

**Sydney Central Regional Weeds Committee**  
**Meeting No 2015.1**  
**Wed 12th March 2015**  
**Maroubra**

**MINUTES**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Leanne Bunn (Randwick) Matt Leary (Randwick) Jeff Hill (Woollahra) Paul Ibbetson (NSW NPWS) Rachael Buzio (City of Canterbury/ Rockdale) Adam Smith (Rockdale) Vicki Currie (Marrickville Council) Damon Bassett (Marrickville Council) Cara Bailey (Marrickville Council) Sue Stevens (Waverley Council) Mel Hall (NPWS) Alex McKenzie (Strathfield)  Anne Duncan (EO Sydney Weeds) Anthony Schofield (WAP PO) HRCC	Jonathan Sanders (NPWS) Mark Latham (Strathfield)

**1. Welcome**

The Deputy Chair, Mr Jeff Hill welcomed all participants to the meeting. Members present declared pecuniary interests: it was noted that NSW NPWS, Hawkesbury River County Council, Canterbury, Rockdale and Waverley received WAP funds.

**2. Actions arising**

2.1. Confirmation of previous minutes (Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014):

Moved: Mr Paul Ibbetsen

Seconded: Ms Vicki Currie

2.2. Matters arising from the previous minutes

The tables of actions arising from the previous meetings in 2014 were discussed (See minutes). Many ongoing or completed. In relation to other actions it was noted that:

- (3.2.2.4) Sydney weed APP info was on website. That the DPI APP was for weed professionals, whereas the Sydney weed app was for community, included bushland weeds.
- (3.2.2.5) Chinese knotweed was not classified. AS advised that he had found a new patch. It was a medicinal herb and seed could be bought on the web.

- MH noted the location of Japanese knotweed found on northern train line.
- (3.2.2.8) JH noted that he could not find much detail about the SCC weed display but note that there was a chem-free weed workshop on 30<sup>th</sup> march at RBG Sydney.

### **3. High risk weed review**

The collated draft High Risk Weed table had been circulated and was discussed.

It was agreed to add:  
Chinese knotweed to the list as a category “B”  
Sea Spurge, as a category “B”

It was noted that there was a University of Wollongong student mapping sea spurge distribution.

#### *Regionally significant weeds*

The idea of “regionally significant weeds” was discussed and the committee agreed that all “category Bs” would be appropriate as nominations from the Central region.

It was agreed that the final table should also include a justification of why they were considered to be regionally significant and that the list would be circulated for members to contribute to this.

Action 3.1. EO to re-circulate regional weed table and list of regionally significant weeds.  
Action 3.2. Members to review regionally significant weeds, contribute to reasons for regional significance and make comment if appropriate.

#### *Regional Priorities*

It was explained that the regional priorities referred to the existing regional map and text, i.e. regional priority on:

- Boneseed
- Other high priority species of limited distribution
- Containment lines for African olive
- Alligator Weed and other aquatics

Continuing implementation of these priorities was supported with any comments to be provided to the EO.

#### *SWC Region-wide projects*

It was noted that potential region-wide projects included:  
Further development of the Sydney weed APP (as previously discussed)  
Coordination of training e.g. Council staff in use of APP. These were supported as part of SWC regional WAP application.

The idea of development of Weed Champions and associated engagement and education program was discussed (CF Bega Valley project).

#### **4. High Risk Pathways and sites**

AS thanked everybody for their inputs to the list which had been finalised. Any further changes to the lists need to be forwarded to Anthony Schofield asap. It was noted that local pathways can be updated anytime.

#### **5. WAP Stage 2**

AS advised that:

- the application form was available on the HRCC website
- Draft HRW list and HRP and Site Plan etc are on HRCC website for use
- Letters had been sent to all Council CEOs, NPWS from HRCC
- Contingency funds were built in (30K pa)
- All applicants expected to contribute cash/in kind at least matching.
- closing date was COB April 2.
- AS noted that:
  - Prevention included noxious weed inspections and surveillance
  - Control was based around species
  - Asset protection was area focussed
  - Capacity building included Community education/training etc. It could also include GIS capability (ie to meet the requirements of BIS/ weed metadata standards by 2 years time)
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- PWS informed that they were doing one WAP application only for boneseed and Senegal tea, maybe some other class 1 or 2s
- MH and SW expressed concern about the lack of collaboration in developing the WAP applications this time round and suggested that this was the strength of SWC. They suggested that the committee was about weeds, not just WAP.
- Regional approach to education and community engagement for example be more relevant that HRPs and sites for some Councils.

