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So this is what best practice looks like..... See inside for details



## From the President...

As we approach the end of the society's financial year it is worth taking a few moments to reflect on the last year and look ahead to what is a bright future for the TWS. Without a doubt, the 1<sup>st</sup> Tasmanian Weeds Conference was a great success. The investment of the time and effort by the Executive Committee in organising such a well-sponsored and supported event was justified.

This event combined with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the TWS and the expiry of our first three-year strategic plan prompts us to seek an opportunity to look forward. That opportunity takes place on **24 March 2006 at Moorilla Estate**. In place of our usual seminar series we will be running a special forum consisting of both short presentations and discussions; an opportunity for you as a TWS member to actively



participate in setting the future direction of TWS. More information on what will be a valuable and enjoyable networking experience for all is in this edition of *Tasweeds* along with a short questionnaire that we encourage you to complete and forward to us.

With our AGM nearing, again the opportunity arises for participation as a member of the Executive Committee. Anyone who wishes to partake of this valuable experience is most welcome to nominate. I would be happy to discuss committee functions and roles with those interested so please contact me. Also you can find duty statements for the positions at [tasweeds.org](http://tasweeds.org). I can assure you that we now have a strong and dynamic organisation with a promising future - an exciting time to participate at an executive level.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their efforts in what has been a busy but very rewarding year; it really is a pleasure to be able to work as part of such a dedicated team of weedies. The editorial team (Cindy, Sandy, and Nat) in particular have done a wonderful job assembling *Tasweeds* and providing us all such an interesting and informative read.

Andrew Bishop  
President  
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## PROGRESS ON THE GROUND

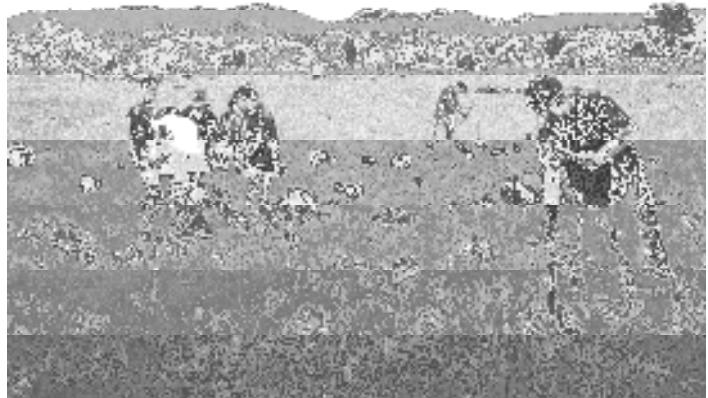
### Conservation Volunteers of Australia assist community projects on the West Coast

Andrew Laird

Coordinator West Coast Weed & Fire Management Strategy

To assist community groups with their weed management plans and other natural resource management projects, the West Coast Weed and Fire Management Group (WCWFMG) recently hosted a team from Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA). Ten young people from various places around the world spent four days involved in a range of activities designed to support the works-in-progress of the West Coast community.

In Zeehan one activity was to stake out and map habitat of the burrowing crayfish, *Engaeus fossor*.



CVA team stakes out s habitat of *E. fossor* to ensure protection s during future weed control works



*E. fossor* adult female from West Ulverstone carrying eggs under her tail

Photograph: Joanna Lyell

The crayfish habitat intersects an area of gorse managed by the WCWFMG. Works undertaken in future will take account of the presence of the crayfish and be conducted to minimise threats to the population. Machinery, for example, will be excluded from the habitat and herbicide use will be restricted to those chemicals that do not harm aquatic invertebrates. Marking out is a necessary step to enable contractors or other workers to recognise a clearly defined habitat boundary. Protecting and enhancing the habitat of *E. fossor* also compliments the objectives of the Zeehan Land Management Plan (Lane 2003).



