

WHAT IS A WEED

FACT SHEET

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A weed is a plant growing out of place. For a plant growing in your garden may not be a weed but when the same plant is in bushland it may be a weed.

Invasive weeds (weeds) are among the most serious threats to Australia's natural environment and primary production industries. Weeds have major economic, environmental and social impacts in Australia, causing damage to natural landscapes, agricultural lands, waterways and coastal areas. They cost Australia more than \$6 Million annually. There are both noxious and environmental weeds.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious weeds are plant species that have been designated by state or national agricultural authorities as plants that are injurious to agricultural and/or horticultural crops and/or humans and livestock. Council's have separate lists of noxious weeds. Noxious weeds within Penrith City Council are controlled by Hawkesbury River County Council. A full list can be found at <http://www.hrcc.nsw.gov.au/>



Green Cestrum

ENVIRONMENTAL WEEDS, EXOTIC PLANTS, INVASIVE PLANTS AND GARDEN ESCAPES

All other weeds in bushland on council land are controlled by Penrith City Council staff.

Council staff are available to help with weed identification and advice on how to control them.



Balloon vine

IN YOUR GARDEN

This is where we need your help.

Bag and bin garden seeds and fruits, garden waste and grass clippings to prevent plant spread.

Compost or use your green bin. Information can be gained from council's website and from the Waste Education Officer.

Dumping is an illegal offence which can attract on-the-spot fines.

Join a Bushcare group and learn how to identify weeds and restore our local Bushland.

For more information on this topic phone the Bushland Management Officer on 4732 7777

