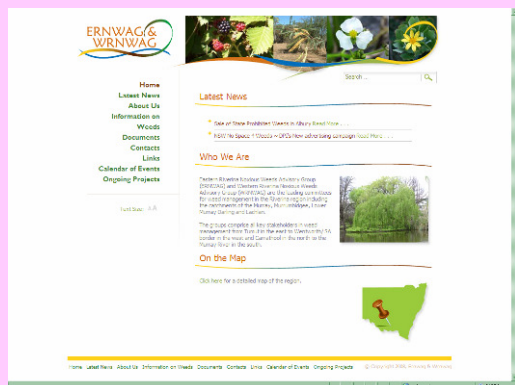


What's New at www.riverinaweeds.org.au



Hopefully by now everyone would have checked out the new website at least once so you will know just how fantastic it looks! We are really pleased with how it has turned out and hope that everyone is enjoying this extra resource. Don't forget that it is your website too so if there is anything that you feel is missing or that could be improved please let us know. We are constantly updating the site with new information so don't forget to check it out on a regular basis.

So far the response has been pleasing with 513 visits during June & July. This means on average there were 8.41 visits per day.

Of these 513 visits, 393 were returning visitors (people who had logged on before) and 120 were new visitors.

On average these visitors viewed approximately 5 pages per visit and their average time on site was 4.05 minutes.



Flea Beetle Collections

After all our careful planning and rostering the rain definitely put an end to our best laid plans! But alas from all accounts those who did eventually go Flea Beetle collecting were more than happy with their captures.....

Approximately 500,000 were collected this season 50 kms from our Nursery Site. Barry collected 20,000 beetles in 2 hours at Adelong Falls! "Best season ever". This agent is looking very promising at this early stage. **"Gold medal contenders!"**

Calendar of Events

September 2008

23, 24 & 25 September 2008 - Henty Machinery Field Days

October 2008

Friday 10 October 2008 - Tamarix & Chilean Needle Grass Field Day - Wagga

Tuesday 14 October 2008 - WRNWAG Meeting

Wednesday 15 October 2008 - Weed Officer Bio Control Training - Wagga

Tuesday 21 October 2008 - ERNWAG Meeting - AGM

Thursday 2 October 2008 AWTF - onsite Wah Wah Irrigation District

November 2008

November 2008 - Serrated Tussock & Chilean Needle Grass Field Day - Howlong

Sale of State Prohibited weed in Albury

In early June it was discovered that Mexican feather grass, has been mistakenly sold by Big W throughout Victoria (North Albury store included) as part of their Mothers Day special. The grasses were displayed in wooden slat boxes and white metal jugs.



Mexican feather grass is a Class 1 State Prohibited Weed in NSW. All remaining plants were immediately withdrawn from sale after Big W

was notified of the plants prohibited status.

Approximately 9 products were sold from Big W North Albury and since implementation of a product recall we believe 2 have been returned.

Media coverage was mostly in metropolitan newspapers along with AlburyCity printing an article in the local free paper, Midweek Express.

Weeds CRC Website Change

Hopefully by now you will have all updated your favourites list with the new web address but here it is again just in case you missed it.....

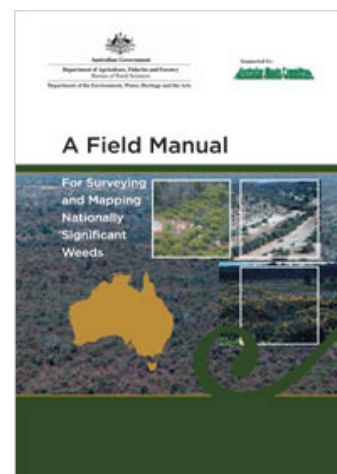
The Weeds CRC has a new web address <http://www.weedscrc.org.au> which will remain online until approximately June 2010, after which time, it will close down.

No updates will be made to the site after 30 September 2008.

WONS MAPPING MANUAL

The Bureau of Rural Sciences has revised and reprinted the WONS mapping manual.

You can order hardcopies or download a pdf of the manual at the website <http://www.daff.gov.au/brs/land/weeds> by clicking on the link 'A field manual for surveying and mapping nationally significant weeds'.



The manual and an excel version of the field data sheet are also available from <http://www.weeds.org.au/mapping.htm>

Under Control – Pest Plant and Animal Management News



Inside this issue:

- ~ Weed Spotter update
- ~ Victorian Mallee free of branched broomrape
- ~ Release of Australian Pest Animal Strategy
- ~ Uptake Update - Vertebrate pest control research
- ~ and many other pest plants and animal articles

[Latest Edition of Under Control available by clicking here](#)



Check out NSW DPI's Latest Advertising campaign by clicking [here](#)

The 'NSW – No Space 4 Weeds' program is a state-wide weed awareness program that highlights that weeds are everyone's problem and provides opportunities for the community of NSW to become part of the solution.

This year the theme is 'Garden escapes'.

Organising an event

There are many fun and easy activities that you can run to help raise the profile of weeds within your local community, for example:

- Coordinate a [Weed Warriors](#) or [Weeds Attack!](#) program with local schools
- Run a 'What does your garden grow?' workshop at your local community college or community group
- Organise an activity for [Weedbusters Week](#)
- Join your local [Landcare](#), [Coastcare](#) or [Bushcare](#) group.

