



Cattle death by Green Cestrum | Image :Kim Curtis

Welcome members to the 9th edition of the Punnet Tray.

The year, 2015 is going to be a busy year for most of us with the introduction of the new NSW Biosecurity Act, the NSW Weeds Conference and of course the state elections. Where will we be at the end of it , no one knows, but I think we are all looking forward to challenges.

The Society would love members to contribute one or two paragraphs about anything to do with weeds that may be of interest to Society members as this e-newsletter is intended to be a collection of short, interesting articles to help keep our membership up to date with weed related activities in between publications of our printed newsletter, *A Good Weed*. This is a great way to distribute information.

Happy weeding

Kim Hignell - President

**Membership  
subscriptions for  
2015 are now due.**

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## Calling for Nominations

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

There will be three categories in this year's Award:

**The Buerckner Award** – for outstanding contribution within Local Government to the on-ground control of weeds in NSW.

**The Stephenson Award** – for outstanding contribution within Local Government to the planning and managing of weed management programs in NSW.

**The NSW Weed Industry Award**—for outstanding contributions from a weed professional, not Local Government, who is involved in planning and coordinating weed management in NSW

For further information go to :

[http://www.nswweedsoc.org.au/grants\\_and\\_awards/](http://www.nswweedsoc.org.au/grants_and_awards/)

## Travel awards survey by Council of Australasian Weed Societies

The Council of Australasian Weed Societies (CAWS) would appreciate it if interested members could please participate in the following survey regarding a few issues about our travel awards. We are keen to hear your opinions. The survey involves five questions, which I will take less than 5 minutes (though that will depend on how long you think about each question of course). As always with these surveys, it would be great if you could do it within the next day or so before you forget about it.

The link to the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CAWStravelawards>

## Update your Information

Because our newsletter *A Good Weed* is not available online, can all members please update your residential address for the posting of our wonderful newsletter and other official society mailings . This also goes for this publication *Punnet Tray* if you are changing your email address please let us know. To update, send an email to [secretary@nswweedsoc.org.au](mailto:secretary@nswweedsoc.org.au) or mail to PO Box 438 Wahrooga NSW 2076.

## Upcoming Conferences and Seminars



**18th NSW Weeds Conference  
Cooma 12th—15th October 2015**

## Call for Abstracts

The organising committee of the 18th NSW Weeds Conference is pleased to invite abstracts for proposed oral presentations, as well as expressions of interest for practical demonstrations. The call for presentations closes on **27th February 2015**.

The theme of the conference is 'Weeds - the future, innovation & adaptation' which reflects the plans, research and vision for weed management for the years ahead.

For more information:

<http://www.weedscooma.com.au/#!speakers/cjee>



**Weed Mini-Forum**  
Wednesday 25 March 2015  
South Tweed Sports Club  
9am—5pm

Speakers from local weed management authorities, state agencies and research organisations in both NSW and Queensland will present informative discussions on:

- strategic policy and planning for biosecurity
- current research projects, new tools and techniques
- high priority species and key on-ground projects in the region

**Please RSVP by Wednesday 11 March 2015 to**  
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The Editor would love members to provide some material for the autumn edition of our newsletter.

Contributions to *A Good Weed* is a great way to show a local issue to a state-wide audience.

Please send your material to the editor at [editor@nswweedsoc.org.au](mailto:editor@nswweedsoc.org.au) by the deadline of the 28 February 2014.



For Punnet Tray contributions, please contact the editor at [editor@nswweedsoc.org.au](mailto:editor@nswweedsoc.org.au)

Submissions date for the next edition:  
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