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## Weed control in Commoron Creek

A group of landholders in the Commoron Creek area, east of Goondiwindi, have developed a plan and secured \$44,000 in funding from the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee to help control mother of millions and harrisia cactus in the area.

Over the next twelve months, the group of fifteen public and private landholders will undertake a co-ordinated weed control program on more than 1,000 hectares, including road reserves and stock routes.

Group member and Waggamba Landcare Chair, Trevor Martin, says the aim is to reduce the economic and environmental impact of the weeds across a significant area.

“Harissia cactus and mother of millions have invaded areas of grazing country in the Waggamba Shire where they compete with native grasses, reduce productivity and biodiversity, and in some cases, cause stock deaths.

“We hope that by working as a group, starting at the top of the sub-catchment and taking a coordinated approach we will be able to limit the impact of these pests,” Mr Martin said.

As part of this coordinated approach, group members intend to spot-spray harissia cactus across an area of 880 hectares and to control mother of millions on 270 hectares using a combination of fire and chemical treatment.

Planning for the project has been coordinated by Adam Logan, Pest and Weeds Technical Officer with the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee and the Waggamba Landcare Group.

“On behalf of the Landcare Group I would like to pay tribute to QMDC staff, in particular Adam Logan for the effort they have put into reviving this project and making it happen,” Mr Martin said.

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Caption: Commoron Creek group members, Peter Kelman "Coomoran"; Jason Quinnell, Waggamba Shire Council; Kim and Judy Felton-Taylor "Terella" and Trevor Martin "Marrakai", look over the plan with QMDC's Adam Logan (centre).

