

## Weeds Action Program Report – November 2018 to January 2019

### Weed professional capacity building program and weed awareness event

- Expressions of interest in various training course topics were sought.
- 19 local councils and 4 state government agencies responded.
- 4 training events will be scheduled for 2019 according to the interest received.
- Planning has commenced for a state government agency training event about the Biosecurity Act. Stakeholders are currently being consulted about program content.

### Governance and administration

- DPI accepted the Annual Report for Year 3 (2017/18) on 17 January 2019.
- The Contract for Services engaging HRCC to function as Lead Organisation to deliver the WAP on behalf of GS LLS was signed on 5 December 2018.
- \$1,176,715 was paid into the HRCC account by DPI on 7 Dec 2018.
- Letters of offer and Funding Agreements governing Year 4 have been sent to current project partners.

### Abridged Grant Round 2018-2020

- Cumberland, Ku-ring-gai and Bayside Councils, City of Parramatta and Taronga Conservation Society Australia, had funding applications approved to the value of \$153,090, with Early Detection Activities and Eradication/Containment Activities forming the majority of activities supported.
- \$311,023 currently remains unallocated in 2018/19 and \$306,754 in 2019/20.
- Additional funding applications are anticipated from Inner West, Northern Beaches, City of Ryde and Central Coast councils and OEH.
- The program for 2018/19 is shaping up as follows:

### Early Detection Activities

Regulatory Inspections - High Risk Sites	<b>1164</b>
Regulatory inspections - Private Properties	<b>10248</b>
Non-regulatory inspections	<b>2016</b>
High Risk Pathways Inspected - km	<b>5127</b>
Aerial Surveillance (ha)	<b>3</b>
Map submerged aquatic weeds (km)	<b>500</b>

### Eradication and Containment Activities

Priority terrestrial weeds controlled (km)	<b>66</b>
Priority terrestrial weeds controlled (ha)	<b>1323</b>
Priority aquatic weeds controlled (km)	<b>277</b>
Priority aquatic weeds controlled (ha)	<b>61</b>

### Asset Protection Activities

No. hectares priority terrestrial weeds controlled to protect assets	<b>0.3</b>
No. kilometres priority aquatic weeds controlled to protect assets	<b>113.8</b>
No. hectares priority aquatic weeds controlled to protect assets	<b>36</b>

### Education and Extension Activities

No. private land managers mentored to manage weeds effectively	<b>330</b>
No. community events / displays	<b>48</b>
No. persons attending community events / displays	<b>4,495</b>
No. public land managers mentored to manage weeds effectively	<b>55</b>
Number of weeds articles / stories published in media	<b>96</b>
No. staff attending weeds training	<b>141</b>
No. volunteers / other people attending training	<b>172</b>
No. industry group members mentored to manage weeds effectively	<b>117</b>
No. community group members mentored to manage weeds effectively	<b>220</b>
No. community members trained to assist with weed surveillance/reporting	<b>82</b>
No. publications/educational materials distributed	<b>232,170</b>
Number of weed officers supported to attend NSW Weeds Conference	<b>22</b>

Species controlled	Ha. controlled	Km. controlled
Boneseed	589.85	43
Salvinia	21	
African Olive	.05	14
Senegal Tea	60.4	65
Kudzu	0.15	
Sea spurge	0.1	8
Frogbit	1.1	
Kidney Leaf Mud Plantain	0.7	50
Water lettuce	2	
Sicklethorn	0.3	
Horsetail	0.6	
Alligator Weed	0.1	113.8

