

Effective Weed Control Action Plan template

STEP 1 Create your Effective Weed Control Action Plan



Develop an action plan by using this template together with the Five Steps to Effective Weed Control Guide (5SEWC).

Property name	
Address	
Landowner	
Author	
Date	
Vision	

Use this template to record detail for year 1.

Additional tables can be downloaded for subsequent follow-up years.

STEP 2

Identify and map your weeds

Identify the weed management zones on your property

Mark the location of key land use features and areas where weeds are present on a map. Label each distinct weedy area as a separate zone. For example, woody weeds in a remnant vegetation area could be Zone A, a weedy watercourse could be Zone B.

You can hand draw a 'mud map' for small areas, annotate over an aerial map of your property snipped from Google Maps, or use an online mapping tool such as NatureMaps.

(Maps can be imported electronically via Edit tools in Adobe Acrobat or using online PDF editors like PDF Escape)



In the table below or on page 4, describe what you have mapped

- 1. Make a list** of the weeds on your property in the left-hand column.
- 2. List your control areas/zones/assets** that you just named on your map across the top row
- 3. Make a note** about the type and size of infestation, see example below.

Zone Weed	Zone A South creek	Zone B Front paddock	Zone C Back paddock	Zone D Bushland	Zone E South hill face paddock	Zone F	Zone G	Zone H
Gorse	Dense patch 100m ² Scattered seedlings in patches			Scattered, 12 medium plants	6 large plants, some seedlings			
Dog rose	Scattered, 15 medi- um plants along full length	Scattered 3 large plants						
Olives			4 large trees	Scattered shrubs to waist high				

Zone Weed								

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☐ Set up photo points for each zone so you can track your progress

STEP 3

Working out where to start

What you do depends on:

- Size and age of the weed infestation
- Type of weed
- How close it is to valuable areas
- How easy the site is to access
- Your time, budget, and tools

Where there's a realistic opportunity exists to eradicate a weed from an area, make this a high priority -

- **Priority 1. Eradicate**
- **Priority 2. Contain**
- **Priority 3. Asset protection**

In the table over the page start recording your goals for year 1, as per the table below. **See pg 12 5SEWC.**

Weed Control Goals - Year 1				
Area/ zone/ asset	Eradicate	Contain	Asset protection	Priority note/ comment
A - South creek	<i>Dog rose</i>	<i>Gorse seedlings, pushing back towards main infestation</i>	<i>Slash weed front of large gorse infestation to push away from creek</i>	<i>15 dog rose plants only</i>
B - Front Paddock	<i>Dog rose</i>			<i>4 plants</i>
C - Back paddock	<i>Large olives</i>			<i>4 large trees, talk to neighbour about olives on their side of fence</i>
D - Bushland	<i>Eradicate scattered gorse and olives</i>			<i>Scattered plants easily dealt with</i>
E - South hill face paddock	<i>All large gorse plants</i>	<i>Spray gorse seedlings</i>		<i>Deal with all large plant</i>

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STEP 4

Weed control smarts – which methods will you use to get rid of your weeds?

In the table over the page, for each of your management zones identify:

- Control method and the strategy for applying that technique:
- Season to control,
- Who will do the work,
- Your required time commitment. Your budget (time and/or dollars).

