

MANAGEMENT PLAN

For

Galenia

(*Galenia pubescens*)

BACKGROUND

Description: Galenia is a perennial, prostrate, woody weed which can spread to cover 1 to 2 metres of ground. The leaves are oval in shape; they alternate around the stem and are slightly fleshy. The flowers appear during summer months, and are white with a pinkish tinge. Galenia is generally found in areas where over-grazing has occurred, dispersal can also be achieved through livestock ingesting the seed.

Declaration: Galenia is classified as a Class 4 noxious weed in the Tamworth Regional Council area.

Under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* as amended:

- The control objective of Class 4 noxious weeds is that they must be managed in such a manner as to 'minimise the negative impact of the weed on the economy, community or the environment of New South Wales'.
- The growth and spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in a Management Plan published by Tamworth Regional Council.
- The plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed.

CONTROL MEASURES

Tamworth Regional Council will control Galenia, on lands for which it has the responsibility to control weeds under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*, using herbicides registered for this purpose.

Owners/Occupiers of land are required to actively control Galenia. This means to prevent Galenia from spreading and to reduce the numbers of infestations and their density. All or any of the following control methods must be used to achieve Galenia control.

CONTROL METHODS

Chemical: Galenia is to be treated with a registered herbicide developed for this purpose. The product is to be used according to the product label.

Mechanical: Galenia is to be hoed, grubbed, ploughed or slashed in a manner that prevents the formation and distribution of seeds.