



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## **DELEGATE'S REPORT**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2006

<b>DR1</b>	<b>MID NORTH COAST WEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FILE: 373 CLR DFS</b>
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### **SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the Quarterly Mid North Coast Weeds Advisory Committee Meeting held at Taree on 24 August 2006.



Councillor Dean Saul and Council's Weeds Officer attended the Quarterly Mid North Coast Weeds Advisory Committee meeting and Annual General Meeting that was held at Greater Taree City Council on 24 August 2006.

As a result of the Annual General Meeting I had the honour of being re-elected as the Deputy Chairperson for the Mid North Coast Weeds Advisory Committee.

Weeds Officer Greg Egan reported to the meeting his Noxious Weeds Report that covered the period from June 2006 to August 2006. The report included the noxious and environmental weed control activities that have been undertaken by Kempsey Council. Mr Egan's report incorporated what weeds have been treated in particular areas of the Shire and announced to the meeting the increase in funding that Council has allocated to the control of weeds including Environmental Weeds and Giant Parramatta Grass. This increase in funding was well received by all at the meeting.

The members at the meeting were pleased to hear of the efforts by Kempsey Council in raising community awareness of Noxious and Environmental Weeds at presentations and cattle sales with emphasis on fast spreading and toxic weeds such as Red Lantana, Giant Parramatta Grass and Groundsel Bush.

The Vine Weed Project in the Upper Macleay has received additional funding of \$80,000 from the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority to continue and extend the vine weed project along the riparian zone of the Macleay. This funding and continued works will be carried out utilising the Thunghutti team from Bellbrook.

A presentation was given by Mr Andrew Clarke from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Water in QLD about lantana and its control. Lantana is a weed of National Significance.

The next meeting is at Port Macquarie on 23 November 2006.

**REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- *Environmental*

*Control of noxious and environmental weeds is necessary to overcome the spread of such weeds.*

- *Social*

*By Council being involved in such activities, awareness of the impacts of noxious and environmental weeds can be improved throughout the community.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*There are no financial impacts for Council as all costs are borne by existing votes.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be noted.

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**COUNCILLOR D F SAUL**