

MANAGING WEEDS

What are weeds ?

Weeds are plants growing where they do not naturally occur or are not wanted. They may be any species of plant, including aquatic weeds, algae, ferns, grasses, forbs, vines, shrubs and trees.

How can I identify weeds on my property?


It is important to accurately identify weeds to determine how serious they are, how they spread, timing and methods of control, and management to prevent re infestation. Far North Coast Weeds, Council and your local Landcare group have information and advice on identification and control methods for weeds that are found in the area.

What is a noxious weed?

Noxious weeds are specifically declared under the Noxious Weeds Act. To be declared noxious, a weed must have a detrimental effect or cause serious economic loss to agriculture, to the environment or human health. Landholders and/or the occupiers of land must by law, control noxious weeds on land under their control. (Noxious Weeds Act 1993).

Why are weeds considered a problem?

Whether a weed is declared noxious, environmental or agricultural they are costly for rural landholders and the environment. They can be toxic to livestock and humans, can displace native plants and animals and can invade waterways and valuable pastures.



Riparian areas are places where land adjoins rivers and streams. They support a wide range of plants and animals that contribute to water quality in the Richmond River.



Best Management Practice for Weeds

| Checklist | Yes | No | Solution |
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| Can you easily identify weeds on your property and in the riparian area? | | ✓ | Refer to the information provided in this document for common weeds of the Richmond region. |
| Do you know correct methods and chemicals to control weeds? | | ✓ | Chemical application close to any waterway requires care. Read MSDS sheets before applying as some chemical can be harmful to aquatic life. Contact Far North Coast Weeds, for further advice and control methods. |
| Do you have noxious weeds? | ✓ | | These are a priority to control. Contact Far North Coast Weeds for advice and control methods |
| Do you have information about replacing weeds with native riparian vegetation. | | ✓ | Refer to "Revegetating streams in the Richmond catchment" for advice on plant species, and techniques. |

Where to find help.

Your local Contacts:

Richmond River County Council

Floodplain Project Officer

P: 0266 218 314 **E:** floodplain@rrcc.nsw.gov.au

Lismore City Council

Environmental Strategies Team

P: 1300 878 387

Office of Environment and Heritage

Coast and Estuaries Officer

P: 0266 270 200

North Coast Local Land Services

P: 1300 795 299 **E:** admin.northcoast@lls.nsw.gov.au

For advice on weed management:

Far North Coast Weeds

P: 0266 233 833 **E:** fncw@fncw.nsw.gov.au

For advice on funding options:

Richmond Landcare inc.

P: 0266 191 582 **E:** info@richmondlandcare.org

Northern Landcare Support Services

P: 02 6632 3722 **E:** info@nlss.com.au

Further reading:

Lower Bungawalbin Riparian
Restoration Project - Weed Guide

Note: The information and best practice approaches provided in the enclosed publications are current, however some of the contact details may have changed.

For further information refer to the contact list provided