

A GOOD WEED



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Two widespread weeds of winter cropping systems (foreground) on the edge of a wheat field (background) west of Coonabarabran. The pink-flowering plant is *Papaver somniferum*, a poppy species, while the awned grass surrounding the poppies is barley grass, *Hordeum leporium*. Photo: Stephen Johnson.



From the President

The year is moving very quickly for many of us who are time poor with workloads continuously increasing, mine included.

The Committee has been working with the idea to include pest animals within the Society to which a similar system has been working effectively for Weed Society of Queensland. This was discussed at the Tamworth seminar last year and has been considered at the last two committee meeting. It was agreed that we, the committee, bring this issue to all our members' attention. An email survey was sent out asking a response members to the question "Do you support expanding the scope of the Weed Society of NSW to include members that are involved in pest animal management?" Following this survey, if there is an agreement from our members, the Committee will look ways in which the interests of both groups can be brought together. This will be brought to a Special General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting for consideration and vote by members as it will involve a change in the constitution.

The committee would like to reassure members that the Society's commitment to weed issues will not be diminished.

I would like to remind everyone of the NSW Weeds Conference which will be held in Cooma in October, 2015. If you are interested in going don't forget to contact the Treasurer for a special code to receive a discount on the registration costs. I am looking forward to visiting Cooma and I hope to see you there.

The Awards that are presented at the biennial NSW Weeds Conference are now open for nomination, closing date 30 June 2015. There are three awards - **Buerckner Award** for outstanding contribution to the on ground control of weeds in NSW. (Working in Local Government only); **Stephenson Award** for outstanding contribution to planning & coordinating weed management programs in NSW. (Working in Local Government only); and the **NSW Weed Industry Award** for outstanding contributions from a weed professional to planning and coordinating weed management programs in NSW. (Working in other areas – Department of Primary Industries, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Local Land Services).

If you would like to continue receiving this wonderful newsletter "A Good Weed" and the publication "Punnet Tray", can you please ensure that all your contact details including address and email are up to date, so that the Society can continue to provide this service. Contact the Secretary with all the new details at secretary@nswweedsoc.org.au

Finally yet importantly, I would like to remind all members that their membership fees are now due.

Happy weeding

Kim



Kim surrounded by a dense stand of giant coolatai grass (*Hyparrhenia rufa*), an invasive drought, fire and herbicide tolerant tussock forming perennial grass.

Welcome to our New Members

Phil Milling	Alejandro Baretto
Sky Land Management	Kleinfelder
Bolwarra Heights	Warners Bay

Phil & Alejandro receive all the benefits of Society membership including: opportunity to network with others interested in weed management; discounted registration for Society seminars and workshops; opportunity to apply for Society Travel Awards; the Society newsletter, *A Good Weed*, delivered quarterly and the electronic newsletter, the *Punnet Tray*; discounted registrations to attend the Australasian Weeds Conference and the NSW Biennial Weeds Conference, and additional financial prizes for the winners of the Buerckner Award, Stephenson Award and NSW Weed Industry Award.



Congratulations
Joash Parker
Undergraduate Award Winner
Charles Sturt University



Dean Tim Wess (Faculty of Science) presenting Joash Parker with his Undergraduate Student Award.
Image: Sergio Moroni.

My name is Joash Parker. I am originally from a farm 30km west of Balranald NSW situated in the north reaches of the Mallee and the lower end of the Murrumbidgee River. I have extensive agricultural experience starting with helping in the family farm from a young age then taking a gap year split between working on the farm at Balranald and another farm near Quambatook, Victoria. I have also worked on a cherry apple and raspberry orchard in the Huon Valley, Tasmania for 6 weeks of the summer for last 5 years.

I am currently in my 3rd year of B. Ag Science and work during the university breaks at the family farm in Balranald and the orchard in Tasmania.

My particular interests are in farming low rainfall marginal cropping/grazing areas and how to best integrate the livestock and cropping to reduce risk and ensure sustainability.

