

Greater Sydney RWC Meeting 18: BUSINESS PAPER

Agenda Item 6	Weeds Action Program Report
ATTACHMENTS	1. Year 5 budget memo for steering committee
BACKGROUND	<p>Weeds Action Program NSW DPI released WAP1520 2019-20 funds just before Christmas December 2019. GSLLS was able to send out partner agreements and letters of offer soon after.</p> <p>A revised budget has been approved by the Steering Committee (attached). However, since its approval the following has occurred which impacts on the amount of available/unallocated funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSW DPI advised of an overpayment of \$5,815 in the annual allocation• Bayside Council advised they no longer want (\$22,500) funding• Campbelltown Council has received a further \$47,842 for frogbit control in the Georges River• Central Coast Council has been approved to receive an additional \$9,950 for emergency control of Galenia• Strathfield Council has reversed their decision not to employ a biosecurity officer and has applied for their previous allocation of \$30,991.• Compliance and Regulatory training has been arranged to be delivered by ACFEC in Richmond in August 2020 (\$30,000). <p>GS LLS is waiting to receive invoices from 7 project partners and currently holds \$435,001 of WAP funds, of which \$80,869 is unallocated.</p> <p>WAP2025 Planning for the next five year regional WAP project (WAP2025) is well progressed. Consultation with project partners took place during February and March via the Sydney Weeds Network meetings and directly with HRCC and NPWS. Proposed activities, time frame and application process were discussed. Application forms and supporting information were sent to project partners on 9 March. Partners will be required to return application forms to GSLLS by 15th of April, to be collated and submitted to NSW DPI by 1st of May through online system WIDX.</p> <p>Compliance and Regulatory Training Through WAP funds, GSLLS has organised Compliance and Regulatory Training for up to 15 Authorised Officers, delivered by Australian Centre for Financial and Environmental Compliance (ACFEC). This is an accredited course catered to the compliance and regulatory needs of Authorised Officers from Local Control Authorities. The five day course is scheduled to be conducted 10-14 August, 2020 in Richmond.</p>
FOR ACTION/DECISION/NOTING	Noting
DECISIONS REQUIRED BY RWC MEMBERS	The committee notes this business paper