



Liverpool  
Plains  
Shire Council



Local Land  
Services

## North West Regional Best Practice Guide for: Blackberry

**Botanical Name:** *Rubus fruticosus agg.*

**Common Names:** Blackberry

**Priority Weeds Objective** - Containment

These weeds are widely distributed in the region. While broad scale elimination is not practicable, minimisation of the biosecurity risk posed by this weed is reasonably practicable.

**Blackberry:** Blackberry can severely restrict access in agriculture, conservation and recreational areas. The spread of Blackberry is facilitated by the large numbers of seed produced, their attractiveness to dispersal agents and the ease of distribution. Blackberry is listed as a “Weed of National Significance” (WONS).

### General Biosecurity Duty – Biosecurity Act 2015

A **general biosecurity duty** applies to all dealings (as defined) with this species. Any person who deals with this species who knows (or ought to know) of any biosecurity risk posed by the plant, a carrier or a dealing, has a duty to ensure the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised, so far as is reasonably practicable.



Photo: Matt Benham

**Regional Recommended Measure:** An **exclusion zone** is established for all lands in the region, except the core infestation area comprising the Gywdir Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Tamworth Regional Council.

### Outcomes to demonstrate compliance with GBD

**Whole Of region:** the plant or parts of the plant are not traded, carried, grown or released into the environment

**Within Exclusion Zone:** Land managers should prevent spread from their land, land managers should mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land.

**Within Core Infestation:** Land managers should reduce impacts from the plant on priority assets.

**Mandatory Measure** - A person must not import into the State or sell.

### Liverpool Plains Shire Local Control Requirements

#### Core infestation area within LPSC

1. Reduce the size and density of infested area by physical, mechanical and or chemical control methods, and
2. Eliminate or minimise the risk of spread onto neighbouring lands.

#### Exclusion zone within LPSC

1. The land is kept free of the plant, and
2. Land managers will mitigate the risk of the plant being introduced to their land.

**Note: Information showing these Zones within Liverpool Plains Shire Council area please refer to Map attached to this Weed Management Plan**

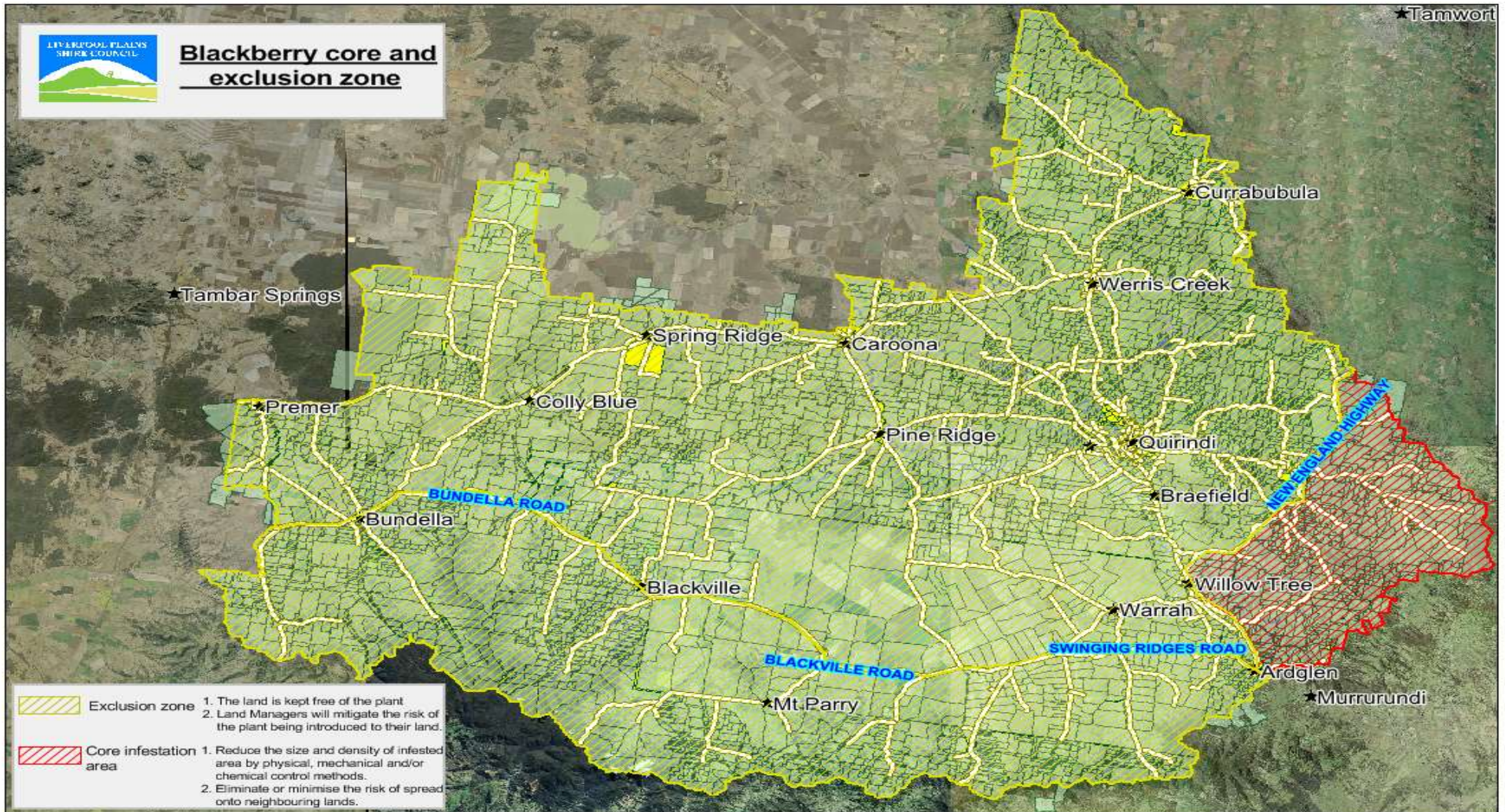
### Penalty for not complying with the general biosecurity duty or a direction issued under the Biosecurity Act 2015

