

# Weed Management Plan

*A step-by-step guide to managing weeds on your property.*



## How to Use this Plan

Effective weed management is a long-term commitment, but having a plan makes it much more manageable. This template guides you through five simple steps to plan, implement and monitor weed management on your property. Work through each step in order, revisit it each year to track your progress and adapt it however suits you.

- Step One: Property Details and Overall Goal
- Step Two: Weed Identification and Prioritisation
- Step Three: Map and Photograph Control Zones
- Step Four: Plan Your Actions
- Step Five: Follow Up, Monitor and Review

## Helpful Resources

Resource	Where to Find It
Weeds Australia	<a href="http://www.weeds.org.au">www.weeds.org.au</a>
VicFlora – Flora of Victoria	<a href="http://www.vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au">www.vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au</a>
South Gippsland Landcare Network	<a href="http://www.sgln.net.au">www.sgln.net.au</a>
Bass Coast Landcare Network	<a href="http://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au">www.basscoastlandcare.org.au</a>
Agriculture Victoria	<a href="http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au">www.agriculture.vic.gov.au</a>
South Gippsland Shire Council	<a href="http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au">www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au</a>
NSW WeedWise	<a href="http://www.weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au">www.weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au</a>
iNaturalist	<a href="http://www.inaturalist.org">www.inaturalist.org</a>

### Property Details

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Land Impacted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Plan: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### Property Description

*Include in this section any environmental features, waterways, significant flora and fauna, and land use (agricultural, lifestyle, roadside, reserve).*

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### Overall Goal

*Examples: Reduce weed pressure across pastures and access to tracks to improve productivity and reduce ongoing costs. Protect stock and pasture by managing declared and poisonous weeds. Protect and enhance native vegetation by progressively reducing weed cover across the entire property, alongside revegetation efforts to increase biodiversity and reduce available space for weeds to establish.*

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# Step Two: Weed Identification

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Walk your property and list the weed species you find.

Don't know what it is? Contact South Gippsland Shire Council or use VicFlora or Weeds Australia (in 'Helpful Resources').

Number	Weed Name (Common)	Weed Name (Scientific)	Priority (High, Medium, Low)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

Mark weed locations on a map of your property and label each target area as a separate zone (Zone A, B etc.)

You can hand-draw a 'mud map', annotate an aerial photo from Google Maps/Earth, or another tool of your choice.

Set up a consistent photo point in each zone – same spot and direction each visit. Make sure you record the date the photos were taken.

**Attach your map and photos to this document or save it in the same folder.**

### Eradicate

Small or isolated infestations where total removal is realistic.

### Contain

Larger infestations where the goal is to stop the spread and push back boundaries.

### Asset Protection

Protect high-value areas like waterways, remnant vegetation and paddocks from invasion.

Start weed control in areas least affected by weeds and work outward. This approach builds confidence and momentum, minimises soil disturbance and over-clearing, and gives native vegetation the best opportunity to regenerate and occupy the space left by removed weeds.

Things to think about before you begin:

- **Seasonal timing** – When is the weed most vulnerable and when will it produce seed? Timing your control around these windows will improve effectiveness.
- **Site risks** – Consider the impacts of weed removal e.g. risk of erosion, potential for other weeds to move in, impact to native flora and fauna.
- **Proximity** – Be aware of nearby waterways and neighbouring properties as these may affect your choice of timing and control methods.
- **Who will undertake the work** – Decide whether you will engage a contractor or do the work yourself.

Zone	Weed	Control Method	Season / Month	Resources Needed (Herbicide, Knapsack, Contractor)

Regular monitoring tells you what's working and what needs adjustment.

After each treatment:

- Update your photo points – photograph the same spot from the same direction.
- Record what you did, what worked and what didn't.
- Update your zone maps to reflect changes in infestation size.
- Note any follow-up treatments needed.

Review this plan each year and repeat the process. Weed control is a long-term commitment.

## Treatment Log

Date	Zone	Weed	Method Used	Effective? Y / N	Next Step



