

REPORT

The Tasmanian Community Weed Forum was coordinated by the Tasmanian Weed Society. The forum was broken into two parts with a Blackberry Workshop in the morning and a Community Weed Forum in the afternoon. An outline of the day follows:

Blackberry workshop

Venue

Mt Pleasant Laboratories
Westbury road
PROSPECT 7250

Attendance

9 people (mainly 'care' group members) plus 2 assistants.

Outline of program

The workshop revolved around the recently published interactive CD ROM tool called '*Blackberry: An identification tool to introduced and native Rubus in Australia*'. The incredible tool was authored by Robyn and Bill Barker from the State Herbarium of South Australia and was jointly published by the State Herbarium of South Australia and the CRC for Australian Weed Management.

The first part of the workshop was a presentation including an introduction to *Rubus* in Australia, the background behind the tool and how the tool works. The second part of the workshop involved hands on identification of blackberry using the identification tool. *Rubus* plant material from the Herbarium collection was made available to participants. The presenter was Matthew Baker, Weed Taxonomist, Tasmanian Herbarium.

Feedback

Participants left very happily with a copy of the CD ROM tool in hand.

No formal feed back was sought. Matt's general feeling was that most of the participants were amazed at the massive content of the tool.



Blackberry flower

Community Weed Forum

Venue

Launceston Silverdome
PROSPECT 7250

Attendance

26 people

(10 'Care' group members, 2 regional NRM, 7 DPIWE, 1 Herbarium, 2 TAFE, 1 University of Tasmania, 2 Industry, 1 Australian Government (DEH))

Program

See next page for details.

Feedback

Several of the 'care' group members commented on the usefulness of the day in terms of both technical and on-ground information. The forum also provided an excellent opportunity to enhance Tasmania's weed management network and enabled the DEH representative to have direct contact with the core weed focused people within the Tasmanian government. In addition it also provided an avenue for the Friends of Kate Reed Reserve to showcase some of the major weed issues that they face in the management of their area.

Educational and display material

All participants received a copy of the *Introductory Weed Management Manual*.

WONS Banners and Weed Management Guides relevant to Tasmania (present and potential) were on display and available as handouts. Additional weed education materials were available as well as a display of posters of the major Tasmanian environmental weeds.



Community Weed Forum, Silverdome
Launceston



Spray gear demonstration
and OH&S issues



Cut & paint demonstration
on gorse in Kate Reed Reserve



Cassutha melantha smothering gorse
in Kate Reed Reserve



Tasmanian Weed Society presents

Community Weed Forum

9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday 18 March 2005
Launceston

Program

Blackberry ID workshop (Mt Pleasant Laboratories, Westbury road, Prospect)

09:00 am – 10:30am	Blackberry ID workshop (reference to Module 2 and 3)
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Morning tea
10:45am - 12:15 pm	Blackberry ID workshop (cont.)
12:30 pm – 13:00 pm	Lunch (Launceston Silverdome)
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	TWS AGM (Launceston Silverdome)
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Community Weed Forum (Launceston Silverdome)

Community Weed Forum (Launceston Silverdome, Prospect)

1:30 – 1:40	Welcome and introduction to NHT <i>Introductory weed management manual</i> (Sandy Leighton)
1:40 - 2:15	Module 1: Developing and implementing a weed management plan (Karen Stewart)
2:15 – 2:45	Module 3: Collecting and preparing plant specimens for identification (Cindy Hanson & Sharon Young)
2:45 – 3:00	Afternoon tea
3:00 - 3:45	Module 2: Weed control methods for community groups (equipment and OH&S) (Jamie Cooper)
3:45 – 4:15	Walk through Kate Reed Reserve – practical example of community weed management planning in action (Rod Milner, Friends of Kate Reed Reserve)
4:20 – 4:30	Close (Andrew Bishop)