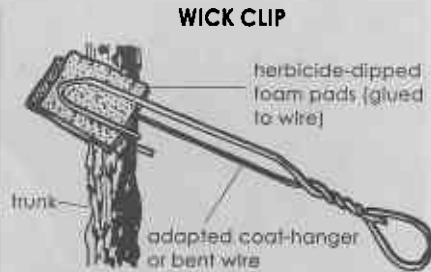


A simple technique for killing woody weeds

The Feral Teatree Eradication Group of Bremer Bay has come up with a very simple piece of equipment to apply herbicide to standing shrubs. Invented by Mr T. Bierne of Cosy Corner, it consists of a herbicide-dipped foam pad glued to an adapted coat hanger and then clipped onto stems.

The group soaked the pads in 1 litre of Triclopyr ("Garlon") in diesel, then clipped them onto the stem base as close to the ground as



possible. It works for stems from 20 mm to 100 mm and above (below that size hand pulling is better). Leave in place for 5-7 days, when

first effects show, then recycle onto a new plant.

Although this was used with Victorian teatree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*) in coastal scrub, it would probably be equally effective on other shrubby weeds such as eastern states acacias and tagasaste.

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