As far as a career is concerned I'm currently considering whether to continue in agriculture or to go to bible college and Christian ministry.

Joash Parker

Call for Funding of Projects

The Weed Society of NSW Inc. is calling for applications from members who require full or partial funding of projects that meet the aims and objectives of the Society.

The aims of the Society are to: promote a wider interest in weeds and their management ; encourage the investigation of all aspects of weeds and weed management; encourage the study of weed science and the dissemination of its findings ; provide opportunities for those interested in weeds and their management to exchange information and ideas based on research and practice; cooperate with other organisations engaged in related activities in Australia and overseas, and produce and publish such material as may be considered desirable.

Members are invited to submit applications which should include details of the project; how it relates to the aims of the society; the likely outcomes and the level of funding required

Successful applicants will be required to enter a legal contract with the Society.

Applications or further contact details:

The Secretary
Weeds Society of NSW Inc.
PO Box 438, Wahroonga, NSW 2076
or email: secretary@nswweedsoc.org.au

Get \$100 Discount for Cooma Conference Registration

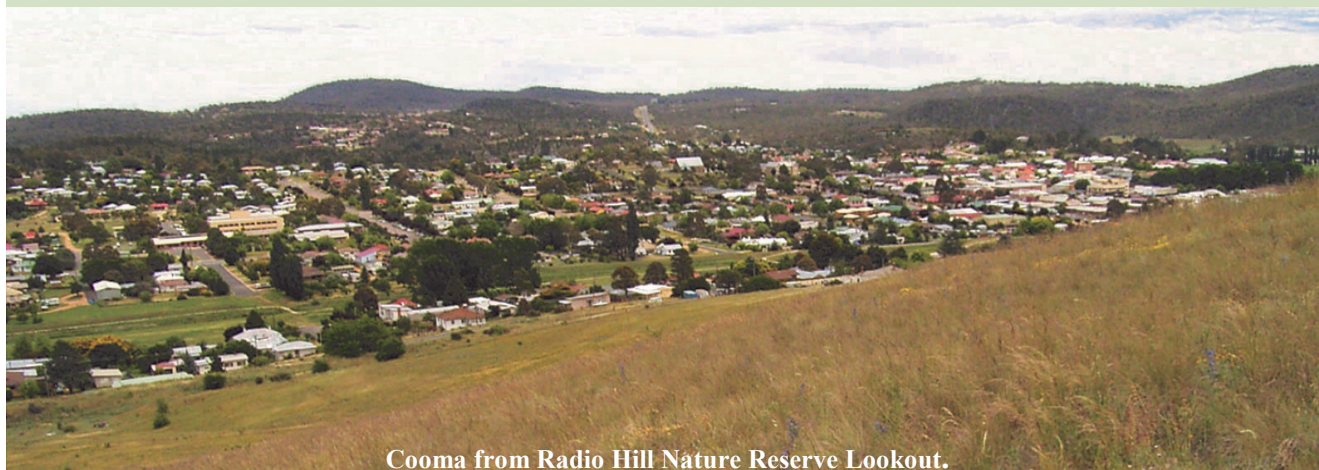
Members of the Weed Society are eligible for a \$100.00 discount off the registration fee to the 18th NSW Weed Conference., Cooma.

To get this discount:

1. You must have been a financial member of the Society for at least 2 years including this year – 2015.
 2. Then contact the Treasurer of the Weeds Society by email at treasurer@nswweedsoc.org.au and request a unique promotion code number for the 18th NSW Weeds Conference.
- Use this number when you register for the 18th NSW Weeds Conference at www.weedscooma.com.au/ to secure the discount.



18th NSW WEEDS CONFERENCE COOMA, NSW
12th - 15th October 2015
"Weeds - The Future, Innovation & Adaptation"



Cooma from Radio Hill Nature Reserve Lookout.