**CVA team conducts fence maintenance at the King River Delta to assist the King River Action Group.**

King River Action Group, assisting with fence maintenance. The trial is on a mine tailing delta at the mouth of the King River and its aim is to determine what (if any) revegetation method might work in this environment.

Trial Harbour was also visited - the team spent a day removing sea spurge from Ocean Beach, complementing the work of the Trial Harbour Progress Association. The association has a weed management plan for Trial Harbour and sections of Ocean Beach and work hard to keep the Sea Spurge (and other weeds) under control.

Throughout their stay, the CVA team complemented the activities of the WCWFMG and their community partners and provided real gains for their current projects. Their efforts are appreciated and the WCWFMG extends thanks from the West Coast community to the team members and all at Conservation Volunteers Australia.

**Reference: Lane, D. (2003) Zeehan Land Management Plan.**

The team also removed weeds from the banks of Zeehan Rivulet to assist Zeehan Landcare with their Weed Management Plan and collected some gorse seed for a gorse seed eradication project in Western Australia.

Moving down to Strahan, the team targeted an isolated gorse infestation at West Strahan Beach and tackled broom species and flowering lupins at the same site. Strahan Primary students have been actively managing a riparian area near their school and the team spent several hours removing blackberry, montbretia and (more!!) broom to give them a helping hand for the start of the school year.

The team also spent time at a revegetation trial site established by the

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**CVA team removes sea spurge at Ocean Beach**

## DPIWE Weed Management Section Program Update

Christian Goninon

Jamie Cooper

Karen Stewart

Andrew Crane

Sandy Leighton

Jonah Gouldthorpe



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National Gorse Coordinator



Project Officer - BPG

### Christian Goninon

#### DPIWE

You may wonder how DPIWE's Weed management team spends its time. Our focus is developing and implementing a range of legislation, policy and planning tools, compliance, incursion management and general support and extension activities. To demonstrate what this means I highlight some of the key activities of the past 12 months.

#### Legislation, Policy and Planning

Administration of the *Weed Management Act 1999* is a large part of our business. As part of this, Statutory Weed Management Plans have been developed for seventy-three declared weeds. These provide the framework for a coordinated and strategic approach to managing declared weeds. They describe the legal prohibition of introduction, sale and distribution of declared weeds and also outline measures for early detection, control and possible eradication. These plans can be found on DPIWE's website – [www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au](http://www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au).

Government recently declared 25 additional weeds. Most of these are either not established in Tasmania or sparingly established. Therefore the declarations provide for strategic, preventative management through import prohibition and early control. Management plans for these weeds are being prepared.

As we all know, effective weed management requires a whole-of-community commitment. This partnership approach resulted in the recent development of 3 Regional Weed Strategies during which the Weed Section's Regional Weed Officers played a leading role. These strategies will help prioritise and direct resources for weed management in the three regions. This outcome is most rewarding as the need for a community-based regional approach to weed management has been at the forefront of Department weed policy since the development of the State Weed Strategy, *WeedPlan* in 1996 and remains so in the revised edition.

The revised edition of *WeedPlan* builds on the successes of the original and further integrates weed management into programs such as Regional NRM and Tasmania *Together*. It provides a link between State weed priorities and goals and those at the regional, local government, community and individual levels. It also has an increased focus on biosecurity to reduce the risk of introducing and spreading weeds. In support, DPIWE will investigate the feasibility of Tasmania adopting a permitted list approach to regulate plant importation.

State management strategies are currently being finalised for 6 Weeds of National Significance (WONS) that occur in Tasmania – gorse, blackberry, willows, bridal creeper, boneseed and serrated tussock. They will be a planning resource to be used by all sectors particularly informing priority setting in regional and local weed plans.

### **Weeds Of National Significance Projects**

The Weed Management Section has worked with NRM regions and other key stakeholders to prepare applications under the Australian Government “Defeating the Weed Menace Program” for funding the following projects for Weeds of National Significance that occur in Tasmania:

- Identification, mapping and eradication of naturalised non-crack willow populations in Tasmania
- Strategic eradication of gorse in Tasmania
- Continuation of the Tasmanian Serrated Tussock Eradication Project
- Control of boneseed at outlier and other priority sites in Tasmania
- Implementation of the Tasmanian Asparagus Weeds Eradication program

Successful projects will be announced shortly.

