Maranoa Regional Council Biosecurity Management Plan 2023-2027

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Executive Summary

The Maranoa Regional Council Biosecurity Management Plan 2023-2027 aims to prevent and reduce the economic, environmental and social impacts of diseases, contaminants, weeds and pests within the Maranoa Region.

Maranoa Regional Council covers an area of 58,820 sq km with a population of approximately 13,000 people. The region maintains a proud and productive rural industry and energy and gas sectors. Agricultural industries include beef cattle, sheep, goats, cereal crops, timber production and wild game harvesting, with a total sector value of \$200m. Livestock processing accounts for 80% of the region's total agricultural output. The mining sector contributes \$623m in added value, while the tourism industry contributes over \$82m in sales and value add. (source: economy.id.com.au/maranoa)

The Maranoa region is serviced by the Carnarvon Highway and the Warrego Highway which provides heavy transport corridors from southern States to Northern Australia and offers freight logistics, access to international markets and is the gateway to the outback for tourists. Roma is the key agricultural services centre for the region and mining industry base for Surat basin Gas and Moomba oil fields. Roma Saleyards is the largest cattle selling centre in Australia with cattle coming from Queensland, News South Wales and the Northern Territory. The stock route network provides connectivity and access for travelling stock.

Located in the Brigalow Belt, the region's natural features include Carnarvon National Park, Chesterton Range National Park, Expedition National Park, Thrushton National Park, Judds Lagoon, Mount Moffatt, Roma Bush Gardens, Surat Aboriginal Bush Gardens, and numerous state forests. The Maranoa River and Balonne River catchments are in the headwaters of the Murray Darling Basin.

Pests have the potential to degrade and alter ecosystems, reduce primary industry productivity and profitability, seriously limit the long-term viability of natural and agricultural landscapes and can impact on human and animal health. Pests are vectors for diseases, pathogens and weeds.

Weeds compete with pasture species and crops and impact condition, can be toxic to stock, degrade natural vegetation and impact on biodiversity. Aquatic weeds can affect water quality and biodiversity within streams and wetlands. Social impacts include effects on human health, recreation, safety and aesthetics.

The national connectivity and accessibility of the region and industry and visitor activities exposes high risk spread pathways for disease, weeds and pests. Biosecurity management is vital for the protection of the region's industries, as well as environmentally and culturally sensitive areas, health and social amenity. The current economic costs are already high in lost production and cost of control, with potential for devastating industry impacts in the event of new weeds, pests or major disease outbreaks such as Foot and Mouth.

The Biosecurity Management Plan 2023-27 sets the priorities and commitment of Maranoa Regional Council and provides direction for the community to implement effective and strategic management of biosecurity impacts in the region.

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Definitions

General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) - Requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical steps to prevent or minimise biosecurity risks and events.

Biosecurity Matter - Includes plants, pests and pathogens, invasive animals, animal diseases and contaminants that pose a biosecurity risk, and can be declared Prohibited or Restricted Matter under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, if considered to have an adverse effect on human health, social amenity, economy or environment.

Biosecurity Risk - Exists when dealing with any pest, disease or contaminant, or with something that could carry one of these.

Biosecurity Event - Caused by a pest, disease or contaminant that is, or is likely to become, a significant problem for human health, social amenity, the economy or the environment.

Determination – Early detection, diagnostics, mapping, and monitoring systems in place.

Monitored – Surveillance of Local Government Area and localised biosecurity events to monitor achievement of objectives.

Prevention – Manage biosecurity risks to prevent an event in the Local Government Area or prevent spread of localised events.

Rapid Response – Immediate mobilization of control measures to stop the spread of biosecurity matter.

Eradication – Remove biosecurity matter completely from Local Government Area or localised event area.

Reduced – Reduce event distribution and density in the Local Government Area or localised event area towards eradication.

Containment - Contain biosecurity matter within the event boundary and prevent further spread.

Asset Protection – Manage biosecurity matter to minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.



1. INTRODUCTION

The Biosecurity Management Plan 2023-27 details Maranoa Regional Council's priorities and course of action over the next four years to manage biosecurity risks and weed and pest impacts within the region.

The Plan outlines how Maranoa Regional Council will meet its legislative and operational requirements, and guide leadership on the strategic priorities of the community.

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of the Biosecurity Management Plan 2023-27 for the Maranoa Region Local Government Area is to state the management objectives and strategies, priorities, and responsibilities of all stakeholders in relation to the management of risks and impacts of invasive biosecurity matter – weeds and pests.

The Management Plan consists of four key program areas:

- 1. Biosecurity Risk Management
- 2. Weed Management
- 3. Pest Management
- 4. Critical Management Program

1.2. Strategic Goals

Maranoa Regional Council Corporate Plan outlines its commitment to assist in protecting the region's rural industries and natural environment and managing priority weeds and pest in partnership with land managers, community and stakeholders.

1.3. Preparation

The preparation of this Plan involved a consultation process with community, industry and government stakeholders to provide input into the development of management objectives, priorities and strategies to meet community expectations and legislative requirements. 50 people participated in public consultation meetings held in Injune, Yuleba, Surat, Roma and Mitchell, 49 people completed a survey, with further consultation conducted via discussions, stakeholder review and a Councillor workshop.

1.4. Delivery

The Biosecurity Management Plan 2023-27 strategically aligns to the Corporate Plan and Local Plans and is delivered through existing mechanisms including Council's projects and programs, policies, and annual operational plans and budgets. Council partners with community, land managers, government agencies, and industry organisations to lead and deliver the priorities in this Plan.

1.5. Reporting

Council will monitor and report progress made against the goals on an annual basis to the community, including updated mapping.



2. MANAGEMENT PLAN

2.1. Goals

Strategic goal: Prevent and reduce the economic, environmental and social impacts of diseases, contaminants, weeds and pests within the Maranoa Region. Over the next five years, Maranoa Regional Council, in partnership with community and stakeholders will focus on the following priorities:

- Council demonstrates leadership and responsibility and provides strategic direction and information for the community to manage biosecurity risks and impacts.
- Prevent the establishment of new weeds and pests and minimise the spread of current priority weeds and pests against the 2023 mapped extent.
- High value areas and high risk areas are managed for biosecurity risks.
- Council maintains capacity to manage stock routes, road reserves, town reserves and public lands.
- Rural industry biosecurity protection measures and management programs are supported.

2.2. Strategies

- Biosecurity planning, coordination, extension, and implementation with stakeholders.
- Resource the implementation of priority actions and responsibilities.

2.3. Indicators

- No new biosecurity events, and no further spread of existing events from the 2023 mapped extent.
- No biosecurity orders issued.
- Participation and engagement in biosecurity protection measures and management programs.

