



Western Downs Regional Council wins 2021 National Federation Award

30 November 2021

Queensland's Western Downs Regional Council has been presented the 2021 National Federation Award for Community Service Delivery for a pest management program.

Hosted by Local Government Professionals Australia, The National Federation Awards showcase innovative solutions, and the delivery of quality services and better outcomes among Australia's 537 local Councils.

The celebration of excellence was presented during a livestreamed event on the Local Government Professionals Australia YouTube channel on 30 November.

Local Government Professionals Australia Chief Executive Officer Catherine Carter congratulated Western Downs Regional Council for their hard work in their community.

"Since 2014, Council has delivered \$1.5 million of coordinated pest management activity across 2,000,000 hectares, collaborating with 1,500 landholders and industry and government bodies, Ms Carter said.

"These efforts have included the erection of 130 kilometres of exclusion fencing and destruction of over 30,000 feral pigs, 10,000 wild dogs and 1,500 hectares of priority weeds.

"Council has relied on monitoring and Artificial Intelligence technology to allow land managers to identify pest activity, illustrate long-term trends, predict potential future pest activity and assess effectiveness of control activities.

"Local Government Professionals Australia acknowledges and thanks AECOM for supporting the Community Service Delivery category," said Ms. Carter

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FULL WINNERS LIST

Community Service Award, sponsored by AECOM

Western Downs Regional Council – Winner

City of Bayswater – Highly Commended

Environmental Leadership and Sustainability, sponsored by GHD

Bayside City Council – Winner

Bulloo Shire Council – Highly Commended

Innovative Management Initiative

Ipswich City Council – Winner

Devonport City Council – High Commended

Partnerships and Collaboration Award, sponsored by KONE

Northern Midlands Council, Break O'Day Council, Dorset Council, George Town Council,
City of Launceston, Meander Valley Council and West Tamar Council – Winner

City of Unley, City of Burnside, City of Prospect, and Town of Walkerville for Cohousing For
Ageing Well project

– Highly Commended

Emerging Leader, sponsored by Capital Region Planning

Nicole O'Neill – Winner

Kailah Williams – Highly Commended

WDRC Rural Services Team photo caption note:

Front Row (L to R): Carissa Hallinan, Jason Kruger, Grant Weiss, Bill Lindsay, Peter Porter, Greg Cook, Isabel White
Back Row (L to R) Michelle Thorne, Chris Gaschk, Greg Hohnke, Morgan Smith, Kyle Horrocks, Gavin Brooks