



Pesticide Notification Plan

1. INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 2017 (the Regulation).

The aim of this plan is to meet the community's general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by Dubbo Regional Council. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides, if they wish.

The term 'pesticide' is applied to chemicals used to kill pests and minimise their impact on agriculture, health and other human interests. Pesticides are often classified according to the organisms which they are used to control, e.g. as fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides, nematocides, rodenticides, algaecides etc.

Dubbo Regional Council ensures that staff and contractors adopt best management practices in the application of pesticides to public places minimising harm to the community or the environment. Examples of best management practices involve using pesticides only for the purpose described on the product label and all the instructions on the label are followed, observing the weather conditions at the control site, continual observance of the general public at the control site, taking care to protect their own health and the health of others while using a pesticide (wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment etc.), making every reasonable attempt to prevent damage occurring from the use of a pesticide and keeping records of application.

The majority of pesticide use by Dubbo Regional Council staff and contractors consist of the application of herbicides for weed control (priority weeds and grass on town streets etc.) and application of insecticides to manage insect pests (spiders, locusts etc.). The seasonal conditions and prevailing weather conditions have a major influence on any control work carried out.

The plan sets out how Dubbo Regional Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

This plan sets out how Dubbo Regional Council will notify members of the community of its use of Pesticides in public places, also the use of pesticides it allows to be used in public places it owns or controls.

The Plan describes:

-  What public places are covered by this plan,
-  Identifying who regularly uses these public places and the level of use,
-  How and when Dubbo Regional Council will provide the Community with the information about its pesticide applications in public places,
-  How the Community can access this plan and get more information about Dubbo Regional Council's notification arrangements,
-  How future reviews of this plan will be conducted,
-  Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with Dubbo Regional Council.

2. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Dubbo 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 Dubbo Regional Council area:

- ✚ Public parks and garden areas
- ✚ Sporting fields and Ovals
- ✚ Roads, laneways and verges
- ✚ Pathways and walking tracks
- ✚ Reserves
- ✚ Drains and other easements e.g. Power
- ✚ Showgrounds
- ✚ Swimming Pools
- ✚ Cemeteries
- ✚ City, Town and Village Streets
- ✚ Saleyards
- ✚ Airports
- ✚ Water and Sewer Infrastructure
- ✚ Councils Depots
- ✚ Wellington caves complex
- ✚ Garbage, waste, transfer centres and recycling centres
- ✚ Councils Buildings

Public Places	Regular Users	Level of use	Type of Applications
Public Parks and garden areas, Sporting Fields and Ovals, Pathways and Walking tracks, Saleyards, Airports, Water and Sewer Infrastructure, Council Depots, Wellington Caves Complex, Garbage, Waste, transfer stations and Recycling centres, Council Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Public • Council staff • Contractors 	High	Broad scale selective and non-selective herbicides. Broad scale insecticides and fungicides. Termiticides. Insecticides for ant control and baits for termites. Bait for bird control. Rodenticides for rodent control
Roads, Laneways and verges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Public • Council Staff 	High	Broad scale selective and non-selective herbicides. Termiticides. Insecticides for Ant control and baits for Termites.

Reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Public • Council Staff 	Low	Broad scale selective and non-selective herbicides. Termiticides. Insecticides for Ant control and baits for Termites.
Drains and other easements e.g. Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Public • Council Staff 	Low	Broad scale selective and non-selective herbicides. Termiticides. Insecticides for Ant control and baits for Termites.
City, Town and Village Streets, Cemeteries, Showgrounds, Swimming Pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Public • Council Staff • Contractors 	High	Broad scale selective and non-selective herbicides. Termiticides. Insecticides for Ant control and baits for Termites.
Council Depots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Public • Council Staff • Contractors 	Med	Broad scale selective and non-selective herbicides. Broad scale insecticides and fungicides. Termiticides. Insecticides for Ant control and baits for Termites. Bait for Bird Control. Rodenticides for Rodent Control
Wellington Caves Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Public • Council Staff 	High	Broad scale selective and non-selective herbicides. Broad scale insecticides and fungicides. Termiticides. Insecticides for Ant control and baits for Termites. Bait for Bird Control. Rodenticides for Rodent Control

3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Dubbo Regional Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places. This includes, special measures for sensitive places that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where no notice will be given.

