

**Sydney North Regional Weeds Committee  
Meeting No 2015.1  
Tues 10th March 2015  
Coastal Environment Centre North Narrabeen**

**MINUTES**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Pam Bateman (Pittwater) James Brisebois (Warringah) Jill Macintyre (Warringah) Jacqui Vollmer (Hunters Hill) Sophia Cottier (Lane Cove) Steven Smith (Mosman) Cameron Bennell (Willoughby) Sean Grainger (Manly) Anthony Newling (Hornsby Council) Jean-Phillipe Keoman (Hornsby Council) Mel Hall (NPWS MNER)  Anne Duncan (EO Sydney Weeds) Anthony Schofield (WAP PO) HCC	Gareth Debney (North Sydney)

**1. Welcome**

Steven Smith welcomed all participants to the meeting.  
Members present declared pecuniary interests. It was noted that Hunters Hill, NPWS, Hawkesbury River County Council, Pittwater, Hornsby and Warringah received WAP funds.

**2. Actions arising**

2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes (Meeting of 25th November 2014):

Moved: Ms Jill Macintyre

Seconded: Ms Jacqui Vollmer

2.2 Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Table of actions arising noted.

Re Sydney Weeds App Actions 3.3.2 and 3.3.3

Cameron Bennell noted that he had a proposal to further develop, and was keen that it be Sydney-wide. It was discussed how it compared to the NSW DPI Weedwise app but was agreed that it had a community focus rather than a noxious weed technical focus. It was agreed that SWC would pursue the project as part of WAP 1520.

Action 2.1. SWC to pursue WAP funding for Sydney Weed App in conjunction with Willoughby Council.

### 3. High Risk Weed review

#### *Regionally significant weeds*

The table with each region’s categorisations side by side was examined and regionally significant weeds were discussed and identified for the SN RWC.

- It was noted that Bitou bush was a category B and African Olive a category C.
- It was suggested that an inspection program should be included in the definitions for categories B and C.
- It was agreed that where a weed occurred twice in the table, one would be removed.

The *Regionally Significant Weeds* were agreed to be:

Category As

Categories B and C: Bitou Bush and Boneseed – where there has been lots of effort can’t stop now.

Broom – Railway cuttings – high potential to spread (fire)

Plant	Reason
Boneseed	Class 1
Bitou Bush	Category B
Senegal Tea	Found in a limited number of sites but with the possibility of extending much more widely
Japanese Knotweed	New incursion - In a limited number of locations
Kidney leaf mud plantain	New incursion - In a limited number of locations
Horsetail	New incursion - In a limited number of locations
Asparagus falcatus	Class 1’s if B or C
Asparagus scandens	Class 1’s if B or C
Lily of the valley	Currently limited - but spread by contractors starting to spread.
Sea Spurge	Noted that there was a project to map this
Glory Lily	
Cats Claw Creeper	
Ludwigia longifolia	

Action 3.1. EO to circulate regional weed table and members to populate table re reasons for regionally significant weeds.

Action 3.2. MH to circulate email re mapping of sea spurge

### *Regional Priorities*

The basic priorities identified on the existing regional map and strategy were discussed and it was agreed that they were still applicable:

- i.e. continuing regional focus on:
  - Boneseed
  - Other high priority species of limited distribution such as Senegal tea, Horsetail
  - African olive north west of the containment line (noting that not a priority for NPWS)

Fountain grass was suggested and discussed but it was agreed that it was not a priority if it was not a priority for RMS.

### *Sydney –wide projects*

Proposed projects relating to training coordination and the Sydney Weed App were discussed and were supported.

## **4. High Risk pathways and site review**

The issue of state agency engagement in the effectiveness of implementation of this aspect of weed management was identified and discussed. It was noted that the new regional weed committees (statutory) arising out of the NRC review may assist in addressing this.

Any further changes to the lists to be forwarded to Anthony Schofield asap.

## **5. WAP 1520**

AS advised that:

- closing date was COB April 2.
- the application form was available on the HRCC website
- 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

## **6. Roundtable**

Participants noted that things were 'business as usual'.

## **7. Other business**

Progress with the Weed eradication Detector Dog project was described by Mel Hall. A video of the dog in action on Orange Hawk Weed was viewed.

Crown Land grants – it was noted that they were open to applications.

SWC Field Day - topics were discussed e.g. helicopter operations. Suggestions for others were sought.

**Next meeting date:**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 AM Willoughby Depot

**Summary of actions arising from 2015 – Meeting 1.**

<b>Action No</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By when</b>
<b>1.2.1</b>	SWC to pursue WAP funding for Sydney Weed App in conjunction with Willoughby Council.	<b>EO</b>	<b>1 MAY</b>
<b>1.3.1</b>	Circulate regional weed table and members to populate table re reasons for regionally significant weeds.	<b>EO</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>1.3.2</b>	Circulate email re mapping of sea spurge	<b>MH</b>	