

# Point Boston Native Vegetation Management Plan 2014/15



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*The following programme and schedule are based on BY-LAWS Land Management Plan 1.2.3. Work completed each month and year may vary depending on certain seasonal variations and the availability of materials and labour. The aim will be to control each of these species from all of the HAA.*

### **Pest Control**

#### **Annual Pest Control Programme:**

Pest	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Foxes	■	■					■	■	■			■
Rabbits	■	■										■
Cats							■	■	■	■		
European Bees			■							■		
Other												

Poison 1080 baits
  Trapping


Problem animals of relevance to Point Boston have been identified with an increase in rabbit population. A works programme has been introduced, this programme will be undertaken co-operatively with Point Boston grounds keeper and an NRM officer during the summer months of 2014. All poison baits will be managed under the advice of the NRM officer.



## Weed Control

### Annual Weed Control Programme:

Weeds	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Bridal Creeper</b>												
<b>African Boxthorn</b>												
<b>Aleppo Pine</b>												
<b>Olive Tree</b>												
<b>Introduced Grasses</b>												
<b>Other Species</b>												

 Herbicide 'spot control'

Winter active weeds will be controlled between June to September and summer active weeds will be controlled between January to March. All herbicides will be closely liaised by the NRM officer to provide advice.



## Monthly works calendar

This is an indicative works calendar for the VMP. As many of the tasks are weather and season dependent (especially rainfall and the fire danger season), the calendar is not exact and some works will need to be managed to fit with prevailing conditions.

### Maintenance Programme:

Action	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Signage repairs							■	■			
Fence repairs							■	■			
Trail repairs				■	■	■					
NRM Officer report						■					
Removal of hard rubbish						■					
Monitor Flora/Fauna + Revegetation Areas										■	
Monitor of Fire breaks/CFS?							■	■	■		
Data Management And Mapping								■	■		
Other											



## General Maintenance Programme

Planning, monitoring and reporting on the management activities will be done (but not limited to) on the following actions.

Year & Month	Management actions to be completed	Notes and Cost
<p><b>August</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Start control of winter weeds. Bridal creeper, Lincoln weed, grasses etc.</li> <li>▪ Establish control grid map of site for weeds and pest animals management. Work to target highest priority areas, e.g. roadsides and fence lines, high use areas, coastal heathland, old growth mallee, areas adjacent to development precinct etc</li> <li>▪ Signage ordering if needed (to indicate status &amp;/or explain actions) e.g. Conservation Area Keep Out Revegetation Area No Access</li> <li>▪ Fencing to be repaired i.e. location and materials quantities</li> <li>▪ Physical and chemical control perennial and woody weeds infestations e.g. African boxthorn, Olive, Aloe, Prickly pear, Spiny rush (minor infestations), Horehound</li> <li>▪ Assess annual fire management &amp; plan requirements with CFS. Prepare breaks and other annual works</li> </ul>	
<p><b>September</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Check for cats and foxes. Assess numbers. Decide on control strategy with NRM rep. (Kerryn McEwan)</li> <li>▪ Winter weeds control to be completed</li> <li>▪ Map of all control areas to be prepared</li> <li>▪ Assess effectiveness of treatment and regrowth of winter weeds (prior to revegetation works)</li> <li>▪ Signage re-installed if needed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>October</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Map rabbit warrens &amp; fox dens (tag in field). Co-ordinate locations with others working/living on site</li> <li>▪ Feral bees control if needed</li> </ul>	

November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flora and Fauna survey</li> <li>▪ Monitor revegetation areas. Assess recruitment, accelerated erosion, grazing impacts etc. Photos and report for each area</li> </ul>	
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fencing/signage monitoring</li> </ul>	
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fox and cat control; cage traps, and/or baits</li> <li>▪ Control summer weeds (rain dependent)</li> <li>▪ Check Boxthorn suckers (rain dependent). Chemical control if active</li> </ul>	
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bait rabbits with NRM rep</li> <li>▪ Check rabbit warrens. Close-off active sites</li> <li>▪ Control summer weeds (rain dependent)</li> </ul>	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feral bees control</li> <li>▪ Fauna survey</li> </ul>	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Earthworks (front end loader) to clear any overgrown road access points. CFS involvement?</li> </ul>	
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Annual Report compilation, including all mapping</li> </ul>	
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hard rubbish removal &amp; recycling</li> <li>▪ Check regrowth of Aleppo pine seedlings. Removal or chemical control of seedlings and general weeds</li> <li>▪ Monitor weeds bio-control agents release sites</li> <li>▪ Submit Annual Report</li> <li>▪ Inspection by NVC &amp; NRM Board</li> </ul>	
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hard rubbish removal</li> <li>▪ Slash/remove vegetation (?burn) from water treatment ponds</li> <li>▪ Winter weeds control</li> </ul>	



Site Plan (attach grid site plan here)