Registration

Registration for the 18th NSW Weeds Conference

Registration Type: Early Bird (until **30th June 2015**) Standard (until **30th Sept 2015**)

Full Conference - \$660.00 (Early Bird) \$770.00 (Standard)

Day Registration - Tuesday 13 October \$330.00

Day Registration - Thursday 15 October \$330.00

Partner Ticket - Welcome Reception Monday 12 October \$27.50

Partner Ticket - Social Function Tuesday 13 October \$27.50

Partner Ticket - Conference Dinner Wednesday 14 October \$71.50

Return Coach Transport from Canberra Airport \$38.50

All Prices Include GST

Full Registration

Includes attendance at conference sessions from 12 - 15 October 2015, plus morning refreshments, lunch and afternoon refreshments on the days of the conference, official conference dinner & one field trip per person. Full registration also includes a conference satchel, delegate handbook and name badge.

Day Registration

Includes attendance at conference sessions on your day of choice, plus morning refreshments, lunch and afternoon refreshments on your selected day of the conference. Day registration also includes a conference satchel, delegate handbook and name badge.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Cancellations must be received in writing, mail or email to 18th Weeds Conference Committee, 81 Commissioner St, Cooma NSW 2630, weedsconference@visitcooma.com.au. Cancellations received before 14th September 2015 will receive a refund less 10% handling fee. Cancellations received after 15th September 2015 will incur a 50% cancellation charge.

Details regarding late registrations, insurance, getting there and accommodation are on the conference website www.weedscooma.com.au.



Conference Venue
Cooma Multi Function Centre

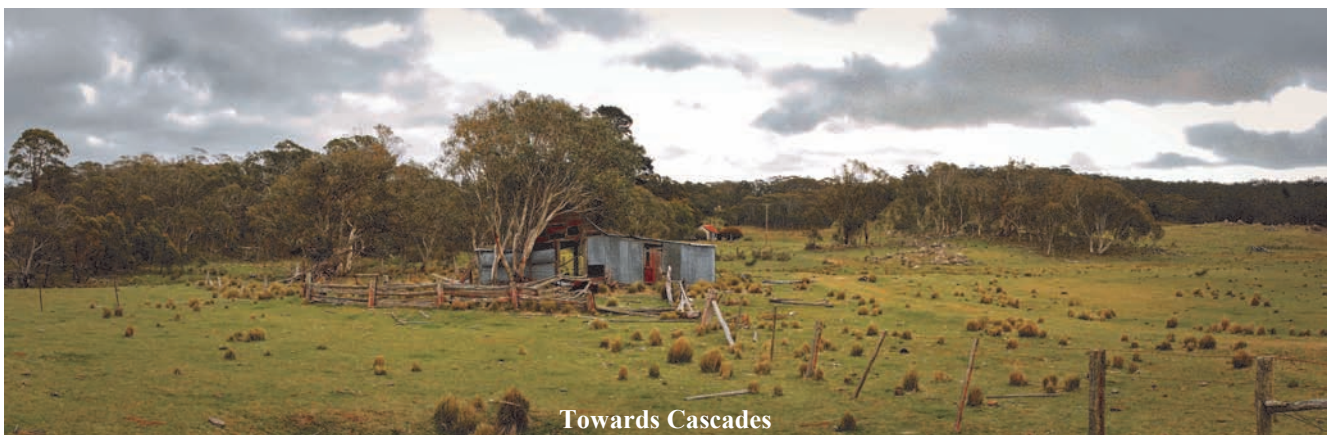
In 1885 an area of five acres was granted for the Show Ground. The land was originally part of the Cooma Common. A committee was formed to build a Pavilion there and work started on the building in 1886. When the railway was extended to Cooma the Show Ground was required for the railway station. The railway arranged for the Pavilion to be moved to a new 12 acre site which had been found for the Show Ground. The Pavilion stood on this site until it was destroyed by fire in 1987.

A new centre was built on the site of the old Pavilion. Funds for the project were provided by the Department of Lands, Cooma-Monaro Shire Council and donations from organisations, business houses and members of the community.

