

COOTAMUNDRA – GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL



PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Pesticide Notification Plan

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 2009.

The aim of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Pesticide Notification Plan is to meet the communities general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public areas that are owned and controlled by the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid exposure to pesticides. The applications of pesticides are applied in a safe responsible manner that minimizes the harm to the community or the environment.

The plan outlines how the council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications made.

The plan describes;

- the public places that are covered by the plan
- the user groups that use the public spaces and an estimate of the level of use
- how the council will notify the community about pesticide applications
- how the community can access the plan and obtain information about councils notification arrangements
- how future reviews of the plan will be conducted
- contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with council

This pesticide notification plan of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's is a commitment to the continual improving of and maintaining infrastructure in away that the community is not put at risk. The Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council only uses pesticides in public places when necessary.

The majority of pesticide use consists of herbicides for noxious weed management and parks and garden maintenance, a small proportion of pesticide is used to control and manage insect infestations. Council only uses small quantities of some pesticides that are available from retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes. Council does not intend to provide notice for such pesticide applications other than what has been described in this plan. This will apply to minor control of indoor and outdoor insect pests using baits or aerosol cans and spot weed control using a hand-held spray bottle.

Further information on pesticide use can be obtained by contacting the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council on 69402100 or by visiting the website www.cootamundra.local-e.nsw.gov.au.

PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in the Shire Council's boundaries;

- Public Gardens

- Parks and Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Sporting Fields and Ovals
- Public land owned or controlled by the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council;
 - Road verges and reserves
 - Laneways and pathways
 - Skate Park
 - Swimming Pool
 - Garbage tips
 - Sports Stadium
 - Aerodrome
 - Bradman Museum
 - Cemeteries
 - Crown reserves
 - Council Depot
 - Public Car Parks

This notification plan will provide information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in at the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council chambers.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places is summarised in the following table.

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Public gardens Managed by Council	General Public Garden Club Native Plant Group	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide
Parks and Playgrounds managed by Council	General Public Community Groups Kindergartens Social Groups Children	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide Broad scale selective Herbicide Spray Termiticides
Picnic areas managed by Council	General Public Social Groups	High On weekends and holiday periods	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Sporting fields and ovals managed by Council	Sporting Associations General Public Community Groups Social Groups Schools	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide Broad scale selective Herbicides
Road verges and reserves on all Council managed roads	General Public Graziers Cyclists	Low for rural roads High for urban roads	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide Broad scale selective and non-selective Herbicides
Laneways and pathways on all Council managed roads	General Public Cyclists	Medium	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide Broad scale selective and non-selective Herbicides
Skate Park and BMX track	General Public Children	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide
Swimming Pool	General Public Children Swimming Clubs Schools	High In the months of operation	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide
Sports Stadium	Sporting Clubs Children Health programs	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide
Aerodrome	Contractors Pilots General Public	Medium	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide Broad scale selective and non-selective Herbicides
Garbage Tips	Contractors Workers General Public	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide Broad scale selective and non-selective Herbicides
Bradman Museum	General Public Visitors/Tourists Workers	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide
Cemeteries	General Public Contractors	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide Broadscale selective and non-selective Herbicides Rabbit control

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Crown Reserves managed or controlled by Council Eg. Showground	User groups General Public	High when Activities are present	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide Broadscale selective and non-selective Herbicides
Shire Chambers	Community Groups General Public Employees Contractors User groups	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide
Public Car Parks	General Public	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide
Council Depots	Employees Contractors	High	Spot Herbicide Spot Insecticide

NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places. These notification arrangements are based on Council's assessment of;

- The level of use of the public place to be treated with pesticides
- Activities that could lead to direct contact with pesticides
- Type of pesticide used

Notice of pesticide use will be provided by the use of one or more of the following;

- Signage
- Information on the Council's website
- Council's regular newspaper advertisement in local newspaper
- Information at Council Chambers during business hours
- Door-knock in emergency situations

The notification arrangements described below will apply to the following areas owned or controlled by Council;

- Public Gardens
- Parks and Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Sporting Fields and Ovals
- Skate Park
- Swimming Pool
- Sports Stadium
- Garbage Tips
- Cemeteries

- Shire Chambers

In these public areas information provided to the general public will be through signage and the regular article in the local newspaper. Signage will be in place during the application and persist for 24 hours after application following pesticide uses;

- Broadscale selective herbicides
- Broadscale non-selective herbicides
- Broadscale insecticides
- Broadscale Fungicides

Where the application of pesticides occurs in an area adjacent to sensitive areas, notification to these areas will be 48 hours prior to application. (Described in 'sensitive areas')

Sporting associations or other user groups that express an interest in the sporting fields and ovals, notice will be given 48 hours before application by email,

The notification arrangements described below will apply to the following areas owned or controlled by Council;

- Road verges and reserves
- Laneways and pathways
- Aerodrome
- Crown reserves controlled by Council

In these public places, information on the forward program for Broadscale herbicide application will be posted on Councils website quarterly and as required in the local newspaper article on Councils work program, as Broadscale application of herbicide only occurs at appropriate times of the year.

Emergency pesticide application

Emergency application of pesticides in public areas for problems of dangerous insect's that pose an immediate danger, Council will where possible post signs in the vicinity of the application.

Pesticide application contractors and lessees of public places

Where contractors are used by Council to apply pesticides, Council will ensure notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan.

Where persons or organizations hold an existing lease on Council land that remains a public place and if they use pesticides in this area, Council will require notification in accordance with the requirements of this plan.

Sensitive areas

Clause 18 of the pesticide Regulation defines a sensitive place to be any;

- School or pre-school

- Kindergarten
- Childcare centre
- Hospital
- Community health centre
- Nursing home
- Place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) – now a part of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

In the event of pesticide application in an emergency situation in a sensitive area to control a dangerous pest infestation, the Council will organize a door-knock (in a reasonable amount of time) prior to the application of pesticide.

INFORMATION PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 14 of the Pesticides Regulation, notices of pesticide use must include all the following information;

- Product name of pesticide
- Purpose of application in relation to what is being treated
- Proposed date/s or date range
- The area in which the application will take place
- Contact details of responsible officer for application
- Warnings on re-entry to treated area specified on product label or the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit.

Council's website will have a dedicated area that describes its programmed and emergency pesticide use in public areas with a link to the Notification Plan.

HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

Council will advise residents of the contents of the plan by;

- Making a copy of the plan available for public viewing in the Council's Libraries and Council Chambers during office hours.
- Placing a copy of the plan on Council's website
- <https://www.cgrc.nsw.gov.au/>
- Placing a notice in The Cootamundra Herald and Gundagai Independent
- Placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette

FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every 5 years. The review will include;

- A report on progress of implementing the plan
- Placing the plan on public exhibition, with any proposed changes and calling for public submissions.
- make recommendations for alterations to the plan (if any needed)

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