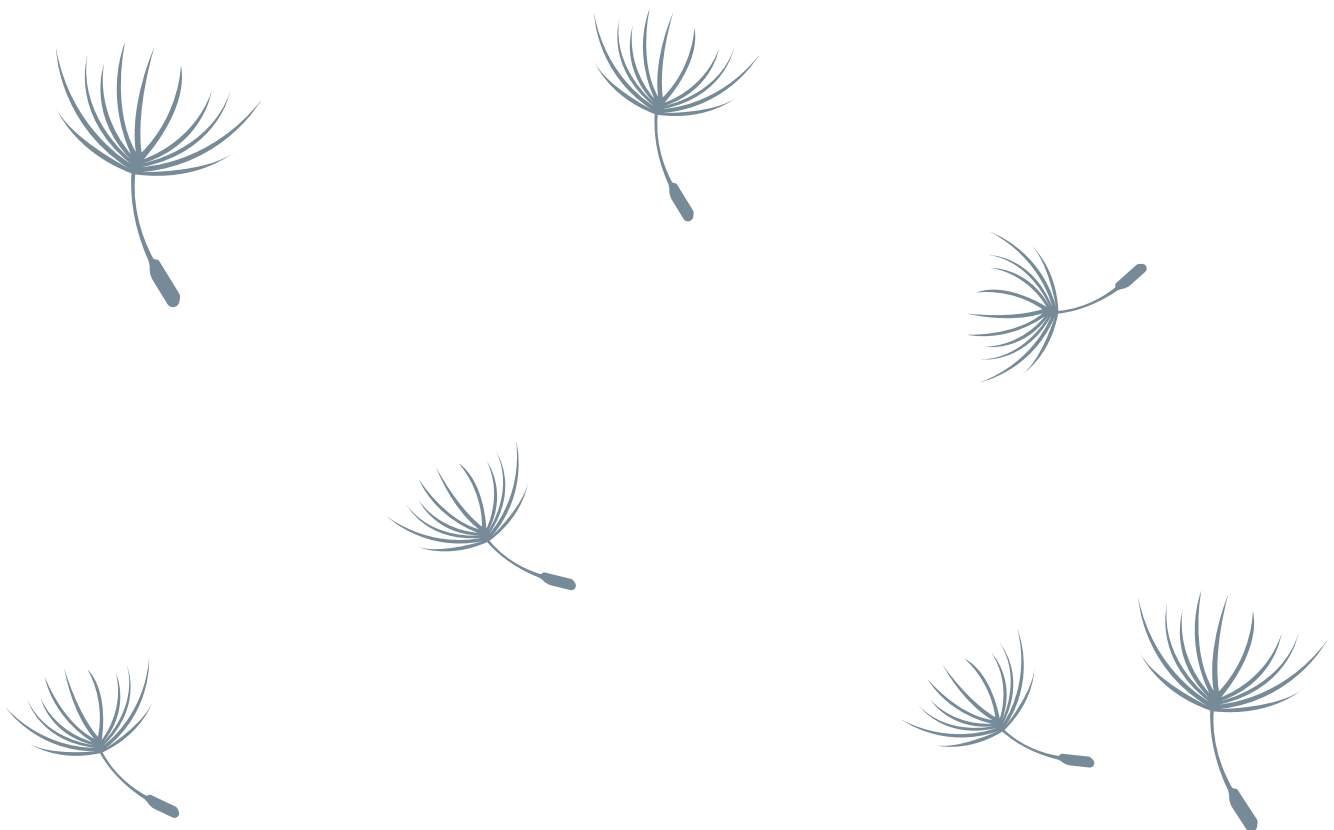
Recapping the weed control methods on **pages 16 - 21 of 5SEWC**, consider which methods you will use to control each infestation.

Remember:

- Some locations such as creeks have seasonal and permitting limitations regarding machinery access and herbicide use

Resources

- The PIRSA Weed Control Handbook can help with suitable methods and timing for declared weeds
- Contact one of our stewardship officers if you are still unsure about methods and timing for weeds or locations.



Year 1 - 20_____

Zones	Weed Names	Control techniques	Priority - eradicate, contain, protect asset + strategy	Month(s) of control work	Who will do the work (contractor, me, local community group)	Site consideration identified in each zone	Indicative budget - time/\$\$ available for each zone
A-South creek B -Front Paddock	Dog rose	cut and swab with glyphosate	Eradicate	January	Me	>20 plants across both zones	1 day

STEP 5

Follow up, monitoring, maintenance and review

Create a weed management calendar

Weed management calendars are useful to pin up on your fridge or notice board to remind you of upcoming activities. Place a mark to indicate the month when a control activity is to occur. You could also consider writing in other reminders e.g. call contractor.

Year 1 - 20____

Weed	Zones	Method	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<i>Dog rose</i>	<i>A, B</i>	<i>Cut and swab</i>	✓											

STEP 5

Follow up, monitoring, maintenance and review

Monitoring is really important to determine if the control method is working, to assess the work of contractors, and to provide an indication of follow up work required.

Photopoints can provide a visual record of change over time. Download these images to the same folder, with the date in the filename. We also highly recommend complementing photopoints with a regular walk of your property where you can note weed responses to control and other changes.



Year	Zone	Monitoring technique	Monitoring month	Outcomes and comments