The Multi Function Centre was officially opened on 9th March 1991 and can accommodate to a capacity of 500 people, with tables, seating & crockery available for 400.



Sharp Street Cooma



Towards Cascades



APPLICATIONS CALLED FOR **2015 AWARDS**

The NSW Buerckner & Stephenson Local Government Weed Professional Awards And The NSW Weed Industry Award

“For outstanding contribution to weed management in NSW”

The Weed Society of NSW are now calling for nominations for the NSW Buerckner & Stephenson Local Government Weed Professional Awards and the NSW Weed Industry Award. The Awards will be presented at the 18th NSW Biennial Weeds Conference, which will be held in Cooma from 12th to 15th October 2015.

All Awards acknowledge the work of Weed Professionals and their outstanding contribution towards protecting NSW from the impacts of weeds.

Award Categories

There will be three (3) categories in the 2015 Awards:

The **Buerckner Award** – for outstanding contribution to the on ground control of weeds in NSW. (Working in Local Government only)

The **Stephenson Award** – for outstanding contribution to planning and coordinating weed management programs in NSW. (Working in Local Government only)

The **NSW Weed Industry Award** – for outstanding contributions from a weed professional to planning and coordinating weed management programs in NSW. (Working in other areas – DPI, NPWS, LLS)

How to enter

Read through the eligibility criteria for the Awards to ensure your nomination meets the criteria.

Decide on the Award category and complete the appropriate Nomination Form. Make sure all sections of the Nomination Form are completed and contact details for the nominee and the person nominating are included in the application. Please note, the person nominating may be contacted during the judging process.

Answers must be written within the space supplied. Electronic or hard copies will be accepted.

Send completed nominations to:

Weed Professional Awards
The Secretary
Weed Society of New South Wales
PO Box 438
Wahroonga NSW 2076
Email: secretary@nswweedsoc.org.au

Entries close on **30 June 2015**



Was incorrect advice on weed control worth it!

The result of using an unregistered herbicide for the control of *Richardia* in a buffalo lawn in a Sydney suburb.

South American Mexican clover, *Richardia humistrata* and field madder, *R. stellaris*, are problem weeds in lawns in the coastal regions of New South Wales, especially in the Sydney and Hunter Regions.

In the northern suburbs of Sydney both species seem to be spreading rapidly and it is suspected - but not proven - that this may be due to contract lawn mowing providers carrying the seeds and vegetative parts from one property to another.

There are no registered chemicals for control so a mechanical method - hand removal - appears to be the only alternative for lawns. Care needs to be taken to remove all parts of the plant and it will need to be done over several years to eliminate the soil seed supply.

NSW to host 21st Australasian Weeds Conference

The Weed Society of New South Wales will host the 21st Australasian Weeds Conference in 2018.

Planning has already begun for this international conference which attracts a large number of participants from across Australia and New Zealand, throughout the Asia/Pacific region and, often, from Africa, Europe and North America. There are many things to do before the conference, and many opportunities for keen participants on the organising committee.

Please contact the interim chair of the organising committee Dr Stephen Johnson at NSW DPI in Orange if you wish to be involved, and/or contribute your ideas to make this major event a success.

Contact:

Stephen Johnson
Phone: 02 6391 3835
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email: stephen.johnson@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Advertising - 'A Good Weed'

Quarter page	\$75.00
Half page	\$150.00
Whole page	\$300.00

Advertiser to supply copy ready for printing

Seminar Sponsorship

Sponsorship per seminar

- \$250.00 + one free registration per seminar
- \$500.00 + two free registrations per seminar

Area to mount a display, if venue suitable; distribution of promotional material to attendees; acknowledgement during the Seminar & in the Proceedings.