2.4. Biosecurity Impacts

Industry – pasture and crop competition and condition, stock movement and health, disease, predation, economic loss and cost of control, quality assurance, stock and vehicle access

Environment – Biodiversity, habitat, landscape and ecosystem degradation, species conservation **Community** – cultural heritage, recreation, tourism, health

Amenity – unique sites and landscapes of Maranoa

2.5. Management Objectives

Determination – Early detection, diagnostics, mapping, and monitoring systems in place.

Monitored – Surveillance of Local Government Area and localised biosecurity events to monitor achievement of objectives.

Prevention – Manage biosecurity risks to prevent an event in the Local Government Area or prevent spread of localised events.

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2.6. Resources

This Plan focuses on targeted management planning specific to the Maranoa Region and intentionally does not replicate information, responsibilities, and resources available elsewhere. Council supports education and extension activities to provide residents with access to relevant information and resources.

2.7. General Biosecurity Obligation

The *Biosecurity Act 2014* imposes a General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) which requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical steps to prevent or minimise biosecurity risks and events.

A <u>biosecurity risk</u> exists when dealing with any pest, disease or contaminant, or with something that could carry one of these. A <u>biosecurity event</u> is caused by a pest, disease or contaminant that is, or is likely to become, a significant problem for human health, social amenity, the economy or the environment.

This Management Plan identifies and provides guidance to land managers and community about what is considered 'reasonable' and 'practical' steps to manage biosecurity risks and events relevant to the Maranoa Region.

2.8. Risk Assessment

The planning process involved the undertaking of a risk assessment based approach to prioritise and inform management strategies. The risk assessments and zones refer to Council managed land and responsibilities, and high risk areas for private land management, that impact the prevention, preparedness and response to biosecurity and other risks in the region.

2.9. Mapping

The Management Objectives and delivery of Strategies are to be accompanied by regional mapping, establishing 2023 baseline indicators and made available to the public.

2.10. Legends

a) Risk assessment and priority matrix applied to biosecurity risks, weeds, pests.

				Risk Priority		
	Consequence	Negligible	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
~	Very High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Very High	Very High
ŏ	High	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	Very High
elih	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
ij	Low	Negligible	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High
_	Negligible	Negligible	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate

b) Distribution status and objective for weeds and pests.

	Status				
Objective	Widespread	Localised			
Asset protection	Abundant	Abundant			
Containment	Common	Common			
Reduced/Eradication	Occasional	Occasional			
Prevention	Absen t	Absent			
Determine/Monitor	Unknown	Unknown			



c) Declaration Status References

- WoNS Weed of National Significance
- Risk List National Exotic Environmental Pest List
- Report Report immediately to Biosecurity Queensland or Maranoa Regional Council
- Category Declaration category of restricted matter under the Biosecurity Act 2014.
- Not declared GBO Not Declared under the Biosecurity Act 2014 however a General Biosecurity Obligation applies

d) Biosecurity Matter Categories and Requirements under the Biosecurity Act 2014

Category

- 1. Must be reported within 24 hours to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.
- 2. Must be reported within 24 hours to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or Maranoa Regional Council.
- 3. Must not be distributed either by sale, gift or release into the environment.
- 4. Must not be moved.
- 5. Must not be possessed or kept.
- 6. Must not feed.
- 7. Must kill and dispose.



3. Biosecurity Risk Management

3.1. Priority Risks

Introduction or spread of diseases, weeds or pests
Animal access to waste contaminants, Restricted Animal Material (RAM) or swill
People health and safety
Qualifications and training
Preparedness to new disease, pest or weed events
Preparedness for emergency response

3.2. Priority Disease Alert List

Foot and Mouth Disease Lumpy Skin Disease African Swine Fever Ehrlichia Canis Australian Bat Lyssavirus Varroa Mite

3.3. Biosecurity Risk Management Objectives

Risk	Likelihood	Priority	Zone and Status	Management Objectives	Indicators
Disease introduction and spread	Moderate	High	Region, stock routes and reserves. High risk – traveling stock, saleyards, pests, domestic animals.	Prevention Rapid Response	No new diseases.
Weed introduction and spread	High	High	Region, stock routes and reserves. High risk – traveling stock, saleyards, people, pests, vehicles, machinery.	Prevention Monitored	No new events. No further spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Pest introduction and spread	Medium	High	Region, stock routes and reserves. High risk – domestic animals.	Prevention Monitored	No new events. No worsening of distribution intensity.
Animal exposure to contaminants	Low	Moderate	Region, stock routes and reserves. High risk – stock route water sources, weed treatment chemicals, toxic weeds, stock feed.	Prevention Rapid Response	No contamination reported.
Animal access to waste contaminants and Restricted Animal Material	Moderate	High	Region, stock routes and reserves. High risk – Council waste facilities, property landfill sites, food disposal in stock routes.	Prevention Rapid Response	No breach of high risk sites.
Carcass exposure	Moderate	High	Region, stock routes, waste facilities.	Prevention Rapid Response	No contamination reported.



Access to effluent	Low	Moderate	High risk - Council water treatment facilities, recycled water use, property grey water, livestock truck and caravan effluent disposal.	Prevention Rapid Response	No breach of high risk sites.
People exposed to stock and animals	Moderate	Moderate	Region, stock routes. High risk – tourists, Council staff.	Prevention Rapid Response	Staff access to animals Inspections
Unprepared or inappropriate response to risk occurrence	Moderate	Very High	Region, stock routes and reserves. High risk – authorised persons, training.	Prevention	

3.4. Biosecurity Risk Management Program

The Biosecurity Risk Management Program is outlined below for Maranoa Regional Council and provides direction to land managers and the public to meet the Biosecurity Risk Management Objectives for the Maranoa Region, general biosecurity obligations, and aligned objectives in state and national strategies.

Management Objectives 3.4.1. PREVENTION of pri	Maranoa Regional Council Management Actions ority biosecurity risks and rapid respo	Land Managers and Public Land Users
Biosecurity risk is identified and managed from traveling stock, straying stock, insects, other animals, the environment, feral animals or wildlife, people, vehicles, equipment, carcass, materials, Restricted Animal Material or swill, effluent, feed.	 Permit compliance checks. Enforce maintenance of stock route fencing to standard. Exclusion fencing of high risk areas, including all town water treatment and waste facilities. Public awareness of appropriate disposal of food waste, especially in reserves. Hygiene and weed and pest management. Appropriate carcass disposal. Surveillance monitoring of the stock route. 	 Maintain stock route fencing. Exclusion fencing of high risk areas, such as waste facilities, property land fill sites. Appropriate disposal of food waste. Compliance to stock route use legislative requirements. Isolation and monitoring and biosecurity procedures as required. Surveillance monitoring of the stock route and adjoining areas.
Disease and safety risks associated with people in contact with livestock and pest animals are managed.	 Staff likely to be exposed to animals apply safety, PPE, and hygiene practices, and vaccination where possible. Post event risk assessment. 	 People exposed to animals apply safety, PPE, and hygiene practices, and vaccination where possible.
Stock exposure risk to contaminants is identified and managed.	 Withholding periods after chemical use notified and observed. Water trough inspection and maintenance. Surveillance monitoring of the stock route, including areas of feed, carcass or access to high risk areas adjacent to the stock route. Isolation and monitoring and biosecurity procedures as required. 	 Maintain stock route and boundary fencing. Animal welfare and biosecurity practices in place. Isolation and monitoring and biosecurity procedures as required. Surveillance monitoring of the stock route and adjoining areas.