These notification requirements are based on Dubbo Regional Council's, assessment of:

- ✚ The level of use of public places where pesticides may be used.
- ✚ The extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides and are likely to use these areas.
- ✚ The extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some contact with pesticides.
- ✚ Type and toxicity of pesticide used.
- ✚ The practicality of leaving signs unattended at the site of application.

4. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

How and when notice of pesticide use will be provided:

Newspaper Advertisements - A pesticide application notice will be printed in the local media on a quarterly basis this information will provide information about the proposed spraying program to be undertaken by Dubbo Regional Council over the following 3 months.

Signs – may be displayed at sites where a pesticide has been or is proposed to be applied. These signs will remain at the site until the product has dried or the re-entry period has lapsed. There are 2 main types of signs; one being a free standing sign the other will fit over the current regulation sign.

Council may use a combination of the two types of signs depending on the location(not every entrance to every asset can be sign posted so care needs to be taken when using these assets).

General Information – All members of the general public may request information regarding Council's pesticide application program. This information can be obtained by contacting Council.

Individual Notification – Dubbo Regional Council runs a media campaign asking any member of the public to make themselves known of their sensitivity to pesticides. Council will provide individual notice to these 'sensitive persons' should pesticide application be required nearby to their place of residence.

Public Parks, Garden Areas, Sporting Fields and ovals

Identified users will be notified by the following methods:

- ✚ Newspaper advertisements quarterly,
- ✚ Signage on the day of application (if practicable),
- ✚ Request Information from Council.

Roads, laneways, Verges, Pathways, Reserves, Drains and Other easements, Showgrounds, Swimming Pools, Cemeteries, saleyards airports, water and sewer infrastructure, Council depots, Wellington caves complex, Garbage Depots, Waste transfer Stations, Recycling Centres, Walking Tracks, and Council Buildings.

Identified users will be notified by the following methods:

-  Newspaper advertisements quarterly
-  No signage will be displayed due to the mobile work sites
-  Request Information from Council

City, Town and Village Streets

Identified users will be notified by the following methods:

-  Newspaper advertisements quarterly
-  No signage will be displayed due to work having many locations and is mobile work
-  Request Information from Council

5. Special Measures For sensitive Places

Clause 11J (1) OF THE Pesticides regulation defines a sensitive place to be any:

-  Preschool or School
-  Kindergarten
-  Childcare centre
-  Hospital
-  Community Health Centre
-  Nursing Home
-  Place declared to be a sensitive place by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA)

Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in public places adjacent to schools or preschools, kindergartens, childcare centres, hospitals, community health centres, nursing homes, and any other place as declared sensitive by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA) and within 20 meters of the common boundary of one of the Council assets will consist of individual notice, (as per individual notification list) at least 1 week prior to application date for the following pesticide uses. The chemical types expected to be used are:

-  Broad scale selective and non-selective herbicides.
-  Broad scale insecticides and fungicides.
-  Termiticides.
-  Insecticides for Ant control and baits for Termites.
-  Bait for Bird Control.
-  Rodenticides for Rodent Control

6. Pesticide Contractors and Lessees of Public Places

Where Dubbo Regional Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, Council (or the contractor on council's behalf) will provide the same notification as if Dubbo Regional Council were carrying out the pesticide application.

Where individuals or organisations lease Dubbo Regional Council land or Crown land for which Council is trust Manager, notification is the sole responsibility of the lessee.

