

Weeds of the Yarra Webinar Answers

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WHERE WILL THE TOOLKIT BE PUBLISHED?

You can access all of our toolkits on our website at <https://yarrariver.org.au/categorys/education/>
Click on this link: https://yarrariver.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/YRKA_Weeding_toolkit_1st_expansion.pdf to access the Weeding Toolkit, first expansion, that was covered in this webinar.



IS THE FIRST WEEDING TOOLKIT THE OLD WEEDING TOOLKIT?

Our toolkits are designed to provide you with a toolkit that is easy to use for a wide range of people, with various degrees of existing knowledge about weeds. To avoid overwhelming some readers it was decided that the toolkits should be kept brief, with each new edition providing another stepping stone of information. So the first weeding toolkit is just as relevant as the one presented in this webinar and should be seen as complimentary to the second weeding toolkit.

IS THERE AN APP WITH PHOTOS THAT CAN BE USED TO IDENTIFY WEED SPECIES ?

We recommend using iNaturalist as an app to help identify different species of plants, animals and little critters in your area. This tool will provide you with suggestions of the species that you have spotted, and the identification is also verified by the iNaturalist community. Plus, when you upload to this platform, your observation will contribute to the understanding of biodiversity in your local area by adding to the data compiled on open source platforms like the Yarra Catchment Atlas and the Atlas of Living Australia





I HAVE BEEN AMAZED TO SEE PRICKLY PEAR GROWING IN SUBURBAN GARDENS. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS IS A WEED?

Prickly pear is a weed of national significance, and as such is quite broadly documented as a weed. However, there are many different varieties, with some being permissible for planting in your garden. This does require people to know what variety of plant they have, and as such, if it is found that they have a prohibited variety on their property, they will be required to eradicate it.

WHAT WOULD A COUNCIL CONSIDER AS A WEED? I CONSIDER SOME TO BE MEDICINAL EDIBLES AND HARVEST MANY BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SPRAYING.

Many councils have information on their website which outlines their weed management practices and / or lists weeds. If you are concerned about spraying, and as these practices can differ depending on your local council, we recommend giving your local council a call and asking what their current spraying priorities are and where they are currently spraying