Management Objectives	Maranoa Regional Council Management Actions	Land Managers and Public Land Users
Pests or wildlife damage to infrastructure is managed.	 Stock route and reserves and pest management. Surveillance monitoring of the stock route. 	 Maintain stock route fencing. Pest management plan.
Preparedness to detect, report or respond to a new endemic or emergency disease, pest or weed.	 Risk assessment and response planning with government agencies, with clear roles and responsibilities. Appropriate staff training and qualifications. 	 Biosecurity management plans. Appropriate training. Awareness of contact numbers for Council and Biosecurity Queensland.
Ability to fulfil or demonstrate compliance roles.	Authorised persons delegated and appropriately trained.Administrative processes in place.	 Adhere to compliance and permit requirements.



4. Weed Management

4.1. Priority Weeds

Eradication
Honey Locust
Lantana
Mesquite
Devil Rope's Pear
Parkinsonia
Prickly Acacia
Rats Tail Grasses
Riverina Pear
Rubber Vine
Sulphur Cactus

Reduced
Cats Claw Creeper
Castor Oil Plant

Containment
African Boxthorn
Tiger Pear
Harrisia Cactus
Mother of Millions
Parthenium
Mimosa Bush

Asset Protection
Hairy Flower Lovegrass
Prickly Pear
Tree Pear

4.2. Spread Pathways

Vehicles and machinery Livestock and fodder Birds and animals Wind and waterways Gardens and aquariums, dumping Construction and landscape materials People, clothing, footwear Recreation activities

4.3. Weed Management Objectives

Priority Weeds to Control

Weed	Declaration	Priority	Current Status	Management Objectives	Indicator
Honey Locust	Category 3	Very High	Localised, very isolated plants.	Eradication – Intensive control towards eradication.	No new events. Reduced from 2023 mapped extent.
Lantana	Category 3 WoNS	Very High	Localised, occasional. Balonne River, north of Wallumbilla, Pine Hills Road, Bungeworgorai Lane, urban gardens.	Eradication – Intensive control towards local eradication. Containment – Manage garden ornamentals and prevent spread.	No new events. Reduced from 2023 mapped extent.
Mesquite	Category 3 WoNS	Very High	Localised, occasional. Yuleba Forestry and along roadways.	Eradication – Early detection and intensive control towards local eradication.	No new events.
Devil's Rope Pear	Category 3 WoNS	High	Localised, occasional. Mitchell, water course and adjacent areas Balonne River and Yuleba Creek south of Jackson.	Eradication – Intensive control towards eradication.	No new events. Reduced from 2023 mapped extent.
Parkinsonia	Category 3 WoNS	High	Localised, occasional. Dargal Road near Roma,	Eradication – Intensive control towards eradication.	No new events.



Weed	Declaration	Priority	Current Status	Management Objectives	Indicator
			Roma Saleyards, west of Roma, Yalebone Creek junction of Dunkeld Road.	Í	Reduced from 2023 mapped extent.
Prickly Acacia	Category 3 WoNS	High	Localised, occasional. Along roadsides south of Roma, Bullagai Road.	Eradication – Intensive control towards eradication. Prevention – Hygiene, isolate stock, monitoring.	No new events. Reduced from 2023 mapped extent
Rat's Tail Grasses	Category 3	High	Localised, occasional. North of Yuleba, Pony Hills State Forest, Yellowbank Gas Camp	Eradication – Intensive control towards eradication.	No new events. Reduced from 2023 mapped extent.
Riverina Pear	Category 2, 3, 4 and 5 WoNS	High	Localised, occasional. Mungallala Town Reserve, Maranoa River at Mitchell.	Eradication – Intensive control towards eradication.	No new events. Reduced from 2023 mapped extent.
Rubber Vine	Category 3 WoNS	High	Localised, occasional. Urban plants.	Eradication – Early detection and intensive control towards eradication.	No new events. No further spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Sulphur Cactus	Prohibited WoNS	High Report	Localised, occasional. Wallumbilla east and south of town.	Eradication – Intensive control towards eradication.	No new events. Reduced from 2023 mapped extent.
Castor Oil Plant	Not declared GBO	High	Localised, occasional. Riverina areas Maranoa River Mitchell.	Reduced – Intensive control of localised incursion towards eradication.	No new events. No further spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Cats Claw Creeper	Category 3 WoNS	Moderate	Localised, occasional. Bungil Creek, Yalebone Creek, urban gardens.	Reduced – Intensive control of localised incursion towards eradication.	No new events. No further spread from 2023 mapped extent.
African Boxthorn	Category 3 WoNS	Moderate	Localised, occasional. Roma, Mitchell, Yuleba and Surat water courses and adjacent areas.	Containment – Active control of established outbreaks to contain spread. Prevention – Hygiene, isolate stock, monitoring.	Limited spread from 2023 mapped extent.



Weed	Declaration	Priority	Current Status	Management Objectives	Indicator
Tiger Pear	Category 3 WoNS	Low	Localised, occasional. Riparian areas.	Containment – Active control of established outbreaks to contain spread.	Limited spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Willows Cactus	Not declared GBO	Moderate	Localised, occasional. Orange Hill.	Containment – Active control of established outbreaks to contain spread.	Limited spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Harrisia Cactus	Category 3	High	Localised, common. Along roadsides west Mitchell Warrego Highway, Jackson Wandoan Road, Yuleba North Road, St George Middle Road, south Surat Carnarvon Highway, east Surat Griman Creek, Wallumbilla.	Containment – Active control of established outbreaks to contain spread.	Limited spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Mother of Millions	Category 3	High	Localised, common.	Containment – Active control of established outbreaks to contain spread.	Limited spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Parthenium	Category 3 WoNS	High	Localised, common. Heavy north, medium to west and southwest of region.	Containment – Active control of established outbreaks to contain spread. Prevention – Hygiene, isolate stock, monitoring.	Limited spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Hairy Flower Lovegrass	Not declared GBO	High	Localised, common. Roadsides	Asset Protection – Minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.	Limited spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Mimosa Bush	Not declared GBO	Moderate	Widespread, common.	Containment – Active control of established outbreaks to contain spread. Prevention – Hygiene, isolate stock, monitoring.	Limited spread from 2023 mapped extent.
Prickly Pear	Category 2, 3, 4, 5 WoNS	Low	Widespread, common.	Asset Protection – Minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.	No worsening of distribution intensity.



