

North West Regional Weed Committee - Meeting # 13	
Communication and Action Plan (Minutes)	
Thursday 10 May 2018 Narrabri Bowling Club	
Attendees	Peter Dawson <u>Executive Officer</u> (NWLLS) Mike Whitney <u>Chair</u> (LPSC) Ian Schwartz <u>Vice Chair</u> , Scott McLachlan (GwySC) Clare Felton-Taylor <u>Executive</u> (NSC) Cr Jim Maxwell (TRC) Don Mackenzie (MPSC) Geoff Cruickshank (NWLLS) Wayne Garnsey (NWLLS) Andrea Fletcher, Matt Savage (CMCC) Tony Woods (GUNSC) Matt Davidson (NWLLS) Fay Anderson (NWLLS) Mal Stein (TRC) Stephen Kneller (GwySC) Peter Scott (LPSC) Brett Hanly (Whitehaven Coal) Lee Amidy (GUNSC) Keith Harris (NWLLS) Col Eastern (Northern SLM) Raj Shilpakar (NWLLS)
Apologies	Pete Turner (NSW DPI) Richard Chamen <u>Executive</u> (NSWF) Don Ramsland (WSC) Phil Spark (NCC) Conan Rossler (FC), Simon Schuman (FC) Marcela Lopez (NSC) Cr Rob Hooke (Gun SC) Ben Sharpham (ARTC) Ron Walker (Water NSW) Nick Brown (ARTC) Matt Hellyar (RMS) Saul Standerwick (Gwy SC) Tim Wiseman (ARTC) Ross Briggs (TRC) Cr Maxine Booby (NSC) Michael Hooper (NWLLS) Cr Ron Campey (NSC) Robyn Richardson (NSW DPI) Scott Charlton (NSW DPI) Dave Wurst (OEH NPWS) Julie Clancy (TRLA) Vicky Lyons <u>Executive</u> (DoI Lands) Phil Blackmore (NSW DPI) Andrew Wright (White Haven Coal) Sharon Weir NWLLS Shane Green (NWLLS) Dennis Boschma (Northern SLM) Rob Burr (TRC)
Purpose	Implementation of North West Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan.
Review and update Actions Carried Forward - Nil	
Agenda Item #1:	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
Discussion /Options / Points Raised:	Summary of discussion : Meeting opened 9.40 am Acknowledgement of Country, Apologies, Housekeeping & Introductions. Apologies accepted; Moved: Jim Maxwell Seconded: Scott McLachlan
Agenda Item #2:	Correspondence
Discussion /Options / Points Raised:	Correspondence sent out: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda and Minutes of previous meeting NW RWC response to NSW DPI re Weed Management Compliance Correspondence received: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NSW State Weed Committee (SWC) – outcomes from State meeting NT RWC – no formal response has been received to date.
Decision/ agreement/ action/ Recommendation	These items are covered within the agenda and minutes.
Agenda Item #3:	Previous minutes
Discussion /Options / Points Raised:	Opportunity was given to discuss previous minutes
Decision/ agreement/ action/ Recommendation	Moved that the previous minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved: Clare Felton-Taylor Seconded: Ian Schwartz

Agenda Item #4:	Business arising
Discussion /Options / Points Raised:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter D and Matthew D to contact Regional RMS management and arrange meeting to discuss concerns and seek clarification of on-going commitment and representation to NWRWC and assistance to LCAs for operational matters. 2. Discussion – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we better engage with State agencies – Tyranny of distance • What other mechanisms can be utilised • Written Delegate reports should be provided to Regional Weed Coordinator / RWC for inclusion in future meetings.
Decision/ agreement/ action/ Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action – NW Weeds Officers to forward final Word versions of Local RBPGs to PD& MW 2. Action - Peter D and L Amidy to forward final GBD fact sheet to NSW DPI for any further technical review and comment prior to release. 3. Action – NW LLS General Manager and NW LLS Board to be informed of on-going issues with lack of commitment from state agencies and utility providers to RWC. 4. Action – Regional Weed Coordinator to develop delegate reporting template.
Agenda Item #5:	State Weed Committee update
Discussion /Options / Points Raised:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Response to NWRWC correspondence / Update on activities 2. State Weed Committee - Meeting 9 - Outcomes - 19 March 2018 3. SWC Letter outlining roles and responsibilities to RWC 4. SWC Compliance Standard Letter to RWC 5. SWC Consultation Draft 2 Compliance Standard
Decision/ agreement/ action/ Recommendation	<p>Action – All comments and feedback on Draft 2 Compliance Standard to be sent to Pete D for inclusion in formal response by C.O.B June 8.</p> <p>Action – Pete D to send formal response to Syd Lisle NSW DPI. Completed – July 6</p>
Agenda Item #6:	North West WAP 2017/2018
Discussion /Options / Points Raised:	<p>Mandatory documents,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North West Regional Weed Incursion Plan 2017-22 2. North West Regional Rapid Response Plan 2017-22 3. North West Regional Inspection Program 2017-22 4. North West Regional Communications Strategy 2017-22
Decision/ agreement/ action/ Recommendation	<p>Current draft plans were reviewed in their entirety. It is recognised that these are only semi-public documents not for consultation. They should be read as operational actions plans which are clear and concise and can be followed accurately by any level of employee or stakeholder.</p> <p>Action – Pete D to amend all documents with relevant changes as agreed for further review at next meeting.</p>

