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Welcome to the third edition of the Society's electronic newsletter.

The Society was saddened to hear of the passing of John Toth, an active member of the society who made many contributions to weed management during his lengthy career. His contributions will be detailed in the next edition of *A Good Weed*.

The forthcoming 17<sup>th</sup> NSW Weeds Conference is shaping up well, and promises to be an exciting event. I would encourage everyone to consider attending.

Any suggestions on how to improve the services provided by the Society, or the range of activities the Society supports, would be most welcome.

Happy Weeding.  
Rex Stanton, President

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## 17<sup>th</sup> NSW Weeds Conference

The 17<sup>th</sup> NSW Biennial Weeds Conference will be held in Corowa, 9-12 September 2013. Keynote speakers include Dr Tony Grice and Dr John Keniry. Don McLardy is the guest speaker for the conference dinner.

Nearly 200 delegates have already registered. Register now to take advantage of this great opportunity to network and learn more about weed management.

Conference information can be obtained online at [www.nswweedsconference2013.com](http://www.nswweedsconference2013.com) or contact Rachel Robinson-Minogue, Corowa Shire, 02 6033 3221, 0418572849 or [Rachel.Minogue@corowa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Rachel.Minogue@corowa.nsw.gov.au)



## Farm chemical confidence

In the lead-up to the federal election, CropLife is calling for improvements to the national regulatory framework for agricultural chemicals. Australia currently has a rigorous system; however inconsistencies between state laws and increased illegal imports are straining the system. For more information, go to <http://www.stockjournal.com.au/>

## Weeds for genes?

The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Colombia will lead a large international initiative to conserve wild relatives of major crop species.

With one in five plant species facing extinction, it is deemed urgent to establish comprehensive genebanks. Weedy relatives of crops may harbour useful traits such as drought tolerance and disease resistance. Northern Australia is one area under-represented in current genebanks. [Nature](#) 22 July 2013

## Sustainable methods to fight weeds

Australian grain growers have been cautioned that weed control will only be maximised if all sustainable control methods are used, particularly when dealing with herbicide resistance. Seed collection or destruction at harvest is providing some exciting new options. The full story is available from <http://www.stockjournal.com.au/>

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"Revitalising grasslands to sustain our communities"

[www.igc2013.com](http://www.igc2013.com)

### Weed management and Local Land Services

The new Local Land Services (LLS), a combination of the existing LHPA's, CMAs and NSW DPI extension services, is set to commence next year. How biosecurity, and weeds in particular, will be affected is still not clear.

One concept on how weed management can be delivered in the new LLS system is being developed by the Hawkesbury River County Council. This is a work in progress and open to further input, issues, solutions etc.

<http://hrcc.nsw.gov.au/latest-news/>

### Society seminar a big success

The Society hosted a seminar "Using Herbicides Effectively in the Future" recently at the Hornsby RSL Club. The event attracted over 50 attendees.

Comments such as 'Good topics, good panel session at the end and good time management' and 'Very, very good day' summed up the audience's opinion of the day. A full report will be available in the next edition of *A Good Weed*.

### Weed apps

With greater use of mobile technology, increasingly more information is available through apps. Below is one of the more recent android apps to hit the market. Links to more apps are available from the [Society website](#).



#### Environmental Weeds of Australia (Android)

App version of "Environmental Weeds of Australia". Includes over 1,000 weed species, and more than 10,000 images.

<http://www.lucidcentral.com/>



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Thought about providing material for the newsletter?  
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### Photography

Total College has recently published a new publication, *Photography for Fieldwork*. This 58 page text will assist people with producing quality images for species identification, monitoring projects, collecting evidence on compliance issues, producing reports and publications.

The book covers the basic steps of using a digital camera and how to use photography for fieldwork applications.

Published in 2012. Cost - \$20.00.  
The book can be ordered online at:  
<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/resources/bookshop/photography-for-field-work>

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