### **Compliance**

Enforcement activity is an important part of managing weeds. The Department’s highest priority for regulatory action is prevention of new weed problems. A number of declared weeds including gorse are so widespread and prolific that it is not feasible or appropriate to enforce eradication - hence containment is the only practical management action. Regulatory action is generally only taken where it contributes to the eradication of serious weeds from the State or where it is required to support agreed community weed management programs. Using ragwort as an example, eradication is the management objective in the Circular Head municipality because infestations are localised and a community weed strategy has been developed. On the other hand containment is the primary focus in the Meander Valley municipality because ragwort is widespread and there is no community weed program.

Since the *Weed Management Act 1999* came into effect DPIWE has approved the appointment of 28 council weed inspectors; 18 of the 29 councils now have at least one authorised weed inspector. The DPIWE’s three Regional Weed Officers are supporting the council officers in their activities as well as undertaking their own compliance duties.

During 2005, DPIWE weed officers undertook 665 compliance activities (requiring land holders to control declared weeds). Eighteen enforcement notices were issued to recalcitrant land holders. These figures indicate that weed control activities are generally undertaken by land holders without the need to issue enforcement notices. However significant liaison with land holders is required to ensure compliance.

For further information please call Christian or your Regional Weed Management Officer on 1300 368 550

## WEED ALERTS



### Recent Weed Incursions

Christian Goninon, DPIWE

#### South African orchid

A small infestation of the exotic weed *Disa bracteata* (South African orchid) was identified near Bridport in November 2005. This is the first record of South African orchid in Tasmania. As it is a new weed incursion, the Principal Weed Management Officer initiated the State Response Plan. The plan addresses identification, containment, treatment and communication/consultation, all targeted at neutralising a potential weed threat as soon as possible. (see Weed Alert article in this issue of Tasweeds for further information).

#### Square-stemmed St John's wort

A small infestation of the national Priority Sleeper Weed *Hypericum tetrapterum* (Square-stemmed St John's wort) was identified at Lucaston in the Huon Valley in February 2006. There have previously been two other records of this species in Tasmania but a 2003 survey failed to find any plants. *Hypericum tetrapterum* is recorded as naturalised in Victoria, and it was recently declared under Tasmania's *Weed Management Act 1999*. *Hypericum tetrapterum* can cause poisoning in livestock, as well as dominating pasture and riparian vegetation. The new infestation will be eradicated by hand to prevent seed dispersal. A site management plan - incorporating hygiene, management, communication and education components, will be developed in consultation with local government.

## STRATEGIES AND PLANNING

### **Weed Strategy Officer Appointed for NW**

*Greg Taylor*

**Regional Weed Strategy Officer  
Cradle Coast Regional Weed Management Strategy**

Implementation of the Cradle Coast Regional Weed Management Strategy (CCRWMS) is progressing well, with a Regional Weed Strategy Officer commencing work in early February. Greg Taylor, known to many through previous employment with Greening Australia as WONS Gorse Project Officer (2003), and Cradle Coast NRM Facilitator (2004), is now working alongside other NRM team members in the Cradle Coast Authority offices in Burnie.

Regional Weed Strategy Officer duties focus directly on implementation of the CCRWMS, with two core activities in 2006 being an Incentive Program, designed to assist land managers in the management of weeds, and a Mapping Program. The Cradle Coast Regional Weed Committee is currently working through processes that will see these two programs hitting the ground over the next few months – details will be widely communicated once they become available.

The Cradle Coast Regional Weed Strategy was developed through wide consultation in 2004, and launched in May 2005. The Strategy was developed in response to the significant threats posed by existing and potential weeds, and in recognition that the most practical and effective way to manage a number of these is at the regional level. Regional weed issues include education and awareness, the coordination of on-ground activities, partnership development and the management of weed spread along corridors.