The maximum penalty is:

- in the case of an individual—\$220,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of \$55,000 for each day the offence continues, or
- in the case of a corporation—\$440,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of \$110,000 for each day the offence continues.

The maximum penalty for an offence that is committed negligently is:

- in the case of an individual—\$1,100,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of \$137,500 for each day the offence continues, or
- in the case of a corporation—\$2,200,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, a further penalty of \$275,000 for each day the offence continues.



**Linkage to Plans/Strategies**

- North West Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2023-2027
- NSW Biosecurity Strategy 2013-2021
- NSW Biosecurity Act 2015
- NSW Invasive Species Plan 2018- 2021
- *Pesticides Act 1999* and *Pesticide Regulation 2017*

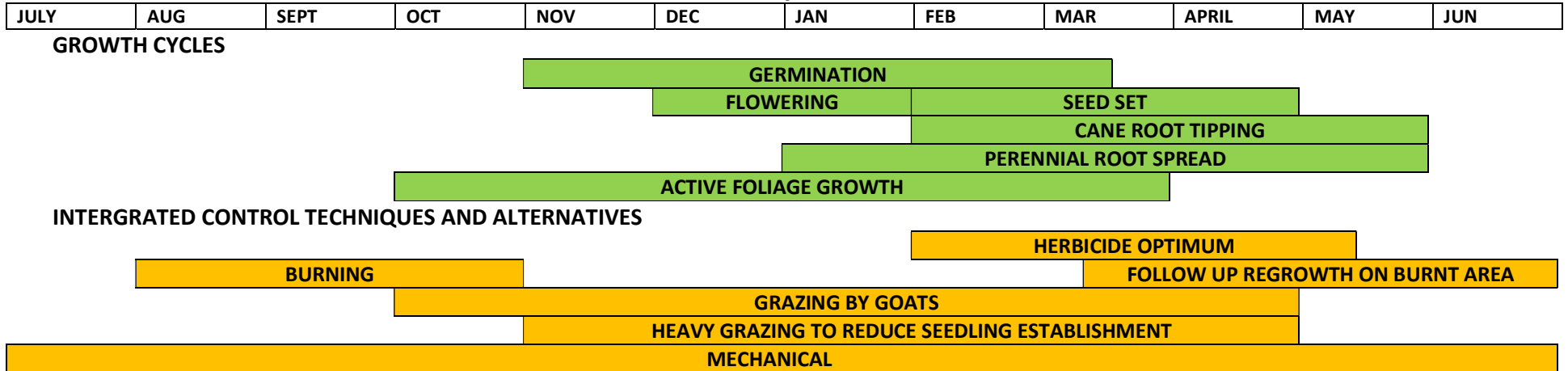
**References**

- *NSW DPI Website /WeedWise/ NSW Weed Control Handbook 2018 7<sup>th</sup> Edition.*

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## Blackberry Control Calendar



### **Registered Herbicide Application Rates:**

Please refer to the NSW DPI Website NSW WeedWise. <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au> for current up to date permits and Registered Chemicals. Or to NSW Weed Control Handbook 2018 7<sup>th</sup> Edition for Chemical Options.

### **Critical Comments:-**

- Apply to actively growing plants.
- Consult your LCA Biosecurity Officer- Weeds for application tips.
- Always read and follow the Label instructions and SDS of respective herbicides.

### **NOTE:**

- (a) All Control Techniques involving herbicide use, must comply with the directions on the herbicide label or the conditions set out in a current permit to use a nominated herbicide.
- (b) All chemical control programs must be carried out in accordance with the *Pesticides Act 1999* and Pesticide Regulation 2017.
- (c) All Chemical application programs used must be undertaken by or be designed and supervised by an appropriately Certified and Accredited Chemical user.
- (d) Growth patterns and changes to optimum treatment times will vary with seasonal conditions due to rain events and air temperature changes, that may coincide with soil moisture availability.

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