Society Sponsorship

Annual Sponsorship	\$300.00
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- Logo displayed on 'A Good Weed' – four issues per year
- Logo displayed in e-newsletter 'Punnet Tray' – several issues through the year
- Logo and sponsor name on the Society's website
- One promotional article in 'A Good Weed' per year (subject to editorial control)
- One free membership per year (optional)



Biological control of crofton weed - partnering with the NSW community for large-scale releases of a new agent

Louise Morin, CSIRO Biosecurity Flagship

A new biological control agent for crofton weed, the rust fungus *Baeodromus eupatorii*, is now available for widespread release in NSW. The CSIRO Biosecurity Flagship, with support from the NSW Weeds Action Program administered by the Department of Primary Industries, is undertaking a release program in partnership with the community in 2015 to facilitate releases of the fungus at several strategic locations across the range of crofton weed in NSW.

Crofton weed (*Ageratina adenophora*) produces copious quantities of windborne seeds, spreads rapidly and once established at a site reduces its agricultural or ecological value. Crofton weed is declared as a class 4 noxious weed in several local government areas along the NSW coast. This means that its growth must be managed in a manner that continuously inhibits its ability to spread. While crofton weed can be managed by manual removal and herbicide applications, the extent of current infestations and their inaccessibility in some instances make control with traditional methods uneconomical and impractical. Biological control is the only sustainable method to control crofton weed at the landscape scale and reduce spread and infestation of new sites in NSW.

Biological control relies on highly specific natural enemies introduced from the native range of the target weed to help achieve sustainable control. In the 1950s, two biological control agents were introduced for crofton weed in Australia: the fly – *Procecidochares utilis* that causes galls on stems and the leaf spot fungus – *Passalora ageratinae* that causes necrotic lesions on old leaves. While these agents cause some damage on plants, their impacts on populations of the weed have been negligible. The crofton weed rust fungus, which originates from Mexico, has recently been investigated to enhance biological control of this widespread, coastal weed in eastern Australia. It infects young leaves and stems of crofton weed and has great potential to reduce competitiveness, reproduction and spread of the weed.

The rust fungus was thoroughly tested to demonstrate that it would not pose a threat to economic and native plant species before it was approved for release in Australia in May 2014. During winter 2014, the fungus was released at five sites within national parks and conservation areas on the NSW South Coast and north of Sydney. These initial experimental releases demonstrated that the fungus can establish readily in the field providing that the material used for release lasts for several days and that conditions are conducive for infection at some stage during that period.

If you are interested in participating in the release program, please contact us. Rust-infected material suitable to make releases is being provided at no cost to community members either via the post or at field days. Participants will be provided with simple guidelines on how to make the release and to monitor establishment and spread of the agent. In return, they will be expected to provide details on their release site and feedback on their monitoring activities.

For more information contact:

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Mr John Lester, Phone: (02) 6246 4325,

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Research on the crofton weed rust fungus was supported by the Australian Government through the Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation, the Lord Howe Island Board and the Office of Environment and Heritage NSW.



Crofton weed rust pustules Image: K Turner.



Natural infection of crofton weed by the rust fungus at a release site on the NSW South Coast. Image: K. Turner.



Close-up of crofton weed rust fungus pustules on the underside of a leaf. Image: K. Turner.



Crofton weed leaf in the process of dying as a result of infection by the rust fungus. Image: K. Turner.



Canola interference: possibilities to control of Paterson's curse (*Echium plantagineum* L.)

Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, Wagga Wagga Agricultural Institute, Wagga Wagga



Strong interference by some canola cultivars such as Av-opal and Pak85388-502, significantly reduced the *E. plantagineum*'s rosette diameter ranged 51-55 cm, relative to the weak allelopathic or competitive genotypes.
Image: . M. Asaduzzaman

Canola is a major oilseed crop in Australia but weeds reduce both yield and quality. Paterson's curse (*Echium plantagineum* L.) is an aggressive winter weed in Australia and often causes yield losses in canola crops. Chemical herbicides with associated herbicide tolerant canola cultivars are effective tool to control many weeds including *E. plantagineum* L. Nevertheless, herbicides have other negative impacts with evolves resistant in weeds. Consequently, the prospects of herbicide resistance in weed species necessitate the search for alternative weed control tactic, such as crop interference.

