

NSW WEEDS TRAINING PROGRAM

TRAINING CALENDAR 2011

Course	Location	Cost *
Legal Stage 1 (Pre-requisite to Legal stage 2 and 3) Stage 1 introduces and provides an interpretation of the Act (how the law is made, introduction to the Act and Regulations, powers of inspectors, elements of offences).	Assignment based, available anytime	\$135
Performance Management and MERI Training (BSBSBM405A, RTD5405A) This 2 day course is designed to understand management of projects and to meet the Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement requirements for outcomes based projects. The workshop will provide participants with the skills and knowledge to develop a MERI plan. This course is suited to project managers who submit and manage WAP or CFOC funded projects.	Tocal. Date TBA	\$380
Recognising Water Weeds (RTC2016A) This course is designed for people interested in acquiring practical skills to recognise aquatic weeds. Focusing on distinguishing features of aquatic plants, impacts on the environment, methods of spread and details survey protocols for early detection. This is a hands-on course using live plant specimens.	Venues and dates TBA	\$280
What does your garden grow – Trainer A trainer-the-trainer course to equip weeds professionals to educate their community how weeds spread; how to manage weeds in their garden and the importance of growing less weedy plants for the benefits of the environment.	22 February, Coffs Harbour 29 March, Blue Mountains	\$210
What pesky plant is that?- Trainer Plant Identification is a key step in the control of weeds and the protection of valuable native flora. This all new hands-on workshop aims to develop skills in plant identification by utilising the Environmental Weeds of Australia DVD. This DVD is another tool in the plant identification kitbag and can assist in accessing information on more than 1000 environmental weeds.	23 February, Coffs Harbour 30 March Blue Mountains	\$210 Plus \$55 DVD
Vegetation Survey and Assessment (RTC5519A) This course is designed for land managers looking to accurately define the scale of a weed problem and determine its impact on the surrounding vegetation.	April, Coffs Harbour October, Wagga Wagga November, Queanbeyan	\$370
Legal Stage 2 (PSPREG401A and PSPREG405B) Stage 2 studies powers and responsibilities of inspectors and offences under the Act (interpreting legislation, understanding inspector's powers, points of proof, elements of offences, gathering and managing evidence, interview techniques). (Legal 1 must be completed prior to Legal 2)	June, Orange	\$780
Legal Stage 3 (PSPREG410B) Stage 3 brings the Officer and their prepared case into a courtroom to be cross examined (preparation for court proceedings, presentation of evidence, outcomes of proceedings).	June, Orange	\$780
Weed Officer Induction The Weeds Officer Induction Program provides recently employed staff with a well rounded appreciation of their roles and responsibilities, as well as familiarising them with the support network available within the weeds industry. To compliment the Induction Training, Legal Training for Weeds Officers – Stage Two is included in this course.	May, Dubbo	\$330 this fee includes Legal Stage 2







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Planning for Pest Management (RTD5401A, RTD5402A RTD5403A) Two day workshop (<i>Also run as an external study option</i>) This course is designed for people interested in developing a plan to manage weeds or vertebrate pests in their region. It outlines the three step process of developing a regional plan for pest management: define the pest problem; develop a regional plan to manage the pest; and outline a monitoring system for	August, Tocal August, Coffs Harbour September, Dubbo September, Wagga	\$380
the plan. This course is suitable for officers involved with either weeds or vertebrate pests.	External study option	\$175
Weed Risk Management (BSBCMN416A) This course covers the WRM system developed by NSW DPI. The NSW WRM system provides a standard, nationally accepted and transparent process to help make decisions about the introduction, declaration and prioritisation of weed species.	August, Orange August, Grafton September, Dubbo	\$220
Weed Movement, Machinery Inspection and Cleaning (RTD2312A, RTD2313A) One day workshop Designed for people working with plant and machinery and provides an understanding of the threat of weeds, identification of weeds, and ways to reduce the risk of spreading weeds. Participants will be required to formally inspect machinery for material that may contribute to the spread of weeds, pests or disease. The course also covers options for the best location and equipment needed for cleaning machinery and plant.	Dates TBA Grafton Moree Tamworth Dubbo	\$365 OR Trainer the trainer course \$230
Recognising Grasses (RTC2016A) One day workshop Designed to help people recognise common weedy, native and desirable introduced grasses within an area and understand what they may indicate about the environment and management of a site. Participants will develop the skills and knowledge to recognise 16-20 grasses using only a few features and collect useful samples for identification.	February, Berry 1 March Armidale 5 April, Mudgee 20 April Grafton October, Moree December, Cooma	\$225
Identifying Grasses (RTC5011A) One day workshop Designed to extend participants' knowledge and skills beyond the basic recognition and collection techniques developed in the Recognising Grasses workshop. It is suitable for officers who wish to identify grasses anywhere in NSW using botanical keys and/or be able to develop a professional quality reference herbarium. Recognising Grasses is a pre-requisite for this course.	February, Berry 2 March Armidale 6 April, Mudgee 21 April Grafton October, Moree December, Cooma	\$295 fee includes Grasses of NSW & hand lens
 Photography for field officers NEW course for 2011 One day workshop Designed for people required to take digital photographs in the undertaking of their work duties. The course will help people understand the functionality of their digital cameras leading to better quality photographs and the type of photos required for plant identification, vegetation assessment and compliance matters 	April- August Venues TBA	\$280