Add an event to the list

Anyone can add a weed related event to the list by clicking the link below and filling out the details.



[Add an event to the list](#)



Weedbusters

Weedbusters Merchandise

Now Available!

[Click here for further info](#)

Weedbusting



Australia

Weedbuster 1 - 7 September 2008
Grow me instead

The Weedbusters campaign has been very successful in past years, thanks to our Weedbuster supporters. Let's make 2008 bigger than ever and make a huge impact on weeds! Should you decide to organise a Weedbuster event we welcome you on board.

Grow me instead...plant a local species

An initiative of the Nursery and Garden Industry, **Grow me instead** aims to encourage people to plant non-invasive plant species in their gardens. In keeping with this theme, Weedbusters is promoting the message that people should plant species **local to their area**.

Activities / events

Every Weedbuster activity, no matter how small, is helping spread the message about the damage weeds are doing to our environment and what people can do to help. Popular events held previously include onground activities, such as weeding and / or planting at local creeks, bushland, parks or wetlands; weed displays with local native alternatives, and field trips.

To register, go to <http://www.weedbusters.info/>

The Bridal Creeper

newsletter of the national asparagus weeds management committee

The latest edition of 'The Bridal Creeper' - (Vol 4. No 1.) can now be downloaded via this link

www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/bridalcreeper/>

In this edition:

- Weed risk assessment of 9 Asparagus weed species
- Research results on barriers to restoration of sites invaded by bridal creeper
- Funding opportunities
- Changes to the website

During May, Tom White and Neil Hibberson from Greater Hume Shire Council, found the first known infestation of Black willow in the Shire. Six or seven trees of two or three metres high (see photo: Neil Hibberson) were located during a routine foreshore inspection of the weir at Pleasure Point (south of Bowna township).



Black Willow is a Class 3 weed: must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed. Riverina Councils through the Riverina Black willow management plan, aim to eradicate all known BW by 2012. The seed possibly being years rather of concern and may alter

Due to the rapid growth of this species it's difficult to determine age – but they could be a couple of years old.

Once ownership of the land was determined the infestation was quickly eradicated.

GOODBYE!

AlburyCity Council - Tracy Michael
resigned from her position after
maternity leave.

Narrandera Shire Council - Lisa Alexandra resigned to take up a position at Warringah Council

[Click here to view the African Boxthorn Primefacts in full](#)

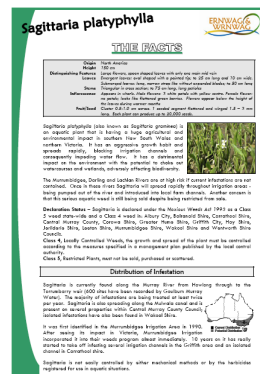


New Factsheets
First in the series is *Sagittaria*

*Coming soon.... Serrated
Tussock... ..all available
on the website!*

Features of the fact sheets:

- Brief overview of the weed;
- Declaration Status;
- Distribution of infestation (map & details);
- Habitat & Description;
- Means of Spread;
- Control and Photos.



*Check out the recently updated fact sheet of
what you should not be finding next time
you're in a Riverina Nursery or retail
outlet.....*



Murrumbidgee Farm Fair 2008



Some of the boys working hard at the Murrumbidgee Farm Fair in May this year.

The fair was fairly quiet on previous years and the weather was not that great either but the company and the food were brilliant!

WEEDS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Check out the new

Weeds of Regional Significance Table on the web now! This table also links you to all of the Riverina's Management plans and the NSW DPI website for additional information. Click on the picture to view in full...

Weeds of Regional Significance		
Management Plan	Common Name Scientific Name	Class
	Alligator Weed <i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	2 Click here for further info
	Black Willow <i>Salix nigra</i>	3 Click here for further info
	Boneset (Draft Plan) <i>Corysanthes monilifera</i> ssp. <i>monilifera</i>	Declaration in process
	Chilean Needle Grass <i>Nassella neesiana</i>	3 Click here for further info
	Cocktail Grass <i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	3 Click here for further info

Group Project Reports 07/08

All reporting details, questionnaires etc were mailed to all 1st July 2008. Expenditure statements were emailed out to all 3rd July.

Same as past years - everyone (weedos and rangers) was emailed a survey about all weeds controlled over the past 12 months, to be filled out and returned regardless of whether you received funding or not.

Those involved in group projects have also received the individual questionnaires for each project that need filling out and returning. If you are unsure please call me - **don't leave it to the last minute!**

Include everything on your questionnaires right down to minor details - the greater the details the better the regions reports are - don't assume I will include info if you don't put it down.

We need to justify the continuation of weeds funding and if the individual can't be bothered providing details on their own program - how can the grant be justified?

All reports are due to NWAC by 30th September 2008.

All surveys, GP questionnaires and signed original expenditure statements need to be on Paula's desk by 22nd August 08!



The National Blackberry Program Newsletter (Issue no. 7) can now be downloaded by clicking on this link www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/blackberry/docs/Blackberry_Newsletter_07.pdf

Inside this issue:

- Kangaroo Island eradicates blackberry
- Update on Blackberry workshops
- Some of our native *Rubus Species*
- Funding Opportunities