Crop interference is the term used to describe an induced effect by an individual plant on a neighbour through changes in the immediate environment. It comprises both crop competition and allelopathy. Competition is the negative interaction between two or more plant species for existence and superiority within a limited space, while allelopathy is distinct

from competition, in that the detrimental effect is through release of chemicals by a donor plant. The potential use of crop interference as part of a weed control program is one option gaining attention of the researchers. The phenomenon varies with plant species, cultivar, growth stage and various stress factors but overall is gaining interest among weed scientist as a tool for weed suppression.

To know the canola interference action to different weeds, a field experiment was conducted at Wagga Wgga Agricultural Institute in 2013. Selected six canola genotypes were used into different sowing times (4 weeks apart). The idea of two different sowing times investigated the influence of environmental factors on canola interference mechanism. The harvested experimental results showed that canola genotypes had interfering effect on the number of *E. plantagineum* plants in the early sowing but not in late sowing. Surprisingly, in both sowing times, canola genotypes differentially



Canola interference: possibilities to control of Paterson's curse (*Echium plantagineum* L.) (Contd)

reduced the weed vegetative growth. Strong interference by some canola cultivars such as Av-opal and Pak85388-502, significantly reduced the *E. plantagineum*'s rosette diameter ranged 51-55 cm, relative to the weak allelopathic or competitive genotypes (see image).

It was also noticed that with the weak allelopathic or competitive genotypes, *E. plantagineum* emerged early and produced more reproductive organs (in October 2013), whereas its reproductive stage was delayed (in December 2013) by the strong allelopathic and competitive genotypes.

The vegetative growth of *E. plantagineum* was increased in the late sowing compared to the early

sowing time, but still varied significantly between canola genotypes suggesting environment may affect on the expression of cultivar's interference trait.

The use of high interference canola genotypes may, therefore, have an important long-term effect on the *E. plantagineum* weed population in a canola rotation.

Further information:

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Resistance issues the main focus at Weed Science Society of America meeting

Tony Cook
Agricultural Research Institute
Tamworth

Weed Society member and weed researcher, Tony Cook, recently attended the Weed Science Society of America annual meeting at Lexington Kentucky to get the low-down on resistance issues from an American perspective. He also highlighted the projects' work involving the initial investigations on glyphosate resistant common sowthistle.

More than 300 oral presentations of which 105 were posters offered nearly 400 delegates a good range of topics. Broad topic themes were available and after session intermission breaks enabled ample time to meet new researchers.

Most talks were split by having three concurrent sessions, making for some difficult decision as to what talks to hear. Herbicide resistance, once again was the dominant topic.

As such, a symposium titled "Are We Going to do the Same Thing and Expect a Different Result?" was held. The symposium examined economic and sociologic factors affecting weed management decisions. It also covered potential incentives or regulatory actions that might influence weed management decisions to help mitigate herbicide resistance issues.

Tony listened to approximately 25 talks and had a bias towards the topic of resistance management. Although Palmer Amaranth and Horseweed (Fleabane) the favored weeds, wild radish, ryegrass and *Chloris* species did get some consideration. Many chemical companies had an opportunity to highlight their new herbicide tolerant crop traits, such as EnlistTM and EngeniaTM.

However, most talks that discussed solutions to herbicide resistance focused mainly on herbicide solutions. A few talks mentioned cover crops, weed seed harvest management or microwave technology to control weed to give some balance to the program.

Further information:

Tony Cook
Agricultural Research Institute, Tamworth
Email: tony.cook@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Phone: (02) 6763 1222 ;



Parthenium weed, *Parthenium hysterophorus* Infestation at a High Risk Site

Recently, a significant infestation of parthenium weed has been discovered at a grain storage site at Bellata, between Narrabri and Moree.



Parthenium weed, *Parthenium hysterophorus*
Image: NSW Department of Primary Industries.

Parthenium weed, a Weed of National Significance (WoNS), is an annual plant with a deep taproot and an erect main stem. The weed usually grows to a height of 1–1.5m although it can grow to 2 m high.