Weed	Declaration	Priority	Current Status	Management Objectives	Indicator
Tree Pear	Category 3	Low	Widespread, common.	Asset Protection – Minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.	No worsening of distribution intensity.

Priority Weeds to Watch

Weed	Declaration	Priority	Current Status	Where to Find	Spread Pathways
Jumping Cholla	Category 2, 3, 4, 5 WoNS	Moderate Report	Localised, occasional.	Pastures and old sites, rocky ridgelines and slopes.	Vehicles, machinery, animals, footwear, birds, wind, floodwaters, segments
Bunny Ears	Category 2, 3, 4, 5 WoNS	Moderate Report	Localised, occasional homesteads, pastures.	Pastures, gardens, arid to semi-arid rangelands.	Vehicles, machinery, animals, water, and ornamentals, segments
Asparagus Fern	Category 3 WoNS	Low	Localised, occasional.	Moist areas and riparian areas, potential to spread west Queensland.	Birds, garden waste
Chinese Celtis	Category 3	Low	Localised, occasional.	Clay soils in riparian areas.	Animals, birds, water, ornamental
Silver-Leaf Nightshade	Category 3 WoNS	Low	Localised, occasional.	Any soil types.	Root fragments, birds
Fireweed	Category 3 WoNS	Moderate	Previously in Roma Senecio madagascariensis (introduced weed). Widespread, common Senecio brigalowensis (native).	Pastures.	Animals, fodder, pasture seed, wind
Water Hyacinth	Category 3 WoNS	High	Previously Railway Dam Roma, present Coastal Qld, ponds and lagoons throughout Qld.	Fresh, static or slow flowing water with high organic content.	Flooding, ornamentals
Water Lettuce	Category 3	High	Previously Roslyn Drive Roma, present Warrego River (Cunnamulla) Eastern Qld.	Slow moving waterways.	Flooding, aquarium content disposal, boats and vehicles, vegetatively
Mexican Feathergrass	Category 2, 3, 4, 5	High Report	Previously at Surat State School and Charles Street Surat, present Central Qld, South East Qld.	Pastures, open woodlands.	Vehicles, machinery, animals, fodder, clothing



Weed	Declaration	Priority	Current Status	Where to Find	Spread Pathways
Salvinia	Category 3 WoNS	High	Absent. Western Downs Dogwood Creek.	Slow moving waterways, or still water ponds with high nutrient levels.	Flooding, aquarium content disposal, boats and vehicles, vegetatively
African Lovegrass	Not declared GBO	High	Absent. Blackall- Tambo, Southern Qld.	Pastures, roadsides, railways, acidic light and sandy soils.	Vehicles, machinery, animals, fodder, soil and grain contamination
Snake Cactus	Category 3	Moderate	Absent. Longreach.	Well drained soils, arid to semi-arid open grassland, rocky ridgelines.	Vehicles, machinery, animals, birds, floodwaters, garden waste, segments
Karroo Thorn	Prohibited Risk List	Moderate Report	Absent. Darling Downs.	Arid to semi-arid rangelands in Southern Queensland.	Animals, water, wind
Athel Pine	Category 3 WoNS	Moderate	Absent. Paroo, Central Highlands.	Arid to semi-arid rangelands, sandy soils in riverine areas.	Animals, water, wind

4.4. Weed Management Program

The Weed Management Program is outlined below for Maranoa Regional Council and provides direction to land managers and the public to meet the Weed Management Objectives for the Maranoa Region, general biosecurity obligations, and aligned objectives in state and national strategies.

Weed	Preferred Control	Maranoa Regional Council Management Actions control towards eradication	Land Managers
Honey Locust	Chemical Mechanical	Chemical control on public land.	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical or mechanical methods. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Lantana	Chemical Mechanical Fire	 Chemical, mechanical and/or fire control on public land. Manage to contain within urban parks and gardens and dispose material appropriately to avoid spread. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical, mechanical and/or fire. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Mesquite	Chemical Mechanical Fire	 Chemical control and burns on public land near Yuleba. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical, mechanical and/or fire. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Devil's Rope Pear	Chemical Mechanical Fire	 Chemical control and burns on public land and riverine areas. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical, mechanical and/or fire.



Mood	Preferred	Maranoa Regional Council	Land Manager
Weed	Control	Management Actions	Land Managers
			 Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Parkinsonia	Chemical Mechanical Fire	 Chemical control and burns on public land roadsides and saleyards. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. New outbreak inspections. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical, mechanical and/or fire. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Prickly Acacia	Chemical Mechanical	 Chemical control on public land roadsides. Roadside management hygiene practices. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical. Weed hygiene, exclude stock and access to water sources such as open bore drains to prevent spread.
Rats Tail Grasses	Chemical	 Chemical control on public lands and roadsides, considering withholding and exclusion requirements. 	 Proactive control of all events. Maintain groundcover. Weed hygiene, avoid access when seeds are damp and sticky.
Riverina Pear	Chemical	 Chemical control on public land around Mungallala and Mitchell. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Rubber Vine	Chemical Mechanical Fire	 Chemical control of plants on public land. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical, mechanical and/or fire. Weed hygiene.
Sulphur Cactus	Chemical Mechanical Fire	 Chemical, mechanical and/or fire control on public land. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical, mechanical and/or fire. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Castor Oil Plant	Chemical Mechanical	 Chemical and mechanical control in riverine areas of the Maranoa River at Mitchell. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical or mechanical methods.
Cats Claw Creeper	Chemical Mechanical	 Chemical and mechanical control in riverine areas and parks and gardens. 	 Proactive control of all events, using chemical or mechanical methods.
		ive control to contain spread	
African Boxthorn	Chemical Mechanical	 Chemical control on public land at Yuleba. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. 	 Control in containment areas, using chemical or biocontrol. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Tiger Pear	Chemical Biocontrol (Tiger Pear cochineal)	 Chemical control on public land along roadsides. Release biocontrol in established outbreaks or where chemical is not suitable. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. 	 Proactive control in intensive control areas, using chemical. Control in containment areas, using chemical or biocontrol. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread



