



## **Latrobe City Council Weed Management Report 2017 / 2018**

The season commenced in October with a quick round up of Pampas Grass sightings noted during the previous spray season and a concerted attack on Wild Watsonia locations identified by previous weed mapping exercises.

The season kicked off on Jan 31 with Zones 1 & 2 and moving into Zone 4 later in the season. All Zones completed with the exceptions of Grand Ridge Road, Olsens Road and Hatchery Road in Zone 4. The seasons weather in a nutshell had dry, hot and windy periods. We moved between zones at different times during the season chasing weeds in good condition for treatment. This was the first season that we did not camp with the weeds due to the lack of stable weather conditions.

The volatility of the weather led to spraying inefficiencies.

Priority weeds have been African Love Grass, Paterson's Curse, Blackberries, Broom, Boxthorn, Pine Seedlings, Sweet Briar and Gorse

Other weeds treated during the course of the season included St Johns Wort, Ragwort, Red Ink Weed, Wandering Jew, West Australian Blue Bell Creeper, Spanish Heath, Hawthorn, Holly, Tree Lucerne, Cape Ivy,.

### **Pampas Grass**

Significant germinations of Pampas Grass this season.

Locations of new plants were noted during the season.

#### **Pampas Grass - Roads Treated October 2017**

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Road</b>
1	BECKS BRIDGE ROAD
2	AIRFIELD ROAD
2	CATHERINE STREET
2	NORTHERN ROAD
3	VARYS TRACK
3	YINNAR DRIFFIELD ROAD
5	CHURCH ROAD
5	REDHILL ROAD
5	SEARGANTS DRIVE
5	TAYLORS ROAD
5	THOMSONS ROAD
5	TRAMWAY ROAD
5	TRARALGON CREEK ROAD

#### **Pampas Grass - Roads Treated July 2018**

CALLIGNEE SOUTH ROAD  
GRAHAM ROAD  
LIDDIARD ROAD  
POWERS ROAD  
CHURCH ROAD  
CLARKES ROAD  
DUSTING ROAD  
EDEY TERRACE  
HAZELWOOD RIDGE EAST  
JELLEFFS OUTLET  
REDHILL ROAD  
TAYLORS ROAD  
THOMSON ROAD

CLEAR CREEK ROAD  
 LIVINGSTON ROAD  
 O'REILLYS HILL ROAD  
 WHITELAWS TRACK  
 BUNDERRA DRIVE  
 CREAMERY ROAD  
 DARLIMURLA ROAD  
 MACINTOSHS ROAD  
 AIRFIELD ROAD  
 DERHAMS HILL ROAD  
 OLD MELBOURNE ROAD WEST  
 NARDINOS ROAD



Pampas Grass was also treated during the weed mapping process. All sited Pampas grass was either physically removed or chemically treated with the exception of a couple of plants on Traralgon Creek Road. The site was too steep and slippery at the time to treat.

### Wild Watsonia

A measured and calculated attack. The results of the weed survey says it all.

### Wild Watsonia - Roads Treated October 2017

Zone	Road
1	ANDERSONS ROAD
1	BECKS BRIDGE ROAD
1	KAYES ROAD
1	MILL ROAD
1	MURRAY ROAD
1	PURVIS ROAD
2	BILL SCHULTZ DRIVE
2	BRADFORD DRIVE
2	BRINSMEAD ROAD
2	DERHAMS LANE
2	EASTERLEY DRIVE
2	FAIRWAY DRIVE
2	HAUNTED HILLS ROAD
2	OLD MELBOURNE ROAD
2	OLD MELBOURNE ROAD WEST
2	SCRUBBY LANE
2	TONERS LANE
3	ARNOLDS ROAD
3	BLACKS TRACK
3	BLACKWOOD RISE
3	BORRMANS STREET
3	BUNDERRA DRIVE
3	COALVILLE ROAD
3	CREAMERY ROAD
3	DARLIMURLA ROAD
3	FRYS TRACK
3	HAZELWOOD ESTATE ROAD