The weed adversely affects human and animal health and can cause: respiratory problems; severe dermatitis; tainted meat if stock eat the plant within one month of slaughter and tainted milk.

Landowners are advised to never touch the plant with bare hands and always use a dust mask if working near the weed for extended periods. Allergic reactions are not always experienced with the first contact with the plant but can develop after a number of exposures.

Parthenium weed is endemic to central Queensland and is spreading into southern Queensland.

NSW continues to be free from established populations of parthenium weed. Outbreaks occur on roadsides and particularly the Newell Highway but local government Weeds Officers have been very effective at finding and eradicating these infestations.

Outbreaks on private property occur in NSW but are not common. Headers and grain harvesting machinery from Queensland have previously been a source of new infestations on private property. However, compulsory NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) inspections for harvesting machinery entering NSW from Queensland have minimised parthenium weed spread.

The potential for a permanent population of parthenium weed establishing in NSW is greater on private property than on roadsides due to the difficulty in finding new outbreaks at an early stage.

If you suspect a plant could be parthenium weed, note its location and report it to NSW DPI or your local council Weeds Officer for positive identification.

The weed is spread by seed and tolerates a variety of conditions. The main pathways for introducing this weed to NSW are: harvesting machinery; hay and grain; livestock floats, and vehicles from infested areas of Queensland.

Correct identification and quick action to prevent spread is important, however if you suspect you have found parthenium weed you SHOULD NOT attempt to control it yourself. Contact your local council Weeds Officer for assistance with identification, eradication and ongoing monitoring of infestations.

Further information:

Philip Blackmore
NSW Department of Primary Industries, Armidale
Phone: 02 6738 8504
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Email: philip.blackmore@dpi.nsw.gov.au



Treasurer's Report 4 April to 20 May 2015

Financial Report.

For the period 4 April 2015 to the 20 May 2015 the Society has shown a loss of \$205.16.

For the year to date – 1 October 2014 to the 20 May 2015 a loss of \$7,721.24 is recorded.

The Balance Sheet shows that the Society is in a sound financial position with total equity of \$69,554.89 made up of cash - \$9,577.15 and four term deposits totalling \$59,977.74.

Nevertheless as advised previously the Society is in a position to support financially projects that meet its objectives and a note will appear in the autumn issue of *A Good Weed* inviting members to apply for the funding of projects that meet our objectives.

We do need to ensure however that any activities such as seminars return a profit or at least break even, as it will be late 2015 before we can expect any returns from the 18th Biennial Weeds Conference. The magnitude of the return is likely to be reduced due to the change in the terms of the contract with Monaro Shire Council compared to the previous contracts.

The cheque account was reconciled on the 30 April 2015.

Membership.

As at the 20 May 2015 the Society has 160 members which includes 5 life members. To date 95 have paid their subscriptions for 2015 with 51 yet to pay.

Payment is due by the 1 June 2015 and a reminder will be placed in the autumn issue of *A Good Weed*.

Nine members are in arrears for 2014 and as payment was not received by the 31 December 2014 they are not receiving *A Good Weed* and other benefits offered by the Society. These members and will be removed as members if payment is not received by the 1 June 2015.

All members behind in their dues have been sent a reminder by mail and advised that if payment is not received by the 1 June 2015 that they will be removed from the membership list.

18th NSW Weeds Conference.

To date 11 members have applied for the code that is required for them to receive the \$100.00 discount available to them as Weed Society members.

J.M. Swain.
Hon Treasurer
21 May 2015



20th Australasian Weeds Conference
11-15 September 2016 - Perth, Western Australia

Register your interest at the conference website: www.20awc.org.au



Council of Australasian Weed Societies Report

The amendments to the CAWS constitution were passed in the special meeting.

The President (and Western Australian delegates) reported that planning was continuing for the 2016 (20th) Australasian Weeds Conference.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$10,633.62 (on call) and \$62,198.63 (in term deposits) as at 11 March 2015. The Tasmanian Weed Society have now returned the \$15,000 from seed funding and a profit share to CAWS of \$13,909.36 from the 2014 (19th) Australasian Weeds Conference.

