding
6.30-8.30pm	Welcome Reception & Networking Function <span style="float: right;">Sponsor: ACT Government</span>

### Day 2 - Tuesday 25 March

8.00am	Registration Open
8.30am	<b>Welcome to Queensland: The Hon Tony Perrett, Minister for Primary Industries, Queensland</b>
8.40am	<b>John Gavin and Heather Channon:</b> National Feral Pig Action Plan Update – Priorities, progress and future directions
9.15-10.15am	<b>Session 1 - Effective regional coordination and collaboration</b> Chair: Heather Channon, National Feral Pig Management Coordinator Program, Australian Pork Limited
9.15am	<b>Bec Gray:</b> Pig picture thinking: driving statewide coordination for feral pig management
9.40am	<b>Angie Reid:</b> Collaboration for positive outcomes in feral pig management on Indigenous lands and remote northern Australia
10.05 am	<b>Rhiannon Ellis:</b> 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 + poster
10.10am	<b>John Scriven:</b> 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 <span style="float: right;">Sponsor: Animal Control Technologies Australia</span>
10.45am-12.15pm	<b>Session 2 - Effective regional coordination and collaboration (Cont.)</b> Chair: Mark Hogno, Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
10.45am	<b>Linda Vernon:</b> A zone-based approach to feral pig management: Lessons from the Mid West demonstration site, Western Australia
11.10am	<b>Chris Gaschk:</b> Spatially assisted aerial shooting (SAAS) - translating feral pig habitat preferences into improved on ground outcomes
11.25am	<b>Graeme Oats:</b> Experience and effort is never futile: lessons learned from managing feral animal impacts in the Burdekin Shire
11.40am	<b>Matthew Pauza:</b> Pigs of the Roaring 40's, the unique and emerging challenges of feral pig ( <i>Sus scrofa</i> ) management in Tasmania
11.55am	<b>Warddeken Land Management:</b> Remote pig trapping and monitoring in Arnhem Land
12.10pm	<b>Linton Staples:</b> PIGOUT® Econobait 1080 long life feral pig bait for feral pig management

12.15pm	Lunch	Sponsor: Hunter Land Management
1.00-2.25pm	<b>Session 3 - Harnessing People Power</b> Chair: Sam Armstrong, Agriculture Victoria	
1.00pm	<b>John Nolan:</b> Harnessing People Power	
1.25pm	<b>Jamie Werner:</b> Obtaining social license for feral pig management in a unique environment. Inviting Iwi (Indigenous) to the decision-making table	
1.40pm	<b>Darren Marshall:</b> Ten years of working with Santos GNLG to control and research feral pig populations to improve landscapes scale nil-tenure control	
1.55pm	<b>David Worsley:</b> Landholder versus Government pig control. 2 case studies of feral pig control conducted by Northern Tablelands Local Land Services, NSW	
2.10pm	<b>Regional Coordination:</b> Panel Discussion. Heather Channon, Australian Pork Limited; Sam Armstrong, Agriculture Victoria; Bec Gray, NSW Local Land Services; John Scriven, South West Regional Organization of Councils; Angie Reid, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Ltd. Chair: Karen Moloney, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	
2.45pm	Afternoon Tea	Sponsor: Centre for Invasive Species Solutions
3.15-4.10pm	<b>Session 4 - Harnessing People Power (Cont.)</b> Chair: Matthew Gentle, Biosecurity Queensland	
3.15pm	<b>James Templeton:</b> Bringing the sounder together: stakeholder collaboration and engagement insights from the Otways feral pig program	
3.40pm	<b>Rachel Rand:</b> Recognised Biosecurity Groups: The importance of community engagement and supporting landholders in invasive species control	
3.55pm	<b>Tony Lockrey:</b> Estimating economic impacts of feral pigs to grain growers	
4.10pm	<b>Land Manager:</b> Panel Discussion. Brendan Taylor, AgForce Queensland Grains President, Dalby QLD; Tony Lockrey, Moree NSW; Dave Worsley, Nullamanna, NSW. Chair: Darren Marshall, Centre for Invasive Species Solutions	
5.00pm	Break	
6.30pm	Pre-dinner drinks	
7.00-9.30pm	<b>NFPC Conference Dinner</b> <b>Nosh Restaurant, Mantra on View</b> Sponsor: Pigbaitta Pty Ltd	
<b>Day 3 - Wednesday 26 March</b>		
8.00am	Registration Open	
8.30-10.35am	<b>Session 5 - Risk mitigation, decision making and continuous improvement</b> Chair: Justin Perry, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Ltd, NFPAP Scientific Advisory Panel Chair.	
8.30am	<b>Andrew Bengsen:</b> From uncertainty to action: disease surveillance and response in feral pigs	
8.55am	<b>Troy Crittle:</b> Do the worst first - put your pig control in order for maximum impact	
9.10am	<b>Peter Fleming:</b> Catch per unit effort analysis of a local feral pig control program: suggestions for monitoring and continued effort	
9.25am	<b>Marietta Matasia:</b> Indigenous-led collaboration and consistent data collection to protect marine turtles from feral pig predation in Western Cape York	
9.40am	<b>Adam Quinn:</b> Insights on delivering integrated pig control programs in highly restricted areas, to stakeholders with differing decision drivers	
9.55am	<b>Richard Bradhurst:</b> Development of camera trap surveillance to detect feral pigs at piggeries	
10.10am	<b>Linton Staples:</b> HOGGONE® meSN feral pig bait controls USA wild hogs but spilled bait can pose risk to small birds in winter	
10.25am	<b>Braden Riles:</b> Towards effective feral pig control on the Yampi Sound Training Area (Kimberley, Western Australia) + poster	

