



## **MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CONTROL OF**

### **HARRISIA CACTUS**

This management plan is published in accordance with Order 19 of the Noxious Weed Act 1993 for the Class 4 declared plants. This plan outlines the legal requirements for the control of **Harrisia Cactus (*Harrisia species*)** by Landholders- Owner/ Occupier within area of Bourke Shire Council.

#### **General Facts on Harrisia Cactus**

Harrisia Cactus plants have spiny, fleshy stems which are jointed and form tangled mats about 0.5m high.

The large funnel shaped flowers are located at the end of the stems, and pink (with a tinge of white) coloured. The flowers open at night.

It has round bright red fruits with each containing 400- 1000 small black seeds.

Fruit and seeds are eaten and distributed by birds. Seeds germinate after rain.

In the **AREA** of Bourke Shire Council, Harrisia Cactus is gazetted as a Class 4 noxious weed under Schedule 4 of Weed Control Order 19 (Order 19) made pursuant to section 7 and 8 of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* (the Act) as amended in 2005.

Class 4 noxious weeds are plants that pose a threat to primary production, the environment or human health, are widely distributed in an area to which the order applies and are likely to spread in the area or to another area.

Order 19 also provides that the growth and spread of this plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in a management plan published by the Local Control Authority (LCA).

To comply with Order 19, Harrisia Cactus must be managed in such a way as to minimise the negative impact of the weed on the economy, community or the environment of NSW.

### **Section 12 obligations under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993**

An occupier (other than a public authority or a local control authority) of the land to which a weed control order applies must control noxious weeds on the land as required under the order.

**TIMEFRAME OF PLAN:** This plan will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011, and run until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. This plan is to be reviewed in March 2016. Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this plan.

### **CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Owners/ occupiers may use either or both of the following control methods:

**Chemical:** effective treatment with a herbicide registered for the control of *Harrisia Cactus*, in the manner specified on the product label. *Harrisia Cactus* can be sprayed at most times of the year (except during the winter months), when the plants are actively growing.

**Mechanical:** for small areas, pull up plants with tongs and burn the plants. The fleshy root system must also be completely removed. The roots may extend up to 50cm underground. Do not leave any root segments in the ground, as these will re- establish as new plants.

### **CONTACT DETAILS / MORE INFORMATION:**

Contact Council's Weeds Officer, during normal business hours on 68/308000

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