Relevant correspondence included two invitations from the International Weed Science Society:

- 1) soliciting bids for 2020 International Weed Science Congress; and
- 2) inviting MSc and PhD students to apply for awards to the 7th International Weed Science Congress in Prague

<http://www.iwsc2016.org>

The deadline for submissions is 1 January 2016.

All member societies submitted written or verbal reports. Details of interest included:

New Zealand - annual conference and symposium will be held in Christchurch on 11-13 August, and will be preceded by a one day symposium on 10 August with the topic 'Managing Wilding Conifers'. The 2015 New Zealand Biosecurity Institute conference will be in Dunedin from 26-28 August 2015; and a high level workshop on pesticide resistance is being planned for May 27;

Queensland: The 13th Queensland Weed Symposium, 14-17 September 2015 will be held in Longreach. The Society continues to debate the best way to engage Northern Territory weed and pest animal professionals; **Tasmania:** The final report from 2014 (19th) AWC was submitted to the meeting. Given government weed staff changes and possible job losses, the membership and future direction of the Tasmanian society is under serious review; **Victoria:** A very successful AGM seminar titled "Invasive species from woodlands to waves" at Philip and French Islands 18-19 March 2015 and **Western Australia:** - The Society is in liaison with Richardson's publishing re the reprinting of Western Weeds (to become Weeds of the South West), Weeds of the South East, and development of Northern and 'arid central Australia' Weeds to be published as a 4 volume set was continuing.

CAWS Travel awards: continuing discussions and working to refine the rewards based on recent survey and CAWS objectives.

Annual action plans are being revised for 2015 and due 30 April for executive approval. Once completed, the Action Plans will be posted on CAWS website and volunteers will be sought from all member societies who would like to assist with communication, advocacy or organisational development actions.

New South Wales Society to host 21st (2018) Australasian Weeds Conference.

The next CAWS executive meeting will be 18 June 2015.

NSW CAWS Delegates:

H. Cherry and S. Johnson (for K Hignell)
30 March 2015





Society News



Newsletter of The Weed Society of New South Wales Inc.

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The newsletter is the major source of weed news and issues for our members. They want to read about all the exciting, interesting and unusual things you are doing in your weed activities.

Let us know about local and regional news, people and events, new emerging weed species, weed management issues, bushland regeneration, bushcare programs, weed research summaries, noxious weeds, legislative issues and book reviews.

We prefer short & interesting articles of about 200 to 500 words with good quality images which will reproduce well in colour.

Material should be sent to:
editor@nswweedsoc.org.au

Submission dates for material are:

- #71 Winter 2015 30 June 2015
- #72 Spring 2015 31 August 2015
- #73 Summer 2015/16 30 November 2015
- #74 Autumn 2016 28 February 2016



The e-newsletter *Punnet Tray* is intended to keep you up-to-date on weed related activities in between the quarterly publication of our printed publication, *A Good Weed*.

The e-newsletter is a maximum of two pages and we welcome contributions of one or two brief paragraph from members, or even nonmembers, on something to do with weeds and of interest to Society members.

Send material to editor@nswweedsoc.org.au and please include contact details so readers know where to obtain more information.

Letters to the Editor

The editors welcome members comments on articles that have appeared in *A Good Weed* or have weed-related issues they would like to bring to the attention of the Society members.

If you would like to contribute a 'Letter to the Editor' it must be under 150 words, submitted by the due date for the issue you would like it to appear and contain your contact details.

The editors reserve the right not to publish.
Contact: editor@nswweedsoc.org.au

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Committee Meeting Dates

12 June 2015 Executive Committee Meeting
14 August 2015 Executive Committee Meeting
9 October 2015 Executive Committee Meeting
11 December 2015 Executive Committee Meeting
November 2015 AGM and Lunch/Dinner

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