The CCRWMS consolidates the weed management issues of the region, and sets clear, achievable goals and targets, underpinned by practical actions. The often long-term nature of weed management is reflected in long (50+ year), medium (10 – 20 year) and short (1 – 5-year) targets and aspirations. The strategy aims to increase efficiency and effectiveness of weed management by providing a structure for identifying and addressing gaps, increasing the coordination of existing programs and directing the development of new regional weed programs.

The CCRWMS can be down-loaded from [www.nrmtas.com.au](http://www.nrmtas.com.au) or is available on CD or in hard copy from the Cradle Coast Authority (ph: 64 316 285)

## Regional Weeds Coordinator: Northern Tasmania

David Richardson

Chair, Northern Region Weed Strategy Working Group

As part of the N.R.M. North-brokered investment activity “Invasive Species”, the Northern Region Weed Strategy Working Group is working with NRM North to secure a Weeds Coordinator to ensure the effective delivery of a regional approach to weeds.

In 2005 the Northern Region Weed Strategy Working Group produced a regional *Weed Management Strategy* and an attendant *Draft Weed Action Plan* through the generous donations of major stakeholders from industry and local government. The implementation of the *Weed Action Plan* will be the central role for the Regional Weeds Coordinator. It is believed that the action plan, developed by local stakeholders, is a realistic and progressive document to guide investment in weed management for the benefit of the regional community.

The Coordinator position will have a strong focus on strategic on-ground outcomes. Weed management in Tasmania has historically been partitioned off amongst land managers with the DPIWE providing extension advice, support and regulation functions. This paradigm is being challenged through the *Weed Management Strategy* and *Weed Action Plan*, that aim to create an atmosphere of cooperation and community support amongst the wide range of stakeholders that is independent of, but complementary to, State Government resources and legislative responsibilities.

It is intended that the Regional Weeds Coordinator will spend a large proportion of his/her time out of the office coordinating stakeholders and managing on-ground activities across the region. Community involvement, and the coordination of major stakeholders to drive efficiency and achieve effective outcomes, will be of primary concern. The appointment of the Coordinator is likely to coincide with the finalisation of the submission period on the *Draft Weed Action Plan*, in early April.

N.R.M. North will be hosting the Coordinator at the Prospect Government Offices, and a steering committee will be formed to oversee the investment activity with representation sought from the Northern Region Weed Strategy Working Group, NRM North and the Tasmanian Weed Society Inc.

### **HAVE YOUR SAY. DRAFT WEED ACTION PLAN FOR THE NORTH**

The Northern Regional Weed Strategy Working Group invites submissions for its *Draft Weed Action Plan* (see article above). The submission period closes 7 April 2006. The document is available on the NRM North website and will be sent out by NRM North on request.

For more information please contact Stuart Brownlea, N.R.M. Officer/Local N.R.M. Facilitator on 6393 5321 or 0418 935321

## National Gorse Taskforce visits Ballarat Victoria

Sandy Leighton,

WoNS National Gorse Coordinator



The National Gorse Taskforce (NGT) held its second annual face-to-face meeting in Ballarat, Victoria in March 2006. All 11 members attended and DPI Victoria hosted the meeting.

Outcomes were -

- Finalising the National Gorse Action Plan
- Establishing national gorse containment lines
- Advancing the draft National Gorse Communication Strategy
- Member updates for SA, WA, Vic, Tas and NSW gorse programs
- Gorse seed eradication techniques project update (*Defeating the Weed Menace* project)
- National Gorse Best Practice Manual project update (*Defeating the Weed Menace* project)
- Viewing some of the Victorian Gorse Taskforce cooperative gorse management sites



NGT members viewing a “Gorse Groomer”

Jeanette Bellchambers, chair of the Victorian Gorse Taskforce gave a presentation about achievements since it began in 1999. This group has achieved some excellent and enduring local outcomes based on a partnership model that includes a wide variety of stakeholders (landcare groups, landholders, catchment groups, councils and DPI Victoria).