Weed	Preferred Control	Maranoa Regional Council	Land Managers
Harrisia Cactus	Chemical Biocontrol - mealy bug	 Chemical control on public land and roadsides around Mitchell, Jackson, Yuleba, Surat and Wallumbilla. Release biocontrol in established outbreaks or where chemical is not suitable. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. 	 Proactive control in intensive control areas, using chemical. Control in containment areas, using chemical or biocontrol. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Mother Of Millions	Chemical Fire	 Chemical control and burns on stock routes and public land. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. 	 Control in containment areas, using chemical, and/or fire. Manage established incursions to minimise impact to assets. Toxic to stock. Weed hygiene to prevent spread and limit stock access.
Parthenium	Chemical Pasture management Biocontrol	 Chemical control on public land roadsides. Roadside management hygiene practices. Coordinate with adjacent land managers. Prepare and implement a regional Parthenium management plan with stakeholders for coordinated roadside management, high risk site management and spread prevention measures. 	 Proactive control of established outbreaks to contain spread. Weed hygiene to prevent spread. Caution and hygiene for feed and stock sources. Maintain good groundcover.
Mimosa Bush	Not declared No local law Chemical	 Identification and mapping. Chemical control on public land. Coordinate with adjacent land managers and provide support where possible. 	 General Biosecurity Obligation to contain incursions. Control in containment areas, using chemical. Weed hygiene, exclude stock and access to water sources such as open bore drains to prevent spread.
Willows Cactus	Not declared No local law Chemical Physical Fire	 Chemical, physical and/or fire control on public land and roadsides. Coordinate with adjacent land managers. 	 Control in containment areas, using chemical, physical, and/or fire.
4.4.3. ASSET Hairy Flower Lovegrass	Hygiene Groundcover Chemical	 Minimise impact to local assets Roadside management hygiene practices. Coordinate with adjacent land managers. Prepare and implement a regional Hairy Flower Lovegrass Management Plan with stakeholders for coordinated roadside management, high risk site management and spread prevention measures. 	 Weed hygiene to prevent spread. Maintain good groundcover. Awareness of chemical control implications and withholding periods.
Prickly Pear	Chemical	Chemical control on public land. Release biocontrol in established	 Manage established incursions to minimise impact to assets.



Weed	Preferred Control	Maranoa Regional Council Management Actions	Land Managers
	Biocontrol (cactoblastis, cochineal)	outbreaks or where chemical is not suitable.	 Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.
Tree Pear	Chemical Biocontrol (cactoblastis, cochineal)	 Chemical control on public land. Release biocontrol in established outbreaks or where chemical is not suitable. 	 Manage established incursions to minimise impact to assets. Weed hygiene and limit stock access to prevent spread.



5. Pest Management

5.1. Priority Pests

Asset protection
Wild dog
Feral Pig
Fox
Feral Cat
Rabbit

Reduced
Carp
Indian Myna
Cane Toad

Watch
Deer
Feral horse
Locust (plague only)
Yellow Crazy Ant
Fire Ant
Tilapia

5.2. Council initiatives

Wild dog bounty
Bi-annual baiting program
Demand baiting
Exclusion fencing investment

5.3. Pest Management Objectives

Priority Pests to Control

Pest	Declaration	Priority	Current Status	Management Objectives	Indicators
Wild dog	Category 3, 4, 5, 6	High	Widespread, common.	Asset Protection – Minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.	No worsening of distribution intensity.
Feral Pig	Category 3, 4, 6	High	Widespread, common.	Asset Protection – Minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.	No worsening of distribution intensity.
Rabbit	Category 3, 4, 5, 6	High	Widespread, common.	Asset Protection – Minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.	No worsening of distribution intensity.
Fox	Category 3, 4, 5, 6	Moderate	Widespread, common.	Asset Protection – Minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.	No worsening of distribution intensity.
Feral Cat	Category 3, 4, 6	Low	Widespread, common.	Asset Protection – Minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.	No worsening of distribution intensity.
Feral Goat*	Category 3, 4, 6	Low	Widespread, common. *unmanaged goats only	Asset Protection – Minimise impact to local environmental, social, and economic assets.	Limit spread.
Carp	Category 3, 5, 6, 7	Low	Abundant, waterways.	Containment – Control populations.	No worsening of distribution intensity.
Indian Myna	Not declared GBO	High	Localised, occasional.	Reduced – Intensive control of isolated populations.	Limit spread.



Priority Pests to Watch

Pest	Declaration	Priority	Current Status	Where to Find	Spread Pathways
Deer	Category 3, 4, 6	High	Localised, occasional.	Catchment headwaters, in grassy open forest areas.	Deer farms, migration
Feral Horse	Not declared GBO	High	Localised, occasional. North west of region on State Land.		Migration
Cane Toad	Not declared GBO	Low	Localised, occasional.	Close to freshwater	Migration, vehicles
Locusts	Not declared GBO plagues	High*	Occasional	Crops in plague proportions.	Migration
Mice	GBO plagues	High*	Occasional	Crops in plague proportions.	Plague
Yellow Crazy Ant	Category 3	High	Absent	Nest in areas with access to water or moisture, creek banks, utility service puts, timber, debris, base of trees, building and retaining walls where this is moisture.	Vehicles, soil, timber, goods, packaging
Fire ants	Category 1	High	Absent	Lawns, pastures, roadsides, unused cropland, timber, among rocks, pavers, bricks.	Vehicles, soil, timber, goods, packaging, hay, mulch
Tilapia	Category 3, 5, 6, 7	High	Absent	Present in waterways in Fitzroy Basin and eastern catchments.	People moving between waterways

^{*}Priority applies to plague populations.

5.4. Pest Management Program

The Weed Management Program is outlined below for Maranoa Regional Council and provides direction to public and private land managers and the public to meet the Pest Management Objectives for the Maranoa Region, general biosecurity obligations, and aligned objectives in state and national strategies.

Pest	Preferred Control	Maranoa Regional Council Management Actions	Land Managers
5.4.1. A	SSET PROTECTION -	Minimise impact to local assets	
Wild dog	Exclusion fencing Baiting Trapping Shooting	 Exclusion fencing in high impact areas. Support land manager exclusion fencing. Bi-annual council baiting program and supply baits for landholders. Wild dog scalp bounty. Support research and extension. 	 Participate in the bi-annual baiting program. Ongoing baiting, trapping and shooting program. Participate in exclusion fencing syndicates where available.