10.30am	<b>Andrew Williams:</b> Firearms high-risk areas: perception vs reality	
10.35am	Morning Tea	Sponsor: INLOC
11.00am-1.00pm	<b>Session 6 - Risk mitigation, decision making and continuous improvement (Cont.)</b> Chair: Narelle Dybing, National Feral Pig Management Coordinator Program, Australian Pork Limited	
11.00am	<b>Brendan Cowled and Rebecca Ambrose:</b> Pig carcass decomposition dynamics: Insights into carcass disposal for emergency animal disease management	
11.25am	<b>Joanne Walker:</b> Applying One Health to feral pig management in Australia: challenges and opportunities	
11.35am	<b>Richard Bradhurst:</b> Modelling the potential for spillover transmission of emergency animal disease between feral pigs and livestock	
11.45am	<b>Jens Froese:</b> A national map and dataset of feral pig current distribution in Australia (2024)	
11.55am	<b>Tatiana Proboste:</b> Unravelling the swine web: Decoding feral pig networks for disease prevention in Australia	
12.05pm	<b>Deane Smith:</b> Feral pig ( <i>Sus scrofa</i> ) activity areas across Australia for integration into disease spread models	
12.15pm	<b>Andrew Morton:</b> Picking the low hanging fruit, practical applications of distribution modelling and telemetry datasets	
12.25pm	<b>Peter Hamnett:</b> Hit them so hard they can't get backup: population modelling to optimise harvest strategies for feral pig eradication on Kangaroo Island	
12.35pm	<b>Linton Staples:</b> Adapting feral pig management technology to a potential depopulation need for domestic pigs in piggeries	
12.40pm	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	
1.00pm	Lunch	Sponsor: Queensland Government
1.40-3.30pm	<b>Session 7 - Keeping up with Change</b> Chair: Andrew Bengsen, NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	
1.40pm	<b>Justin Perry and Jack Hill:</b> Developing an ACCU Scheme method to manage feral ungulates in wetlands	
2.05pm	<b>Tarnya Cox:</b> Achieving rapid removal and local eradication of feral pigs: methods to improve impact and exotic disease management outcomes	
2.30pm	<b>Valerie Hager:</b> Biodiversity enhancements from controlling feral pigs, buffalo and cattle in wetlands in Australia	
2.45pm	<b>Stephen Frankenberg:</b> Genetic biocontrol options for feral pigs	
3.00pm	<b>Matt Gentle:</b> Exploring the use of thermal in aerial culling in north Queensland	
3.15pm	<b>Nina Scarpelli:</b> Passive acoustic detection: a new tool in the feral pig monitoring toolbox	
3.30pm	<b>Setting future direction: Where to from here</b> John Gavin, Remarkable NRM, Independent Chair NFPAP Implementation Committee	
3.50pm	<b>Closing comments and conference close</b>	
4.00-4.30pm	<b>Afternoon Tea: Grab and Go</b>	Sponsor: Greyman Ops
<b>Invitation only – Thursday 27 March</b>		
8.30am-12.00pm	For Indigenous land management groups or by invitation only, RSVP required to <a href="mailto:angie.reid@nailsma.org.au">angie.reid@nailsma.org.au</a> . <b>Protecting Country Against Invasive Species – Indigenous Feral Pig Workshop sponsored by NAILSMA.</b> Peppers Soul, Surfers Paradise	

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