**Leigh Creek Catchment group - cooperative gorse removal and revegetation project**

### **National Gorse Taskforce priorities for 2006 -**

The taskforce is always keen to get on with business and has made some excellent nationally strategic achievements during 2005. This is planned to continue during 2006. The NGT will be –

- developing a national gorse map with eradication areas and containment lines
- producing and launching the National Gorse Best Practice Manual
- developing DWM proposals for national education and awareness products
- developing DWM proposal for strategic gorse management for national biodiversity outcomes (this will inform the setting of national priority sites)
- investigating and producing cost:benefit analysis information for gorse
- consolidating partnerships (national and state ministers, state and local govt, care groups, port authority etc) for gorse eradication in Albany WA
- via the National Gorse Coordinator visiting East and West Gippsland and Wimmera CMAs in Victoria, Lithgow gorse technical advisory group in NSW and stakeholders in the Albany area of WA

## Reducing Spread of Weeds in Tough Times

Nick Steel

Executive Officer

Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association

Wool Council & Cereals and Seeds Committee

An official signing ceremony on 22 December 2005 marked the beginning of a new initiative in managing the weed risks associated with feed grain. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association, the Tasmanian Feedlot, Tasmanian Grain Elevators and the State Government was signed, all in the name of minimising the risk of future weed outbreaks caused by use of feed grain.

Mr Phil Reader, Chairman of the TFGA Weeds Committee, said the aim of the MOU is to maintain a high standard of weed risk management during periods of supply shortage by ensuring an adequate and reliable reserve of grain (TF 1 quality - no declared weed seeds) is available at a competitive price to Tasmanian users. The MOU supports a more detailed Feed Grain Emergency Strategy.

The TFGA will shortly be convening a management group to oversee the planning and implementation aspects of the Feed Grain Emergency Strategy and MOU.



Emergency Feed Grain Reserve. MOU Signatories. L-R. Andrew Thompson (Tasmania Feedlot), Wilton Geale (Tasmanian Grain Elevators), Roger Swain (TFGA President) and Alex Schaap (General Manager, Biosecurity and Product Integrity Division, DPIWE).

## EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

### Progress on National Gorse Best Practice Manual

Jonah Gouldthorpe



Work continues on DPIWE-hosted preparation of the National Gorse Best Practice Manual. Project Officer Jonah Gouldthorpe has compiled 450 gorse references and liaised with over 150 stakeholders in the quest for Best Practice Management information.

An important part of the Manual will be a series of case studies detailing real-world success stories in gorse control. Jonah has travelled in Tasmania and interstate to interview case study proponents about their work, witnessed the clawing, crushing, dozing, burning, grazing, grooming and spraying of gorse, and had a brush with herbicide-packin' WeedGirls in the hills (see photo for nifty holster)! Some often-repeated themes are emerging from stories about successful gorse control:

- Adequate commitment of funds in the long term
- Annual or continuous follow-up of initial control work
- A strong sense of pride from land managers in their property/work
- Patience and recognition that eradication will take decades.

So look out for the completed Manual in October. If you have questions about the National Gorse Best Practice Manual, please get in touch: (03) 6233 3154 / 0429 960 738 / [jonah.gouldthorpe@dpiwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:jonah.gouldthorpe@dpiwe.tas.gov.au).

## **Be Aware - Boneseed is out there!**

### **New Awareness Resources**

**Hillary Cherry, National Boneseed Coordinator**

As we all know, spreading the word about weeds in the general community can be a challenge. To help meet that challenge, the National Boneseed Coordinator has produced a new 'education and awareness' flyer for boneseed that can be used in Tasmania. The flyer has bright colours to catch the readers' attention, explains the threat of boneseed and provides enough information for the reader to go on and do something about the problem.



