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We all need to take responsibility for Weed Management

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is committed to effective weed control. Weeds are everybody's responsibility. We can all work together to protect our Local Government Area and the unique bushland, swamps and waterways of the Cootamundra-Gundagai region.

Council's obligation

Weeds are plants that do not occur naturally in the bush. They compete with native plants and often dominate or replace them. They degrade and destroy the habitat of our native animals. Under the Biosecurity Act 2015 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council as the Local Control Authority has a legal obligation to manage the biosecurity risk posed or likely to be posed to human health, the economy, community and environment by Priority Weeds.

Council meets these obligations through programs to;

- Control Priority Weeds on Council managed land
- Inspect private lands to ensure owners of land carry out their obligations

Council's Biosecurity Regulatory Officers take a co-ordinated approach working with residents, community groups and other agencies.

Your obligation

Under the Biosecurity Act 2015, all land owners or land managers have a 'General Biosecurity Duty' to prevent, eliminate or minimise the Biosecurity Risk posed or likely to be posed by Priority Weeds.

What is a Priority Weed?

Priority Weeds or Biosecurity Matter can impact on human health, the economy, the liveability of our city and the environment. Impacts can include allergies and other health issues, costs of control, loss of tourism value, degradation of natural landscapes, parks and recreation facilities, reduction of useful agricultural land and loss of primary production, loss of biodiversity and water quality.

For further information please check Council's website www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au to view the [NSW Government - Local Lands Services - Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017-2022](#) or visit NSW Government Department of Primary Industries - [NSW WeedWise](#)

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