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## Victorian Weeds Conference 2019

Mercure - Port of Echuca, 465 High Street, Echuca, Victoria

### Day 1 – Tuesday 7 May 2019

<b>8:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>9:00 - 9:20</b>	<b>Opening of the conference and Welcome to Country</b>	
Session	<b>Keynote speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Brodie – “Early detection, identification and introduction pathways of new and emerging weed threats in South East Australia. What can the States learn from each other” Weed Botanist at the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium, Department for Environment and Water, South Australia</li> <li>Troy Bowman – “Best Practice Buffel Grass (<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>) Management” Department of Primary Industries and Regions, South Australia</li> </ul>	
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	
<b>11:00 – 12:20</b>	<b>Murray Room</b>	<b>River Room</b>
Session	<b>Biological control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biological control of weeds in Victoria: an overview of current R&amp;D programs – Rae Kwong, Department of Jobs, Precincts &amp; Regions</li> <li>Environmental impacts of invasion and biological control of wandering trad (<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>) in forests of Victoria – Ben Gooden, CSIRO Health and Biosecurity</li> <li>Unexplored risks in biocontrol – Jackie Steel, Department of Jobs, Precincts &amp; Regions</li> <li>Prospects for biological control of silverleaf nightshade in Australia – Greg Lefoe, Department of Jobs, Precincts &amp; Regions</li> </ul>	<b>Species in the spotlight</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battling Bridal Creeper in Echuca: a local perspective – Presenter TBC</li> <li>The Victorian Gorse Taskforce – Strengthening community capacity and raising awareness of Gorse (<i>Ulex europaeus</i>) across Victoria. - Brydie Murrhiy, Peter Everist – Victorian Gorse Taskforce</li> <li>Targeting information for improving the control of blackberry – Lyn Coulston – Victorian Blackberry Taskforce</li> <li>The invasion of Mt. Buckrabanyule: Integrated Collaborative Planning Controls of Wheel Cactus (<i>Opuntia robusta</i>) - Danny Pettingill - Loddon Plains Landcare Network</li> </ul>
<b>12.20 – 1.30</b>	<b>Lunch - Annual General Meeting</b>	
<b>1.30 – 3:50</b>	<b>Murray Room</b>	<b>River Room</b>
Session	<b>Community action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karamu: a community campaign – Main Creek Catchment Landcare Group</li> <li>Biological control as a weapon in the Wheel Cactus war – Lee Mead, Tarrangower Cactus Control Group</li> <li>Strengthening community capacity to define the geographic scale of Gorse (<i>Ulex europaeus</i>) in Victoria through Citizen Science – Victorian Gorse Taskforce</li> </ul>	<b>Biosecurity and public land</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Evaluation of the Illegal Online Trade of Noxious Weeds Program: Lessons and Recommendations - Zachariah Munakamwe – Agriculture Victoria</li> <li>Public land and weeds – Calum Walker – Department of Environment, Land, Water &amp; Planning</li> <li>Working to achieve and maintain low weed cover in the Central Highlands – Sally Lambourne, Department of Environment, Land, Water &amp; Planning</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group: Beating the Blackberry Blues - Jim DeHennin, Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conserving Biodiversity: Weed Control in the Upper Murray – Anthony Thomas, Parks Victoria</li> </ul>
Demonstrations (1hour)	<b>Demonstration 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to take better weed photographs with a mobile phone – Kate Blood and Bianca Gold, Department of Environment, Land, Water &amp; Planning</li> <li>How to use social media to promote awareness about invasive species – Kate Blood and Bianca Gold, Department of Environment, Land, Water &amp; Planning</li> <li>Supporting weed biological control with the Atlas of Living Australia – Greg Lefoe, Department of Jobs, Precincts &amp; Regions</li> </ul>	<b>Demonstration 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration of a portable DNA diagnostics for onsite identification of Chilean needle grass and serrated tussock - Hanwen Wu, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries</li> </ul>
<b>3:50 – 4.10</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
<b>4:10 – 4.50</b>	<b>Murray Room/River Room</b>	
Session	<b>Herbicide</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encapsulated dry herbicides: An environmentally sustainable way to control trees – Ken Goulter, Bioherbicides Australia, The University of Queensland</li> <li>Indaziflam, a new herbicide for industrial vegetation management - Jyri Kaapro, Bayer CropScience</li> </ul>	
<b>4.50- 5.00</b>	<b>WSV pro and Closing remarks</b>	
<b>7:00 till late</b>	<b>Conference dinner</b>	

#### Posters on display for the day - 7 May 2019:

- Biological control of Tutsan (*Hypericum androsaemum*) in the Central Highlands – Brad Matthews, DELWP
- Tools to help with the management of early invader weeds – Kate Blood and Bianca Gold, DELWP
- Risks and decisions: is *Leptinotarsa texana* suitable for biological control of silverleaf nightshade in Australia? - Greg Lefoe, DJPR, Cindy Hauser, University of Melbourne, Libby Rumpff, DELWP
- A tool to support learning about the success of biological control agent introduction – Greg Lefoe, DJPR, Cindy Hauser, University of Melbourne, Libby Rumpff, DELWP, John Ireson, Tasweed Biocontrol
- Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group: Beating the Blackberry Blues - Mitta to Murray Blackberry Action Group

## Day 2 – Wednesday 8 May 2019

### Field trip

9:00	Depart Echuca from Mercure Port of Echuca (travel on bus)
Lunchtime	Arrive at Wetlander
	Lunch serviced on Wetlander Presentation from Amy Russell, North Central Catchment Management Authority and Adrian Martins, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning about Gunbower Creek –weeding out the weeds
2:30	Depart Wetlander
3:30	Arrive back at Echuca from Mercure Port of Echuca