The flyer should be available by the end of March 2006. Anyone who would like copies is encouraged to contact Hillary Cherry, the national coordinator, who will be more than happy to send as many as you need. A coordinated state-wide mail out of the flyer is also being planned for late winter, once boneseed is in flower. The flyer will also be available to download from [www.weeds.org.au](http://www.weeds.org.au) in near future.

In addition to the flyer, posters and banners are also being developed to help raise awareness of the threat of boneseed. Large banners, similar to the WONS banners (ca. 2m tall) are being developed for each boneseed-affected state. These banners will contain information about the threat of boneseed, as well as state and national maps showing current and predicted boneseed invasion. The banners will be housed in each state (with DPIWE in Tasmania) and will be available for use by anyone wishing to raise awareness of boneseed (eg at schools, weed events, shows, etc). Posters and banners should be available by late April this year.

The National Boneseed & Bitou Bush Coordinator liaises with regional/local/state agencies and communities to coordinate public awareness, promote best-practice management, and ensure a consistent approach to boneseed management across Australia. Please feel free to contact Hillary for more information about these new awareness materials or with any other suggestions or inquiries regarding boneseed on (02) 9585-6587 or [hillary.cherry@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hillary.cherry@environment.nsw.gov.au)

## Lord of the Weeds 2006 Competition

### ....school students making a difference....

Student reports for the *Lord of the Weeds* competition tell stories about the satisfying work of rehabilitating weed-infested areas. The sense of pride and accomplishment in finding solutions to an all too familiar environmental problem shines through in these reports.

*Lord of the Weeds* is a national secondary schools' competition run by the Cooperative Research Centre for Australian Weed Management (Weeds CRC).

Following success of previous years, together with extra financial support from the weed societies in each state, the competition has grown substantially.

**In 2006 a total of \$4700 in prize money will be distributed among schools with the winning reports.**

Prize money will be awarded to national winners and selected schools in each state.

Teacher resources for the Lord of the Weeds competition are available. These include lesson activities, pro-formas to assist report writing, a marking guide and contact details for useful national and state contacts. These resources mean finding a local weedy area should be the most difficult thing to do!

The competition requires students to investigate a weed-infested area and write a report addressing key criteria.

To view previous winning reports, the rules and resources, go to [www.weeds.crc.or.au](http://www.weeds.crc.or.au) and follow the links from 'for schools'

**So Tassie teachers, why not check out this competition and get your class started!**

<b>TWS NEWS</b>
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## Treasurer's Report 16/11/2005 to 14/02/2006

**Sharon Young**

	Cheque No.	Amount	Balance
<b>Commonwealth Cheque Account</b> Balance B/fwd (as at 16 November 2005)			<b>\$19237.60</b>
<b>Credits</b> Interest		\$ 17.05	<b>\$19254.65</b>
<b>Debits</b> "Allabout Catering" Field day Lunch Lst. Tram Shed Catering & Hire Sainty Coaches J. Hamilton Reimbursement Tas Weeds Website Stamps, Envelopes & Rcpt. book (Treasurer) Slick Promotions Satchels  Payment to Term Deposit	000142 000143 000144 000145 000146 000147 000148	\$ 600.00 \$ 3394.50 \$ 575.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 172.45 \$ 56.70 \$ 163.63  <u>\$ 6000.00</u> \$11062.28	          <b>\$ 8192.37</b>
<b>Cheque Account</b> Balance as at 13 February 2006			<b>\$ 8192.37</b>
<b>Term Deposit</b> Matured 26 June 2006 Re-invested for 5mths @ 5.25%	\$ 12677.51		<b>\$ 12677.51</b>
<b>Total of Term Deposit &amp; Cheque Account</b>			<b>\$ 20869.88</b>

## Zeehan Weedo Celebrates Ten-Year Anniversary.

### Andrew Laird

Congratulations from the TWS to David Lane for ten years of dedicated service to weed management and Landcare projects around Zeehan and the greater West Coast. David began his involvement back in February 1996, representing Renison Ltd. on the West Coast Weed Strategy Committee, working on a project for broom removal at Gormanston.

