

Weed Hygiene Training Opportunity 2019-2020

Overview

Planning is underway to deliver several nationally accredited weed hygiene workshops (WeedStop) across Victoria in 2019-20. To register your interest please complete this short survey – [LINK](#) (Requires the approximate number of participants from your organisation).

Workshops will be delivered by Longerenong Collage at a convenient location.

Although the training is relevant for many weeds', preference will be given to organisations in areas with serrated tussock infestations.

This is part of a broader project to improve weed hygiene practices and prevent the spread of serrated tussock across Victorian.

About the WeedStop Workshops

This nationally accredited workshop aims to increase awareness of how weeds can be spread via contaminated vehicles or machinery and how the risk of this occurring can be minimised. Key components of the workshop are:

- Examining the mechanisms of weed spread
- Job planning
- Minimising vehicle/machinery contamination
- Inspecting and cleaning vehicles or machinery of contaminants
- Legislation
- Can be tailored to organisational requirements.

Delivered by:	Delivered by Longerenong College at a convenient location.
Locations:	Areas with serrated tussock infestations.
When:	2019-20
Duration:	1 Day.
Prerequisites:	No previous experience required.
Cost:	\$285 per person (+ cost of catering) - Includes a \$25 discount through this project.
Number of participants:	12 – 20. Applications are welcome for fewer participants as the VSTWP will seek to coordinate attendance at relevant workshops.
Target audience:	Works supervisors, works crews, contractors responsible for weed control, landowner, those responsible for slashing and movement of vehicles or material through weed-infested areas.

Why is this Training Needed?

Many organisations require contractors and staff to undertake WeedStop training as it provides the knowledge and skills necessary to meet legislative requirements. Under the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994* landowners are responsible for preventing the spread of regionally controlled and regionally prohibited weeds. Additionally, Councils must implement the measures set out in their roadside weed and pest animal management plan. Prevention is the most effective method of dealing with weeds. Once a weed has entered an area and become established, eradication is far more expensive, and it is likely that greater resources will be required to control its further spread and reduce its impact.

Registering Your Interest

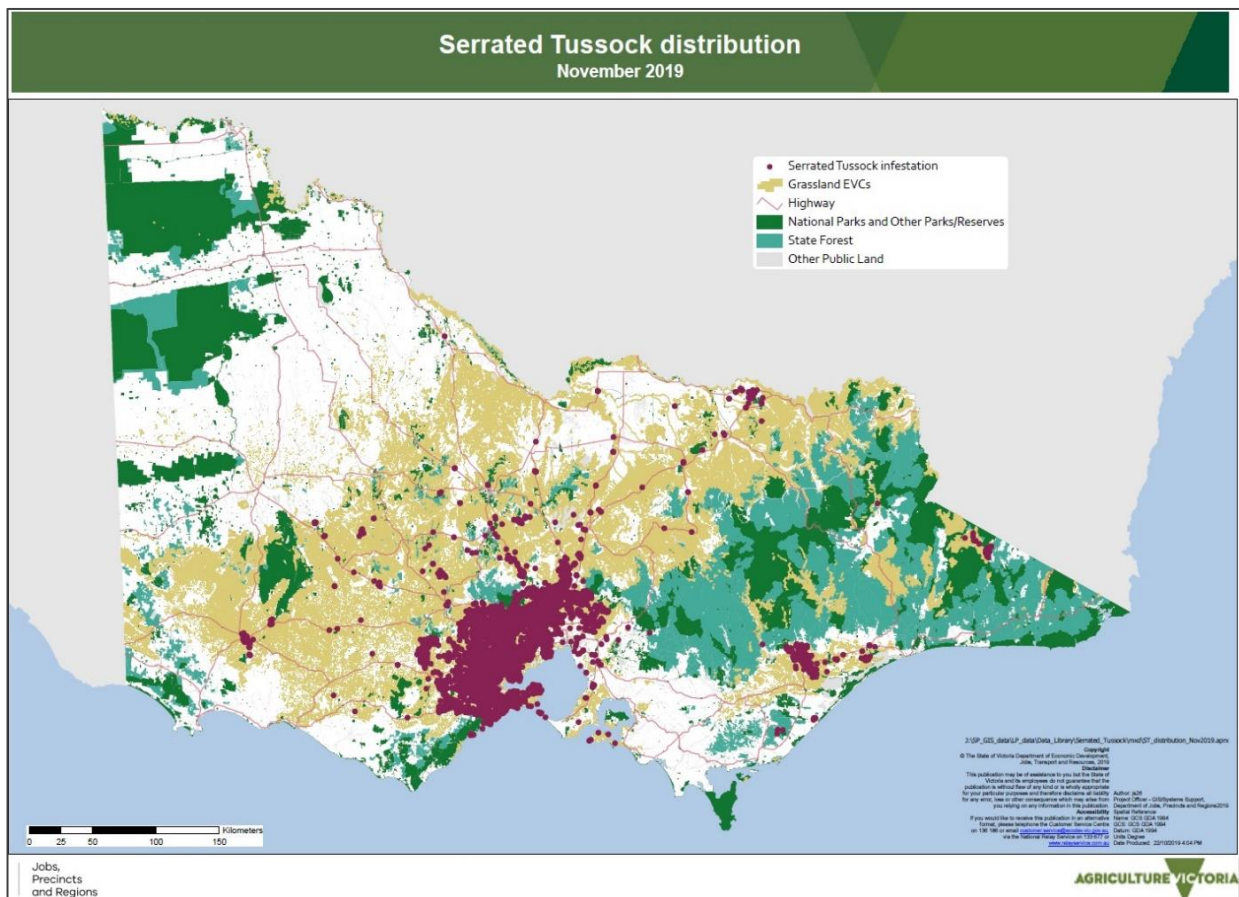
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Criteria

The locations and attendees will be decided according to the following criteria;

- Areas impacted by serrated tussock.
- Level of interest.
- The logistics of delivering multiple workshops across the state.

If you would like any further details about the project please contact VSTWP Executive Officer, Martin Deering on 0417 541 719.



This project is coordinated by the Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party.