Pest	Preferred Control	Maranoa Regional Council Management Actions	Land Managers
Feral Pig	Exclusion fencing Baiting Trapping Shooting	 Exclusion fencing in high impact areas. Support land manager exclusion fencing. Bi-annual baiting program and supply baits for landholders. Support research and extension. 	 Participate in the bi-annual baiting program. Ongoing baiting, trapping and shooting program. Participate in exclusion fencing syndicates and aerial shoot where available.
Rabbit	Biocontrol Warren ripping Fumigating	 Rabbit proof fencing, targeted fumigating and warren ripping program in high impact areas. Monitoring biocontrol presence and effectiveness. 	 Rabbit proof fencing, targeted fumigating and warren ripping program in high impact areas. Monitoring biocontrol presence and effectiveness.
Fox	Exclusion fencing Baiting Trapping Shooting	 Exclusion fencing in high impact areas. Support land manager exclusion fencing. Bi-annual baiting program and supply baits for landholders. 	 Participate in the bi-annual baiting program. Targeted trapping and opportunistic shooting. Participate in exclusion fencing syndicates where available.
Feral Cat	Trapping Shooting	 Targeted lure and trapping and baiting programs in high impact areas. Opportunistic shooting. Participate in research and initiatives where available. 	 Targeted lure and trapping and baiting programs in high impact areas. Opportunistic shooting.
		control to contain spread	
Carp	Removal from waterways Clean boats and equipment	 Investigate appropriate control options. Opportunistic control where possible. Education and awareness for recreational fishers. Participate in research and initiatives where available. 	 General Biosecurity Obligation to manage invasive pests. If caught, humanely kill and dispose of carp fish body away from waterway.
Indian Myna	Trapping Remove nests and eggs	 General Biosecurity Obligation to manage invasive pest, no local law in place. Investigate appropriate control options. Opportunistic control and provide trapping advice and equipment where possible. Education and awareness. 	 General Biosecurity Obligation to manage invasive pests. Surveillance, identification, maintain and restore native habitat, remove nests and eggs and participate in trapping programs.



6. Critical Management Program

The Critical Management Program are outlined below for Maranoa Regional Council underpin the successful delivery of the Biosecurity Risk, Weed and Pest Management Programs and provides direction to public and private land managers to meet Management Objectives for the Maranoa Region relating to biosecurity risk, weed and pest management, general biosecurity obligations, and aligned objectives in regional, state and national strategies.

Management Strategies	Maranoa Regional Council	Land Managers
CA CRITICAL MANACE	Management Actions	
6.1. CRITICAL MANAGE 6.1.1. Mapping 2023 baseline established and monitored against management objectives for all priority weeds and pests.	1) Regional mapping of disease, pest and weed risks and events, with 2023 baseline indicators established and made available to the public. In the absence of detailed and current region mapping, the State wide mapping becomes the default. 2) Review and update mapping on an annual basis. 3) Collaborate with Biosecurity Queensland on state-wide mapping of pests and weeds.	 Property or area map of diseases, pests and weeds, and update periodically as required. Contribute to regional mapping.
6.1.2. Surveillance Surveillance of Local Government Area and localised biosecurity events to monitor against management objectives.	 Surveillance schedule in place for stock routes, reserves and public lands, for early detection and identification of new diseases, pests and weeds. Report as required to Biosecurity Queensland. Support the Weed Spotters Network Queensland. 	 Surveillance, identification and rapid response to new diseases, pests and weeds. Notify Maranoa Regional Council and report as required to Biosecurity Queensland.
6.1.3. Monitoring systems Monitoring against management objectives, including for high value areas and high risk areas.	1) Condition or impact assessments, monitoring systems and inspection schedules in place for assets and infrastructure, areas identified as high risk, natural resources, identified areas of environmental and cultural significance. Includes troughs and tanks, wash down facilities, fencing, waste facilities, waste water facilities, water treatment facilities, saleyards, quarry and borrow pits.	 Land managers adjoining and leasing stock routes monitor, assess and maintain land condition, fencing, troughs and water, as required by legislation.
6.1.4. Delivery programs Mechanisms and capacity in place to support the achievement of management objectives.	 Best practice management on Council managed land and delivery of biosecurity, pest and weed programs. Control existing weed outbreaks on Council managed land, including stock routes and roadsides, by conducting ongoing spray and treatment programs. Provide landholder baiting programs twice per year and on demand baits. Provide a bounty for wild dog scalps. Pursue the use of technology to enhance management options. Rapid response capability and capacity available. Maintain records of control and management activities. 	 Best practice prevention and management of diseases, pests and weeds, following legal requirements as appropriate. Maintain records of control and management activities.



Management Strategies	Maranoa Regional Council	Land Managers
	Management Actions 8) Coordinate with adjacent land managers and stakeholders and provide support where possible.	
6.1.5. Operational planning and reporting Plan and resource priority actions and impact.	 Annual operational plan and budget for the delivery of priority management strategies and control programs, reported quarterly and annually. Alignment to delivery of Local Plans other management plans as appropriate. 	 Property Biosecurity Plan outlines the identified risks, assets, hygiene, and intended management programs.
6.1.6. Resources Plan and resource priority actions and impact.	 Secure and leverage resources for the delivery of management strategies, including capital works, materials and equipment, technology, maintenance and extension. Collect fees and recover costs for fee for services provided. 	 User pays for traveling and agisting stock.
6.1.7. Compliance Meet legislative responsibilities.	Authorised persons appointed to execute compliance responsibilities delegated by the Biosecurity Act 2014, and all other relevant legislation.	 Implementation of quality assurance for commodities. Meet General Biosecurity Obligations.
6.1.8. Policies and procedures Policies and procedures set consistent and clear standards and address risk profiles.	 Council policies and procedures in place for operations, monitoring, and compliance roles and responsibilities. Integrated Maranoa Management System Environment Process E.09 Weed and Pest Management enforced. Register of Locally Significant Flora and Fauna Policy guides planning and activities. Local Disaster Management Group guides planning and emergency response activities. Master Risk Schedule identifies and responds to biosecurity risk and high risk areas. Site based management plans identify and manage biosecurity risk and high risk area management. Includes stock route infrastructure, wash down facilities, waste facilities, waste water facilities, water treatment facilities, saleyards, quarry and borrow pits, parks and gardens, roadside maintenance. Review relevant policies as required, including clearing of vegetation for control activities. 	Biosecurity risk management procedures in place.
6.1.9. Administration Administration and workflow standards in place.	Processes in place for administration of enquiries, compliance, permits, reporting, complaints.	 Follow administration processes.
6.1.10. Qualifications and training Staff are appropriately qualified and trained.	 Human resource management systems in place to assess, provide and review appropriate qualifications and training for staff to conduct all roles and responsibilities, including compliance, safety, condition assessments, and works. 	 Qualification and training to conduct roles and responsibilities.