7. Notification of emergency applications

In cases where emergency pesticide application in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), individual notice will be provided to users in sensitive places not later than 24 hours after the application for the following pesticide uses:

-  Broad scale selective and non-selective herbicides.
-  Broad scale insecticides and fungicides.
-  Termiticides.
-  Insecticides for Ant control and baits for Termites.
-  Bait for Bird Control.
-  Rodenticides for Rodent Control

8. PUBLIC PLACES AND SITUATIONS WHERE NO NOTICE WILL BE PROVIDED

Notice will not be provided:

-  Where Dubbo Regional Council is contracted to undertake works such as private works for another authority or private entity unless it is deemed necessary or the location is near a sensitive place. (In which case notification will be provided as per mandatory notifications list).
-  At or on Council's reserves or land controlled by Council that has no public access or are more than 1 km from the city limits (unless specifically requested to do so by a neighbouring landholder).
-  At or on Council owned land or land controlled by Council that is closed to the public.
-  By volunteer groups. Dubbo Regional Council has many volunteers that from time to time use pesticides to control weeds on lands owned and/or controlled by Dubbo Regional Council. These groups only use very small amounts of pesticides and only work for short periods of time. Notification and signage would be impracticable.

-  In Wellington, Staff and Contractors will not provide notice (except for general media advertisements) unless requested when chemical applications are being carried out at Teamsters Park (nearby Wellington Christian School) as applications are being scheduled early hours before school children are around and where possible outside school terms.

9. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 11L (2) (g) of the Pesticides Regulation uses will include the following information:

- ✚ The full product name of the pesticide to be used,
- ✚ The purpose of the use, clearly identifying what pest is being targeted,
- ✚ The proposed dates of application or date range of application,
- ✚ The Place where the pesticide is to be used,
- ✚ Contact details of the Council Officer who can be contacted in relation to the application this should at least include a phone number and email address,
- ✚ Any warnings regarding re-entry to or the use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the AVPMA permit².

10. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

Council has made contact with all properties that are deemed sensitive areas by the legislation and their responses have been considered in the development of the notification system. The Pesticide Use Notification Plan (this document) will go on public exhibition as draft and the general public is invited to make comment, and or place their name on the sensitive persons list.

Note: By placing your name on the sensitive persons list contact will be made by Council in regards to the types of sensitivity and proximity to any works being undertaken by Council in some cases Council may not be able to advise individually purely due to practicality or the sensitive person may reside well outside the work area.

11. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THIS PLAN

The Pesticide use Notification Plan will be reviewed every three years or sooner if valid circumstances arise that require a review of the plan.

Dubbo Regional Council will provide the following information in regards to a review:

- ✚ If required a report to the Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA) as to the progress and the reasons for a review other than the normal 3 yearly review.
- ✚ Public Consultation on the notification methods outlined in this plan. If major changes are considered necessary, a new plan highlighting those changes is required to be submitted for public display and comment. If there are only minor changes public consultation is not required. At any time Dubbo Regional Council will accept submissions regarding this plan or the operation of the notification systems.
- ✚ Recommendations (if any) for alterations to the plan.

12. CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact Dubbo Regional Council to discuss the Pesticide Notification Plan or to obtain details of Pesticide Applications in Public spaces should in the first instance contact:

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²The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), the national body responsible for assessing and registering (or otherwise approving) all pesticide products in Australia and for their regulation up to and including the point of resale sale.

APPENDIX

List of Sensitive areas nearby work areas and Council assets.