Agenda Item #7:	Combined RWC meetings
Discussion /Options / Points Raised:	Combined NT / NW / CW RWC meetings Purpose & Outcomes for RWC
Decision/ agreement/ action/ Recommendation	<p>Chair Mike W sent a formal invitation to NT RWC on February 28 In regards to discussions into a possible combined NWLLS/ NTLLS RWC meeting and that the Committee have advised that they would be happy for the NW Chair and Executive Officer to attend a combined RWC meeting and report back, and NW RWC would reciprocate and ask a delegation from your RWC attend one of our meetings in the future. Please forward all correspondence through to our Executive Officer, Pete Dawson</p> <p>Outcome – No formal response has been received from NT RWC however there is a verbal indication to the Chair that some delegates may attend the November meeting at Lake Keepit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWRWC is still waiting on a formal response from NT RWC.
Agenda Item #8:	Native vegetation & Biodiversity Vs Biosecurity
Discussion /Options / Points Raised:	<p>Col Eastern Northern SLM - Introductions to Sustainable Land Management Unit Team (SLM) and interactions between Biodiversity and Biosecurity legislation i.e Mimosa bush management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interface between Biodiversity Conservation Act and the Biosecurity Act • Mimosa bush (<i>Vachellia farnesiana</i>) is treatable as Invasive Native Scrub (INS) • <i>Harrisia</i> control in native vegetation • Weed control is an allowable activity under the Biodiversity Act • What is considered acceptable as collateral damage in native vegetation whilst undertaking weed control?
Decision/ agreement/ action/ Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SLM and LCA staff should try and work together where ever possible and practical to provide quality accurate advice to landholders. 2. There is a positive benefit from SLM and LCA and LLS field staff undertaking identification training for both native and introduced plant species. 3. Farm Biosecurity Plans should include priority and widespread weed action plans. 4. Local Government Roadside Management Plans can include INS species such as Mimosa bush (<i>Vachellia farnesiana</i>) providing they notify their respective LLS Sustainable Land Management Unit of proposed control methods under the INS Code.

<p>Agenda Item #9:</p>	<p>General Business</p>
<p>Discussion /Options / Points Raised:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pete D - NW LLS Drought popup workshops will be held across the NW region and all LCA Weed Officers are invited to meet with NW LLS staff and community members. 2. Ian S – Tropical Soda Apple incursion at Urbenville. NT weeds officers have inspected the site and are formulating a Rapid Response plan which may well include our North West Officers. 3. Matt D – Would like to see Media opportunities identified as a standing Agenda item
<p>Decision/ agreement/ action/ Recommendation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible media around success of TSA program, quotes from NW Weeds officers about maintaining vigilance. • Want to see more evidence of CBSM program such as working outcomes. • NLIS trace-back there are still concerns about difficulties around privacy issues and direct access to data for Weeds officers <p>Action – Matt D and Pete D to meet with NWLLS Biosecurity staff and run an Emergency exercise between LLS and LCAs to test responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non saleable weeds lists – is it possible or necessary to have one for the North West region? <p>Keith Harris stated the NWLLS board has previously raised this issue with Scott Charlton, Manager Invasive Species Programs, Biosecurity & Food Safety NSW DPI.</p> <p>Action – A communique to be sent from NWRWC to NWLLS Board raising concerns about the Plant nursery industry and horticulture industry.</p>
<p>Agenda Item #10:</p>	<p>Confirm actions/agreements</p>
<p>Discussion /Options / Points Raised:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action – NW Weeds Officers to forward final Word versions of Local RBPGs to PD& MW 2. Action - Peter D and L Amidy to forward final GBD fact sheet to NSW DPI for any further technical review and comment prior to release. 3. Action – NW LLS General Manager and NW LLS Board to be informed of on-going issues with lack of commitment from state agencies and utility providers to RWC. 4. Action – Regional Weed Coordinator to develop delegate reporting template. 5. Action – All comments and feedback on Draft 2 Compliance Standard to be sent to Pete D for inclusion in formal response by C.O.B June 8. 6. Action – Pete D to send formal response to Syd Lisle NSW DPI. 7. Completed – July 6 8. Action – Pete D to amend all Mandatory documents with relevant changes as agreed for further review at next meeting. 9. Action – Matt D and Pete D to meet with NWLLS Biosecurity staff and run an Emergency exercise between LLS and LCAs to test responses 10. Action – A communique to be sent from NWRWC to NWLLS Board raising concerns about the Plant nursery industry and horticulture industry.

<p>Agenda Item #12:</p>	<p>Future Agenda items / Confirm meeting dates and locations for future meetings</p>
<p>Discussion /Options / Points Raised</p>	<p>Confirmed future 2018 meeting dates; 1. August – Thursday 9th - Lightning Ridge 2. November – Thursday 8th - Lake Keepit</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed at 12.25 pm</p>	