Management Strategies	Maranoa Regional Council	Land Managers
6.1.11. Extension Community has access to information to meet management objectives and general biosecurity obligations.	Management Actions 1) Provide technical advice and education. 2) Support research, knowledge, awareness and extension activities in the region.	 Seek technical advice, information and resources to inform and assist with the planning and implementation of best practice management strategies.
6.1.12. Communication Community is informed of management objectives, responsibilities and opportunities to participate.	 Prepare and implement a communication plan to facilitate community awareness and participation in the implementation of the Biosecurity Management Plan. Rapid response priority communication plan in place, including warnings and alerts dissemination, following risk based protocols and Local Disaster Management Group Plan. Communicate with community and stakeholders via Council's website, annual reports, newsletters, social media, and email to share resources and information, raise awareness, and emergency response. Communicate via external channels such as radio, publications, events. 	Participate and engage in communication and engagement opportunities.
6.1.13. Coordination Coordinate planning and management activities with stakeholders.	 Coordinate with adjacent land managers on control programs and provide support where possible. Engage, coordinate and collaborate with government, industry and community stakeholders and land managers across all management strategies. Roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders are clear, defined, documented and communicated. 	 Coordinate with neighbours, Council and other stakeholders where practical.
6.1.14. Hygiene Hygiene measures in place to prevent the spread of biosecurity matter.	 Enforce Council policies and procedures for inspection schedules and operations, including high risk zones and clean down procedures. Review and implement Council policies and procedures for hygiene and clean down procedures. Maintain existing public washdown facilities at Injune and Roma. Review and implement strategic location of public washdown facilities within the Region, particularly Mitchell, Surat, and Wallumbilla/Yuleba. Use of technology and equipment to improve hygiene practices. 	 Clean down procedures and access to washdown facilities. Request weed hygiene declarations (contractors, service providers, agents, tourists, guests). Surveillance areas of introduced stock, feed, machinery, materials etc. Isolate or manage movement of stock and vehicles through incursions to prevent spread.
6.1.15. Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Review progress and achievement of management objectives.	 Regional and site based operational and performance monitoring. Evaluation of impact, effectiveness, appropriateness, efficiency, and value for money of all strategies and activities. Seek feedback from the community and stakeholders on priorities, issues, challenges, needs, achievements and opportunities. 	Monitor and evaluate results.



Management Strategies	Maranoa Regional Council Management Actions	Land Managers
6.1.16. Strategic planning and reporting Demonstrate leadership, responsibility and strategic direction regarding biosecurity management.	Review the Biosecurity Management Plan and update every four years.	 Participate in consultation and planning activities. Property Biosecurity Plan outlines the identified risks, assets, hygiene, and intended management program.



7. RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1. Legislation

This plan addresses Maranoa Regional Council's assigned obligations and responsibilities within its local government area primarily under the Biosecurity Act 2014. This plan has been prepared within the parameters of all relevant government legislation and policy, including those listed below.

Local Laws

Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011

Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011

Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011

Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2011

Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2012

Local Law No.4 (local Government Controlled Areas Facilities and Roads) 2011

Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2010

Queensland Legislation

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Queensland) Act 1994

Agricultural Chemicals Distribution Control Act 1966 and

Regulation 1998

Animal Care and Protection Act 2001

Animal Management (cats and dogs) Act 2008

Biosecurity Act 2014

Chemical Usage (Agricultural and Veterinary) Control Act 1988

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990

Land Act 1994

Land Title Act 1994

Local Government Act 2009

Medicines and Poisons (Poisons and Prohibited Substances)

Regulation 2021

Commonwealth Legislation

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Nature Conservation Act 1992 Pest Management Act 2001 Planning Act 2016 Public Health Act 2005 Queensland Heritage Act 1992 Soil Conservation Act 1986 Stock Route Management Act 2002 Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 Vegetation Management Act 1999 Water Act 2000 Weapons Act 1990 Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011

7.2. Links To Maranoa Regional Council Plans

The Biosecurity Management Plan directly aligns to the Maranoa Regional Council Corporate Plan and Local Development Plans and informs the annual Operational Plan priorities and resourcing. The planning and delivery framework sets clear intentions with desired outcomes for the management of weeds, pests, and biosecurity risks in the Maranoa Regional Council Local Government Area.

7.3. Links To Other Plans

The preparation and delivery of this plan further aligns to other local, regional, state, and national plans, strategies, and policies. The overarching principles, objectives, and management strategies of these plans have been adopted as best practice where relevant to achieve the shared desired outcomes.



This plan aligns directly with Queensland Government strategic priorities.

Queensland Invasive Plants and Animals Strategy 2019-2024

Invasive plants and animals are cooperatively managed to reduce their impacts on the environment, the economy, human health and social amenity as it relates to the community.

Queensland Biosecurity Strategy 2018-2023

We will protect Queensland's ecosystems, our industries and our way of life, maintain Queensland's national and international reputation for product safety and integrity and ensure ongoing market access for our commodities.

Queensland Stock Route Management Strategy 2021-2025

The network is managed for the responsible use for travelling stock while supporting the inherent natural and cultural values on the network.

Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Strategic Plan 2021-2025

A resilient sector with secure production, and value chains that can deal with natural disasters, climate change, biosecurity risks and other emerging challenges.

Queensland's Protected Area Strategy 2020-2030

To enhance and maintain a system of world-class protected areas, guided by First Nations' knowledge and expertise, global best practice and community needs, which ensures Queensland's exceptional nature and culture are actively supported to thrive for future generations to experience and enjoy.

Other plans include:

- Australian Pest Animal Strategy 2017–2027
- Australian Weeds Strategy 2017–2027
- Australian Emergency Plant Pest Response Plan 2021 (PLANTPLAN) and Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) 2022
- Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity (IGAB)
- Australian Veterinary Emergency Plan (AUSVETPLAN) and Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA)
- A Pathway to Flourishing Landscapes and Healthy Communities, Southern Queensland Landscapes March 2022

7.4. Stakeholders

Stakeholders are individuals, businesses, organisations, or agencies that have a stake in, or are affected by the Maranoa Regional Council Biosecurity Management Plan and its delivery in some way.

Government

Biosecurity Queensland
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
Department of Transport and Main Roads
Department of Environment and Science

Department of Resources

Queensland Rail

Industry and Community

Land managers

Stock route and reserve users

Industry organisations

Public and private service providers

Emergency Services

Natural resource management organisations

Community interest groups

Mandandanji and Gunggari people



7.5. Roles and Responsibilities

State agencies	Legislation, strategies, policies, awareness and extension, research, programs, collaboration, reporting, state response, biosecurity and compliance officers, management of invasive plants and animals on state lands.	
Maranoa Regional Council	Regional biosecurity plan and management program, support awareness and extension, management on local government lands, stakeholder engagement, authorised persons.	
Land managers	Property and farm biosecurity management plan, management activities, best management practice, general biosecurity obligations, good neighbour policy, implementation of quality assurance for commodities.	
Stock route and reserve users	Biosecurity risk prevention and hygiene practices.	
Industry and NRM organisations	Facilitation of management for local priorities, contribute to regional planning processes, funding for research, assist in shaping relevant policies, land manager engagement, leadership of best management practice, technical advice.	
Researchers	Invasive plant and animal research and development, assist in shaping relevant policies, land manager engagement, training and education of best management practice.	
Community	Management activities and surveillance, assist in shaping relevant policies, land manager engagement and community awareness.	
Service providers	Management activities and advice, assist in shaping relevant policies, land manager engagement.	