Sporting Assets	Sensitive Areas
Pioneer Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Dubbo Infants School East Street Dubbo • Delroy Campus East Street Dubbo • West Dubbo Primary School East Street Dubbo • St Pius School East Street Dubbo • Early Intervention Centre Baird Drive Dubbo • West Dubbo Preschool Baird Street Dubbo
Barden Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Dubbo Public School Fitzroy Street Dubbo • Allira Childcare Centre Fitzroy Street Dubbo
Jubilee Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orana Heights Public School Oak Street Dubbo
Victoria Park No 1 Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubbo Central public School Darling Street Dubbo • After School Care Dubbo Pipe Band Hall
Victoria Park No 2 Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurant at Western Plains Cultural Centre
Victoria Park No 3 Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubbo Aquatic Leisure centre DALC (in season)
South Dubbo Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Dubbo Campus Boundary Road Dubbo
Horticultural Assets	Sensitive Areas
Spears Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitive Persons – Refer to SP List in TRIM • Childcare Centre – Spears Drive (Maybe users of Park)
Wheeler Lane Medians (south of Cobra street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Start Early Learning Childcare Wheeler lane Dubbo • Little Learners Wheeler lane Dubbo
Cobra street Medians (only near Palmer Street Intersection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good start early learning Childcare Palmer Street
Delroy Park North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macquarie Anglican Grammar School • ABC Childcare West Dubbo Baird Drive Dubbo
Wiradjuri Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noahs Ark Childcare Centre • Sensitive Persons – Refer to SP list in TRIM
Theresa Maliphant Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubbo Base Hospital • Play Mates Cottage
Luna Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's Primary School
Daphne Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare Centre Hampton Street
Victoria park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare Centre in Park
John Glenn Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buninyong School
South Dubbo Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Dubbo Campus
Wahroonga Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regand Park Childcare Centre Macquarie Street

Elizabeth Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orana Gardens Nursing Home • Sensitive Person – Refer to SP list in TRIM
Water and Sewer Assets	Sensitive Areas
Harpers Bore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akela Place Childcare Place
Myall Street Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's Primary School
Cemeteries	Sensitive Areas
Dubbo Cemetery Myall street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary's School
Urban Weed Control	Sensitive Areas
Fitzroy Street Fitzroy St Cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Dubbo Senior Campus • South Dubbo Primary School • St Laurance's Primary School • Allira Childcare Centre • North Dubbo Primary school • Red gum Childcare Centre
Cobra Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Start Early Learning and Childcare
Wingewarra Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orana Heights Public school • Dubbo Central Public School
Darling Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubbo Central Public School • Oznam Villa Nursing Home • Band hall After School care
Bultje Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubbo Pre School • Mian School (not normal school hours)
Macquarie Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regand Park Childcare Centre • Bracken House Nursing Home
Hampton Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampton street Childcare Centre
Marsden lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepping Stones Childcare Centre
Boundary Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Dubbo High School
Tamworth Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Laurence's Primary School
Gipps Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepping Stones Childcare Centre
Myall Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buninyong Public School • Dubbo Base Hospital • Play Mates Cottage • St Mary's Primary School
Sheraton Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubbo Christian School (southern end) • St John's College (southern end)
Windsor Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orana Gardens Nursing Home
Coronation Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orana Gardens Nursing Home
Wheelers Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Learners Childcare Centre (south of cobra Street) • Good Start Early Learning Centre (south of cobra Street) • St Mary's Primary School (northern end)
Percy Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington Pre School • Wellington Public School
Whiteley Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington High School • Maranathur Nursing Home
Gipps Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington Christian School
Kingsford Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington St Mary's School
Mitchell Hwy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanima Public School

Thornton Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington District Hospital • Community Health Centre #
Warruga Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belhaven Nursing Home
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC Learning Centre##
Rural Areas	Sensitive Areas
Eumungerie School Park – Wheaton Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eumungerie Public School
Wongarbon School Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wongarbon Public School
Burrendong Way – Stuart town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Town Public School
Burrendong Way - Mumbil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mumbil Public School
Narragal Street - Geurie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geurie Public School
Euchareena Road - Euchareena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euchareena Public School
Bunglegumbie Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornerstone Christian School
Bomen Street - Ballimore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballimore Public School
Obley Rd - Wambangalang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wambangalang Environmental Studies Centre