



Weed Watch

TAMARISK- Athel pine is a *Weed of National Significance*. It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts. Athel pine affects the pastoral industry by forming dense stands along inland rivers. It consumes water more quickly than native plants, thereby reducing the number and quality of watering holes. It concentrates salt, which is excreted by its leaves. This makes the ground beneath athel pines more salty and excludes native pasture grasses and other salt-sensitive plants.



SPINY RUSH-

Spiny rush invades lowland grassland and grassy woodland, riparian vegetation, freshwater wetland (seasonal), and saline and subsaline wetlands. It occurs initially in waterways and other low-lying areas, particularly in saline areas, but can spread to higher ground and colonise areas of low fertility.



Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group are looking to document the location of these weeds around the catchment. If you have either of these on your property please contact us on 9973 1425.

Perennial Pastures Guide

DAFWA have just released a bulletin (book) on Perennial Pastures for WA. It is the first comprehensive guide to what, how and where for perennials in WA. In 250 pages it

covers all perennial options from herbaceous legumes to temperate and sub-tropical grasses, herbs, fodder shrubs and saltland pastures. Copies are available from the Department of Agriculture and Food

Community Water Grants

The Australian Government's Community Water Grants (CWG) programme offers grants of up to \$50,000 to help local community organisations save, recycle or improve the health of their local water resources. Larger grants of between \$100,000 and \$250,000 are also available for projects and applicants that meet additional eligibility criteria.

Grants are available for projects related to:

- water savings and efficiency
- recycling water for use
- treating water for discharge to the environment.

Community Water Grants are open to most community based organisations that want to take action by implementing practical, on-the-ground projects that help solve local water problems.

Eligible groups include:

- rural organisations
- local government
- schools, universities and childcare facilities
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporations, councils or incorporated associations
- fundraising organisations such as Rotary or Lions
- sporting and recreation clubs
- religious organisations
- health care organisations such as nursing homes
- environmental and conservation groups.

Individuals and firms may be eligible for CWG if their proposed activities have a very high public benefit.

Applications close 4th July. For further information contact Katie Hasleby on 9973 1425.

Coming Up

Pastures for Profit Field Day

Dandaragan 28th June.

Presented by Evergreen Farming contact 9475 0753.

Yarra Yarra General Meeting

Kalannie Office 28th June 10.00am

Contact 9973 1425 or 9666 2140

Water Symposium

To be held at the Morawa Ag College Gymnasium 29th June.

Contact 9971 1158 for further information.

Farm Transfer/ Succession Workshops: 'Your Family, your Farm, your Future'

Presented by the Kondinin Group

Moora 24th July and Gingin 25th July

Go to www.kondinin.com.au/Trainingcourses or call 1800 657 509