8. RESOURCES

8.1. Contacts

Enquiries or report to Maranoa Regional Council on 1300 007 662 Report notifiable animal disease, weed, pest or matter to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888

https://www.maranoa.gld.gov.au/

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity

https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/access/stock-routes

https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/plants/herbarium/weeds/weed-spotters

8.2. Fact Sheets and Mapping

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/invasive-plants-animals/fact-sheets https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/invasive-plants-animals/pest-mapping/distribution-maps

8.3. Plans

Maranoa Regional Council Corporate Plan https://www.maranoa.gld.gov.au/council-plans

Maranoa Regional Council Local Plans https://www.maranoa.qld.gov.au/community-local-plans

Biosecurity Queensland Strategic Plan

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/enhancing-capability-capacity/qld-biosecurity-strategy

Queensland Invasive Plants and Animals Strategy

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/policy-legislation-regulation/queensland-invasive-plants-animals-strategy

PLANTPLAN

https://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/biosecurity/incursion-management/plantplan/

Stock Route Network Management Strategy

https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/access/stock-routes/management

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Strategic Plan https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/strategic-direction/strategic-plan

AUSVET Plan

https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/ausvetplan/

Queensland's Protected Area Strategy

https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/management/plans-strategies/protected-area-strategy



8.4. Weed Species List

African Boxthorn Lycium ferocissimum

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/64042/african-boxthorn.pdf

African Lovegrass Eragrostis curvula

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0004/62716/IPA-African-Lovegrass-

Risk-Assessment.pdf

Asparagus Fern Asparagus scandens

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/187504/asparagus-fern.pdf

Athel Pine Tamarix aphylla

https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-

forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/invasive/restricted/athel-pine

Bunny Ears Opuntia microdasys

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1533941/prohibited-restricted-

cacti.pdf

Castor Oil Plant Ricinus communis

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/59797/castor-oil.pdf

Cats Claw Creeper Macfadyena unguis-cati

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/63336/cats-claw-creeper.pdf

Chinese Celtis Celtis sinensis

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/54080/chinese-celtis.pdf

Devil's Rope Pear Cylindropuntia imbricata

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1395918/devils-rope-pear.pdf

Fireweed Senecio madagascariensis

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/67167/fireweed.pdf

Hairy Flower Lovegrass Eragrostis trichophora

Fact sheet not available. See African Lovegrass risk assessment.

Harrisia Cactus Harrisia martinii, Harrisia tortuosa and Harrisia pomanensis

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0003/49179/harrisia-cactus.pdf

Honey Locust Gleditsia triacanthos

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/58918/honey-locust.pdf

Jumping Cholla Cylindropuntia prolifera

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1398841/jumping-cholla.pdf

Karroo Thorn Vachellia karroo

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0012/1403220/karroo-thorn.pdf

Lantana Lantana camara

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/62010/lantana.pdf

Mesquite Prosopis spp.

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0004/73489/mesquite.pdf

Mexican Feathergrass Nassella tenuissima

https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-

forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/invasive/restricted/mexican-feather-grass



Mimosa Bush Acacia farnesiana

https://www.daf.gld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0007/74167/mimosa-bush.pdf

Mother of Millions Bryophyllum delagoense

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/61461/mother-millions.pdf

Parkinsonia Parkinsonia aculeata

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0014/55040/parkinsonia.pdf

Parthenium Parthenium hysterophorus

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/68602/parthenium.pdf

Prickly Acacia Vachellia nilotica

https://www.daf.gld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/73753/prickly-acacia.pdf

Prickly Pear Opuntia species

https://www.daf.gld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0008/383822/opuntioid-cacti.pdf

Rat's Tail Grasses Sporobolus pyramidalis, S. natalensis, S. jacquemontii and S. fertilis

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0010/69616/rats-tail-grasses.pdf

Riverina Pear Opuntia elata

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0017/1633400/riverina-pear.pdf

Rubber Vine Cryptostegia grandiflora and Cryptostegia madagascariensis

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/52544/rubber-vine.pdf

Salvinia Spp.

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/65964/salvinia.pdf

Silver-Leaf Nightshade Solanum elaeagnifolium

https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-

forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/invasive/restricted/silver-leaf-nightshade

Snake Cactus Cylindropuntia spinosior

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1393740/snake-cactus.pdf

Sulphur Cactus Opuntia sulphurea

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0005/1617053/sulphur-cactus-

opuntia-sulphurea.pdf

Tiger Pear Opuntia aurantiaca

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/383822/opuntioid-cacti.pdf

Tree Pear Opuntia tomentosa

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/383822/opuntioid-cacti.pdf

Water Hyacinth Eichhornia crassipes syn. Pontederia crassipes

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/54680/water-hyacinth.pdf

Water Lettuce Pistia stratiotes

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/70954/water-lettuce.pdf

Willows Cactus Cereus uruguayanus

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0004/1474069/willows-cactus.pdf



8.5. Pest Species List

Cane Toad Rhinella marina

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/77360/cane-toad.pdf

Carp Cyprinus carpio

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0008/1238075/carp.pdf

Feral Cat Felis catus

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/61987/feral-cat.pdf

Feral Deer Cervus elaphus, Dama dama, Cervus timorensis, Axis axis

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/73510/feral-red-deer.pdf

Feral Goat Capra hircus

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0012/55200/feral-goat.pdf

Feral Horse Equus caballus

https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-

forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/animals/invasive/other/feral-horse

Feral Pig Sus scrofa

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0005/70925/feral-pig.pdf

Fire ants Solenopsis invicta

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/invasive-plants-

animals/ants/fire-ants

Fox Vulpes vulpes

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/73810/european-red-fox.pdf

Indian Myna Acridotheres tristis

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/62066/indian-myna.pdf

Locusts Chortoicetes terminifera

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/55593/locusts.pdf

Mice Mus domesticus

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0019/56044/IPA-HouseMouse-

PSA.pdf

Rabbit Oryctolagus cuniculus

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0015/62700/rabbit.pdf

Tilapia Oreochromis mossambicus, Tilapia mariae

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1238076/tilapia.pdf

Wild dog Canis lupus familaris

https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/74487/wild-dog.pdf

Yellow Crazy Ant Anoplolepis gracilipes

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