



WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL

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PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

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1. INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 2009 (the Regulation).

The aim of this plan is to meet the community's general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by Weddin Shire Council. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides, if they wish. Council ensures that pesticides are applied to public places in a safe, responsible manner, minimising harm to the community and the environment.

The plan sets out how Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications made by Council to public places. The plan describes:

- What public places are covered by the plan
- Who regularly uses these public places and an estimate of the level of use
- How and when Council will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places (i.e. what notification arrangements will be used)
- How the community can access this plan and get more information about Council's notification arrangements
- How future reviews of the plan will be conducted
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with Council.

The majority of pesticide use consists of applying herbicides for weed control and Applying some insecticides to manage certain insect pests. Programmed applications are completed twice per year for sports fields. Non-programmed applications are completed for insect control as required. Non-programmed low impact pesticide namely is used widely as required.

2. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Weddin Shire Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in the Weddin Local Government Area.

- Public parks & gardens
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Sporting fields
- Public land owned or controlled by the Weddin Shire Council, including
- Roadsides and Reserves
- Laneways and pathways
- Council easements accessible to the public
- Stormwater Channels and Creeks
- Swimming pool
- Crown Land
- Cemeteries

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Weddin Shire Council's estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places is summarised in the following table.

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Public parks and gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young families • Elderly people • General recreational users (e.g. joggers, dog-walkers, picnickers). 	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale insecticides • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar)
Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Young families 	Medium to High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadscale selective herbicides • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar)
Picnic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families • Social groups (eg. ethnic, religious, clubs) 	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadscale selective herbicides • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar)
Sporting fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting clubs and associations • School sports groups • General recreational users (e.g. joggers, dog-walkers) 	Medium (off Season) to Very High (in season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadscale selective Herbicides • Non – selective herbicides (only Roundup or similar)
Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Road reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents or visitors walking or driving on the road 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar)

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Council easements accessible to the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents and people who work in the area 	Very Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar)
Laneways and pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents People who work in the area Visitors to the area 	Very Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar)
Stormwater channels and creeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents living adjacent to a drain; Local residents or visitors who walk or drive past a drain. 	Very Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar)
Swimming pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families Schools 	Low (winter) to High (summer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadscale selective herbicides Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar)

3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places. These notification arrangements are based on Council's assessment of:

- the level of usage of public places where pesticides may be used
- the extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides (e.g. young children, sick, pregnant and elderly people) and are likely to use these areas regularly
- the extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with pesticides (such as picnic areas where food is consumed; sporting or other recreational activities that result in contact with the ground)
- type of pesticide used.

Notice of pesticide use will be provided by a combination of:

- signs
- information on Council's website (which will describe programmed applications)
- notice in local newspaper

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Council widely uses small quantities of some pesticides that are available in retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes (namely Roundup or similar). Council does not intend to provide notice for such pesticide applications other than by way of description in this plan (or general information on Council's website).

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Public parks and gardens	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale insecticides • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs placed 48 hours prior and left to 48 hours after application • Nil for Roundup or similar
Playgrounds	Medium to High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs placed 48 hours prior and left to 48 hours after application • Nil for Roundup or similar
Public places owned or controlled by Council	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use	Notification Arrangement
Sporting fields	Medium (off Season) to Very High (in season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadscale selective herbicides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs placed 48 hours prior and left to 48 hours after application • Nil for Roundup or similar
Road reserves	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil for Roundup or similar
Picnic areas	Medium to High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs placed 48 hours prior and left to 48 hours after application • Nil for Roundup or similar
Council easements accessible to the public	Very Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil for Roundup or similar

Stormwater channels and creeks	Very Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil for Roundup or similar
Laneways and pathways	Very Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-selective herbicides (Only Roundup or similar) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil for Roundup or similar

3.2 Special measures for sensitive places

Clause 18 of the Regulation defines a sensitive place to be any:

- school or pre-school
- kindergarten
- childcare centre
- hospital
- community health centre
- nursing home
- place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in outdoor public places adjacent to sensitive places for each category of public place have already been noted.

For non-emergency reactive pesticide use in outdoor public places next to sensitive places, Council will provide concurrent notice shortly before use to the occupier by phone, door-knock or letterbox drop, depending upon what is practicable.

If a pesticide must be used to deal with an emergency in an outdoor public place that is adjacent to a sensitive place, Council will organise a door-knock at that sensitive place, preferably at least 30 minutes before, to make them aware that a pesticide is about to be used to deal with a dangerous pest infestation.

3.3 Emergency pesticide applications

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), Council will, where possible, provide notice by posting signs nearby at the time of the application.

3.4 Non Programmed Spot Spraying Applications

Notice signs will not be required for small spot spray/wick applications that are less than 30m² per site. Product label and MSDS instructions are to be adhered to.

3.5 Pesticide contractors and lessees of public places

Where Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, Council will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan. Where persons or organisations hold an existing lease on Council land that remains a public place and if they use pesticides in this area, Council will still require notification in accordance with the requirements of this plan.

3.6 Prevailing Weather Conditions

Wind conditions should be checked prior to pesticide application. The applicator is to document the conditions along with other hazard assessment checklists. Pesticides will not be applied in weather conditions described in the manufacturers specifications as unsuitable for application. This may be windy and/or wet conditions.

4. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with Clause 20 (h) of the Regulation, notice of pesticide use will include the following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used, and
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated, and
- the proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use, and
- the places where the pesticide is to be used, and
- contact telephone number and email address of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice, and
- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the APVMA permit.

APVMA – The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, the national government body responsible for assessing and registering (or otherwise approving) all pesticide products in Australia and their regulation up to and including the point of retail sale.

Signs will be of a standardised design that will be easily recognisable to the public and workers.

5. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

Weddin Shire Council will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at Weddin Shire Council Chambers
- placing a copy of the plan on its website.
- placing a notice in the local newspaper the Grenfell Record (Council News)
- placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette.

6. CONTACT DETAILS

Enquiries regarding this plan should be directed to:

- Jim Montgomery Overseer Ph - (02) 6343 1506 or 0428 672 560
- Bill Twohill Director Engineering Ph – (02) 6343 1212 or 0429 848 582

7. REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

- This plan shall be reviewed by September 2017 and thereafter at four (4) yearly intervals, to ensure it meets all statutory requirements and the needs of Council.

8. ADOPTION

- This plan commences as from the date of adoption by Council, being 21 June 2013 and replaces any previous policy.

9. HISTORY

Version	Details
1	Adopted 13 December 2007
16.3.1	Adopted 21 June 2013

WHERE CHEMICALS WILL BE USED

PARKS

Goodsell Park - Grenfell
Taylor Park – Grenfell
Rotary Park – Grenfell
Vaughn Park – Grenfell
Proctor Park – Grenfell
Edward Square – Greenethorpe
Blamey Park – Quandialla
Caragabal Park – Caragabal

SPORTING FIELDS

Cricket Ground – Caragabal
Henry Lawson Oval 1, 2 & 3 – Grenfell

CEMETERIES

Grenfell Cemetery - Grenfell
Grenfell Lawn Cemetery - Grenfell
Bimbi Cemetery – Bimbi

ROADSIDES AND RESERVES

Weddin Shire Map attached

CHEMICALS USED

- Roundup Biactive
- Ripper
- Grazon
- Kamba M
- Ally
- Hammer
- Goal
- Associate

The above named chemicals are the ones frequently used, also use Glysohates & Grazons that are known by many different names.

