

Combating Privet and other weeds

GWYMAC Inc



Combating weeds to reduce the impact on the environment

The issue

Prolonged dry periods within the Inverell district has enabled a variety of weeds to take hold in the landscape. Gwymac landcare and the Nullamanna Landcare group aimed to reduce threats to key habitats and biodiversity by combatting weeds in their local area especially targeting Privet.



The solution

Issues on combatting weeds have been discussed at numerous Nullamanna Landcare meetings and the members decided to do a group project. Gwymac Landcare was successful in obtaining funding from the department of the Environment and Energy to deliver positive environmental and social outcomes and increase community connection with the environment in the local area. 13 landholders members of the Nullamanna landcare group participated in the project. Materials, Chemicals and tools assisted participants of the project. On ground activities enabled the group to combat privet and other weeds including prickly pear, silverleaf nightshade and blackberry to reduce the thread to biodiversity in the area and improved the health of riparian and instream habitats. The activities covered ground works on farm as well at community areas in Nullamanna.



During the project a "Community v's Privet" day was held at the Nullamanna Hall to discuss invasive weeds and control methods to eradicated these weeds most importantly containing privet. The project also included a community action day that was held to combat Privet in the riparian zone and travelling stock reserve along the Frazers creek in Nullamanna. The day was well attended by the community tackling the containment of privet in the area.

The impact

The project has stimulated the local community and their capacity supporting strategic actions in the Inverell district equipping the community with new knowledge, awareness and skills. On ground activities assisted with the containment of weeds on farm and also the containment of Privet in the Nullamanna Community. The Nullamanna Landcare Group plans to continue activities to combat Privet past the life of the project.

Key facts

- Group on ground activities benefit the Environment
- assistance of Materials and tools makes combatting weeds easier
- Community workshops increase knowledge, Skills and awareness

Project Partners



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