In the ensuing ten years David has played a crucial and diverse role in nurturing and developing weed management committees and projects and actually conducting weed control activities. David wrote the constitution for the “West Coast Weed Management Group”, has assisted with funding applications that secured a total of \$276,000 for the West Coast community, wrote the “Zeehan Land Management Plan”



**Watch out Dave that's your thumb not a gorse bush!**



**Dave nearly ready for action.**

and the “Zeehan Weed Management Plan”, selected sites and assisted with the release of the gorse spider mite and was the main person actually controlling gorse in Zeehan for many years.

At present David is the President of the Zeehan Landcare Group, an active member of the West Coast Weed and Fire Management Group, is managing several environmental remediation projects and still works as the Environmental Officer at the Renison Bell Mine.

Through their consistent efforts, people like David Lane have helped to change perceptions throughout our community regarding the importance and necessity of

coordinated, integrated weed management.

Well-done Dave! Are you ready for the next ten?

# **TWS Members Forum and Lunch**

**incorporating AGM 2006**

**Moorilla Estate, 655 Main Rd, Berriedale, Tasmania**

**24 March 2006  
(12:00 pm to 4:00 pm)**

A very special gathering this year, with lunch at the beautiful Moorilla Estate.

This year we will be conducting a members' forum where you will all have an opportunity to hear about the future of weed management in Tasmania and participate in the setting of the direction for the TWS in coming years.

A short AGM will be held just after lunch and before the forum begins. An indicative program is detailed below.

### **Lunch and Forum Program:**

- 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm: Lunch
- 12:45 pm to 1:30 pm: AGM
- 1:30 pm to 1:45 pm: Break
- 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm: Forum

To assist in the running of the forum please complete the questionnaire overleaf (or visit the website if you want to submit via email) and send to the Secretary prior to the forum.

Also RSVP your attendance to the Secretary please by 2 March 2006 to assist us with catering. Please specify any particular dietary requirements.

Further information: Karen Stewart, [secretary@tasweeds.org](mailto:secretary@tasweeds.org)

## **Pre- TWS Forum Questionnaire**

### **Tasmanian Weeds Society**

### **Where we've been, Where we're going**

**If you intend to come to the forum (see previous page) please take some time to think about these questions.**

**1: Do you agree with the vision and objectives of the TWS (see below)? What modifications would you suggest?**

#### **Vision**

The Tasmanian Weed Society will be an independent recognised leader in weed management issues in Tasmania. It will be recognised as a peak body with its views provided and comments sought in relation to weed management in Tasmania. Its representative role will be further enhanced through established networking and extension functions for Tasmanian weed managers, support functions for members, and encouragement of the management and study of weeds.

#### **Objectives**

- Provide opportunities for those interested in weed management to exchange information and ideas based on research, experience and practice.
- Develop and provide published material as may be considered relevant to the achievement of the objectives.
- Promote a wider interest in weed management.
- Encourage the investigation of all aspects of weed management and the dissemination of findings.
- Establish and maintain a broad ranging membership of people interested and involved in reducing the economic, environmental and social impacts of weeds.
- The Tasmanian Weed Society be recognised as a leader for weed management issues.

- Co-operate and, where appropriate, affiliate with other organisations engaged in related activities in Australia and overseas.

**2. Are there any specific work areas in which the TWS should be involved?**

**TWS & You**

**3. Are you able to play a role on the TWS executive in the coming year?**

**4. What is the primary reason for you maintaining your membership of the TWS?**

**5. Would you prefer electronic or hardcopy communications with TWS?**

**TWS Activities**

**6. Did you attend the TWS conference in Launceston?**

**7. How often should the conference be held?**

**8. Would you rather see more small events or fewer larger events?**

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP**

