

## Weed Action Plan

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**T**HE most effective control of weeds will be achieved if adjacent landholders work together to carry out a coordinated, strategic, weed action plan. This is really the only way to treat highly invasive weeds such as Blackberry and Bridal Creeper. The source of infestation may, for example, be on public land, such as a roadside and so all landowners, including the Shire, need to be involved.

An example of a basic Weed Action Plan that can be adapted for your needs is given below. (Remember to take into account all your local conditions.)

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Time of year	Action
April - May	Weed monitoring walk/drive. Take a roll of coloured surveyor's tape, or a couple of rolls, one for each target weed species. Mark outbreaks with tape and mark these areas onto your farm plan. An A4 aerial photograph with a plastic overlay is easy to use in the field.
June - July	Cut down and treat woody weed species such as Victorian Tea-tree, Taylorina, weedy wattles and Tagasaste. They can be heaped and burnt to create ashbeds for natural regeneration or direct seeding. Control winter-growing grass weeds.
Aug - Sep	Bridal Creeper and Watsonia control. Monitor the effectiveness of the treatment 4-6 weeks after spraying. Continue to control winter-growing grass weeds.
Dec - Jan	Blackberry control. Control summer-growing grass weeds.
April - May	Weed monitoring walk/drive and planning for coming season's weed action plan.