Action 5.1 Submit WAP applications to HRCC by April 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
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#### **6. Roundtable reports (including new incursions and significant activities)**

Waverley (Sue Stevens)

- Has been working with Crown Lands funding on Asparagus fern removal from cliff tops at Tamarama.

NSW NPWS (Mel Hall)

- NPWS been working on Salpichroa on North Head – also widespread on South Head (increased by disturbance). It was noted that it had mutated since introduction.

Marrickville (Vicki Currie, Damon, Cara)

- Been working on internal policies and procedures – considering noxious weeds as a “referral service”
- AS noted that HRCC had a policy for conflict resolution when the community involved. Agreed to circulate to all.
- It was noted that Jill Macintyre (Warringah - Sydney North) has detailed process mapping for noxious weeds processes – may be prepared to share.
- Considering providing incentives for removal by providing replacement trees (e.g. for *Celtis sinensis*)

City of Canterbury (Rachael Buzio)

- RB described how in Canterbury/Bankstown they had done a letterbox drop in properties adjacent to where they were working advertising free weed inspections and offering replacement native species.
- Alligator Weed – on Saltpan Creek – on border with Bankstown.
- Noted that Cooletai grass – church/quarry was contained. Location information to be sent to EO.

Rockdale (Adam Smith)

- Noted his second record of Chinese Knotweed (New incursion form)
- Been working on pampas grass on railway and Princes Hwy
- Sought rail contact.

NSW NPWS (Paul Ibbetsen)

- Boneseed target can be achieved if persistent.
- Struggling with Corky passionflower. On a local scale it is significant, although on a regional scale it is small. But containment is very resource intensive and it seeds prolifically.
- Cooletai – working with Defence

Randwick (Leanne Bunn/ Matt Leary)

- Undertaking flora survey of LGA plus general weed surveillance

Strathfield (Alex McKenzie)

- Noted he is working on *A falcatus*. Using contractors (RMS did not follow up).
- Cooletai roadside removal
- *Asphodelus fistulosus* is still there (been there 3 years) – stable population, hardy. Could be eradicated.

Woollahra (Jeff Hill)

Boneseed is the focus for his LGA.

SWC (EO)

- Weed Conference information on website.
- Opportunity for crofton weed biocontrol – info also on website
- Sydney weeds app, DPI weed app – details on website
- Noted that information about risk associated with *Pyrus callereyana* had come to light recently.

- GIS contractor to catch up new incursion and boneseed would be based with GS LLS.
- Team to develop “event” been recently formed.

Action 6.1. A Schofield to circulate HRCC policy re community conflict.  
 Action 6.2. A Smith to provide new incursion report for second chinese knotweed location.  
 Action 6.3. R Buzio to provide location information for Cooletai grass.

**7. Other Business**

It was noted that there were no formal resolutions to present to the Board.

*Host:* City of Canterbury (Rachael Buzio)

*Venue:* TBA

*Date:* Wed Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July 10 AM – 1 PM

**Summary of actions arising from 2015 - 1.**

<b>Action No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By when</b>
1.3.1	Re-circulate regional weed table and list of regionally significant weeds.	EO	asap
1.3.2	Review regionally significant weeds, contribute to reasons for regional significance and make comment if appropriate.	All members	3 Jul
1.5.1	Submit WAP applications to HRCC	WAP applicants	2 Apr
1.6.1	Circulate HRCC policy re community conflict.	A Schofield	asap
1.6.2	Provide new incursion report for second chinese knotweed location.	A Smith	asap
1.6.3	Provide location information for Cooletai grass.	R Buzio	asap