3	HIRSTS ROAD
3	KING STREET
3	MACINTOSHS ROAD
3	MARRETT'S ROAD
3	MCDONALDS TRACK
3	MOE SOUTH ROAD
3	NADENBOUSCHS ROAD
3	NUTTALLS ROAD
3	TWO MILE RD
3	VARYS TRACK
3	WATSONS ROAD SOUTH
3	WIRRAWAY STREET
3	YAMINGA STREET
3	YINNAR - DRIFFIELD ROAD
3	YINNAR ROAD
5	ARRANDOON DRIVE
5	CHURCH ROAD
5	COCHRANES ROAD
5	CRANWELL CRESCENT
5	GLANVILLE CRESCENT
5	GLENDONALD ROAD
5	JEERALANG NORTH ROAD
5	LAUDERDALE ROAD
5	MAITLAND ROAD
5	NORTHWAYS ROAD
6	BLOOMFIELDS LANE



### **African Love Grass**

Monitored and treated known locations at Old Highland Way, Old Melbourne Road Fry's Track and Yinnar Road early in the season.

Known sites were treated again during the weed mapping exercise.

During the weed mapping exercise, a new siting at Stringer Rd Toongabbie was noted and treated.

The infestation on Old Melbourne road now extends from Airfield Road to near the roundabout at the northern end of Alexanders Road. Previously it was only thought to exist from Airfield Road to the Dam on the north side of Old Melb Rd.

The Yinnar Rd site was discovered and treated in a timely manner and appears to be free of ALG.

Old Highland Way still has a presence – but is not as plentiful as it was a few years ago.



Stringer Rd Toongabbie

### **Gorse**

Significant on Old Melbourne Rd (Western End) after the fires. Maryvale Road has a significant community of gorse at the Junction of Paul Road. These infestations will require ongoing treatment and monitoring will be required.

Bits and pieces were picked up during the season as per report of roads / weeds treated

### **Paterson's Curse**

Paterson's Curse was treated and monitored at Andrews Street – Latrobe Street Junction.

### **Broom**

No formal attack on Broom as no weed mapping. Treated Zones 1,2 &4 as part of the seasons woody weed programme. Current info for Broom locations is now available.

### **Western Australian Blue Bell Creeper**

Still plenty of activity from this weed. Did not specifically chase it.

### **Stats for Year 2017 2018**

Hours	547
Chem used	46800 Litres of mix
Roads Treated	530 Km
Cost / Km	\$82

### **Stats for Year 2016 2017**

Hours	545
Chem used	54300 Litres of mix
Roads Treated	545 Km
Cost / Km	\$75

### **Stats for Year 2015 2016**

Roads Treated	–	560 Km
Cost / Km	-	\$75

### **Stats for Year 2014 2015**

Roads Treated	–	350 Km (Weed Management Solutions)
	–	135 Km (Hazelwood Forestry)
Cost / Km	-	\$103 (Weed Management Solutions)

## Season's Notes

- Road reserve west of Harris Lane?
- Laneway off Humphrey Road to north. Continuation of Harris Lane?
- Road reserve at end of Burnett Park Road?
- WABBC Brady's Road
- Reserve at top of Manuels Road?
- Road reserve off Blairs Rd to the south?
- Blackberries slashed Wilga Cres.
- WABBC Old Melb Rd @ Coonog Rd section
- Aarum Lilly Old Melb Rd between Perra Road & Airfield Rd
- Gorse Maryvale Rd opp Paul Rd (treated 2018)
- Gorse Old Melb Rd West both sides western end (treated 2018)
- Halls Rd broom may need attention when weather conditions more conducive.
- Becks Bridge Road – a few acres of road reserve slashed, sprayed out and sod seeded
- WABBC sig 60 – 160 Purvis Rd
- WABBC sig 500 – 650 Jumbuck Rd
- WABBC Old Junction Rd, Trews Rd, Kowloon Rd & Wakanen Dv
- Sig Ivy Gilberts Rd
- Holly Roys Rd
- Holly Morwell River East Branch.
- Sig WABBC treated west of 375 Purvis Rd

## Enterprise Drive

Needs some attention. We have ALG, Broom, Pampas Grass, Wild Watsonia & a presence of Gorse



I would be confident enough to say that there is more ALG, Broom, Pampas Grass & Wild Watsonia along Enterprise Drive than there is in the LCC road reserves.

The Road and weed treatment details are presented in an excel spreadsheet for manipulation.