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SMARTtrain AQFIII Chemical Application (RTC3704A, RTC3705A, RTC2701A) A two-day course for those who use pesticides with powered and hand-held application equipment. The course meets the minimum requirements for training commercial users of pesticides as specified in the NSW Pesticides Act 1999 as well as training for those using and exposed to hazardous substances under the NSW OHS Regulation 2001. The training covers the safe transport, handling and disposal of chemicals, decontaminating equipment and disposing of chemical containers. Participants will learn how to use different types of chemical application equipment safely and efficiently.	1 Feb Yanco, 22 Feb Paterson, 25 Feb Richmond, 8 Mar Camden, 8 Mar Wollongbar, 28 May Camden, 31 May Wagga, 7 Jun Tamworth, 21 Jun Camden,	\$365
SMARTtrain AQFIII Chemical Application – reaccreditation Required every five years for holders of SMARTtrain III A one-day course for people who have previously been accredited in an AQFIII chemical application course such as SMARTtrain or a similar course, includes SMARTtrain® card issue	2 Feb Yanco, 8 Mar Wollongbar, 9 Mar Camden, 15 Mar Paterson, 29 May Camden, 1 Jun Wagga Wagga, 22 Jun Camden,	\$285
SMARTtrain AQFIV Chemical Risk Management Accreditation / Reaccreditation (RTC4701A, RTC4702A, RTC4703A) This one-and-a-half-day course trains and reaccredits those who supervise employees using substances classified as hazardous. The course is also suitable for all those who make decisions about the application of chemicals. The course focuses on managing risks associated with transporting, storing, mixing, loading, applying and disposing of chemicals. Includes SMARTtrain® card issue. SMARTtrain® AQFIII is a prerequisite for SMARTtrain® AQFIV	3 Feb Yanco, 10 Mar Wollongbar, 22 Mar Paterson, 29 Mar Camden, 2 Jun Wagga, 9 Jun Tamworth, 28 Jun Camden	\$330 Reacc. \$300
 SMARTtrain AQFV (RTC5701A, RTC5702A) This three day course is for weeds managers to develop and manage a chemical use strategy. It covers a range of management strategies and is delivered by technical experts in the weeds management field. Pre-requisite for this course is prior completion of SMARTtrain AQF4 Chemical Risk Management (or equivalent). SMARTtrain is prepared to conduct an AQF4 course on the day preceding the first day of the AQF5 course. Some pre-course reading and preparation would be required. The cost of this course would be \$195 (this is an additional cost). 	Dates and venues TBA	\$350 Reacc. \$320
Off-road Four Wheel Drive (4X4) training (MNMEGS312A) A two-day course for basic and intermediate users of 4X4 vehicles. It covers: operation in off-road and adverse conditions, including water crossings; pre-start checks; operating vehicles on or across a slope; ascending and descending a steep slope, including stall recovery; operating a jack; operating the vehicle in rugged terrain; and recovery using snatch block, snatch strap and winch.	 16 Feb Armidale, 16 Feb Yanco, 23 Feb Bingara, 10 Mar Camden, 23 Mar Armidale, 13 Apr Condobolin, 28 Apr Grafton 10 & 12 May Walgett, 18 May Paterson, 15 Jun Bingara, 29 Jun Grafton 	\$475
All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) Handling (RTE2308A) A one-and-a-half-day practical introduction to safe and efficient riding skills under varying conditions for four-wheel all terrain vehicles. Covers both novice and advanced technical skills and riding strategies. Instruction on how to conduct basic maintenance checks included.	15 & 16 Mar Tamworth, 23 Mar Yanco, 10 & 11 May Wollongbar, 25 May Trangie, 29 Jun Yanco,	\$440







Other Weeds Courses held on demand		Cost #
Biological Control of Weeds (RTD3706A, RTD3707A) One day workshop including a field trip This course is designed for people interested in biological control of weeds. It covers the history of biological control in Australia and methods used. It concentrates on the practice behind site assessment, maintaining and releasing biological control agents and establishing a nursery site for biocontrol agents with a view to harvesting the agent.	Salvinia Bio Dates and venues TBA Bitou Bush Bio Dates and venues TBA	\$220
Blackberry Identification This one-day course is aimed at providing participants with the skill to use the CD-ROM for identifying blackberry. The importance of monitoring for effectiveness of rust and chemicals will be discussed. Subsidies may apply	Training held on demand. Courses run between November and January	\$320
Native Plant and Weed Look-alikes (RTC2016A) A one-day course on how to recognise and distinguish between common native plants and environmental weeds of coastal NSW. Includes copies of books <i>Native Plant or Weed?</i>	Training held on demand	\$220

* Cost is based on minimum course numbers. Course may be cancelled if insufficient numbers of enrolments occur.

Cost will vary on number of participants and the location training is held.

If you have specific training needs for your organisation, we can tailor training to meet your requirements.

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