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## SGLN Weed Fact Sheet

# Pest Plant and Animal Control Program

### FAST FACT:

Weeds and Pest Animals cost South Gippsland over \$50 million a year! This is just the cost of lost production and control, as the cost of the damage to native biodiversity is impossible to calculate.

### what is the pest plant and animal program?

The regional pest plant and animal program aims to encourage all landholders in the region to develop & implement appropriate & coordinated Pest Plant & Animal (PPA) control plans. Greater community awareness of the importance of PPA control and the appropriate management techniques available are other key components of the PPA program. The long-term aim of the project is that PPA control will become an integral component of revegetation works and sustainable farm management. The South Gippsland Landcare Network has Project Officers who can advise landholders of their responsibilities and provide advice and assistance. They also co-ordinate the hire of equipment available through the South Gippsland Landcare Network for pest plant and animal control.

### how can the program help me?

A Landcare Project Officer can visit your property and help you develop an integrated control program for pest plants and animals. Plant and animal identification, seasonal control strategies and training in equipment use are some of the services that can be provided to landholders.

### what equipment is available for hire?

The South Gippsland Landcare Network has

- \* Spray trailers suitable for both farm and roadside weeds which include a 900 litre spray tank with 2 x 100m length hoses.
- \* A 200 litre spray trailer that can be used behind a car, tractor or 4 wheeled bike.
- \* A portable smoke unit for locating rabbit burrows
- \* A Pindone bait laying trailer for rabbit control
- \* Several sizes of woody weed pullers
- \* 15 litre spray back packs for weed control
- \* Herbicide can be available for some applications. Please enquire.

### where can I get further help?

South Gippsland Landcare Network can arrange a site visit by one of our Project Officers to discuss weeds and control.

Ph 03 5662 5759 or 0428 317 928.

SGLN weeds website is at [www.southgippslandweeds.com.au](http://www.southgippslandweeds.com.au). This website has plenty of great information on weed identification and control. You can also contact a Landcare Project Officer through the web page.

### South Gippsland Landcare Network

The South Gippsland Landcare Network is made up of 19 Landcare groups. Landcare encourages land stewardship and aims to improve the long term productivity and sustainability of our land.

If you would like to become involved in Landcare in South Gippsland you can contact us on 5662 5759 or email us on [sgln@landcare.net](mailto:sgln@landcare.net)

The South Gippsland Community Weeds Taskforce meets to discuss weed control policy and strategies.

Contact the Taskforce through the SGLN.

