

MANAGEMENT PLAN

For

Harrisia Cactus

(*Harrisia species*)

BACKGROUND

Description: *Harrisia Cactus* is a perennial 'rope like' cactus, which forms tangles mats up to 0.5 m tall. Fleshy, branching stems are jointed and take root where they touch the ground. The fruit is red and covered with spines. The flowers appear at night and are white, tinged with pink. The *Harrisia species* is a Statewide declared noxious weed.

Declaration: The *Harrisia species* are 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 the *Harrisia species* on lands for which it has the responsibility to control weeds under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*.

Owners/Occupiers of land are required to actively control the *Harrisia species*. This means to prevent the *Harrisia species* 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 *Harrisia species* control.

CONTROL METHODS

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

Mechanical: The *Harrisia species* is to be physically removed or buried.

Biological: A suitable control agent is to be placed on or in close proximity to healthy *Harrisia* plants and encouraged to establish.