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Help for shires to target weeds and pests

Local Government Incentive Schemes are now being run to target weed and pest animal problems in shires throughout the Maranoa-Balonne and Border Rivers catchments.

Funded by the Natural Heritage Trust, and coordinated by the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Inc. (QMDC), councils throughout the region will have the chance to apply for financial and technical support to implement weed and pest animal control measures in their area.

“Local governments play a key role in the management of weed and pest animals, particularly in relation to public lands and the coordination of multiple land managers over a geographic area,” QMDC’s Regional Coordinator for Weed and Pest Animals, Darren Marshall said.

QMDC has already implemented weed and pest animal management activities with land managers in over 143,000ha across the region.

“Through our local government incentives, we hope to work with local authorities across our region to achieve a more integrated, coordinated approach to weed and pest animal management.

“However, these incentives are not for emergency situations, or ‘rapid response’ programs,” he said.

Seven local government projects have already accessed the incentives, including Bungil/Roma Town, Bungil/Warroo, Bendemere, Booringa, Warroo, Murilla, and Tara councils. Waggamba Landcare Group has also accessed the incentive on behalf of landholders in that shire.

Projects approved for funding so far include control methods for mother of millions, harrisia cactus, green cestrum, African boxthorn and parthenium.

“We hope to capitalise on the existing momentum of our local governments to plan, prioritise and address issues on a regional, instead of a shire, scale,” he said.

For more information about QMDC’s Local Government Incentive Schemes, please contact your local Landcare or Catchment Management Centre on 07 4622 8446 (Roma) or 07 4671 7900 (Goondiwindi).

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Caption: Mother of Millions: this invasive weed, deadly to stock, is causing problems throughout southern Queensland. QMDC's local government incentives will help councils to combat this, amongst other weed and pest animal control challenges.



Caption: Close up of the Mother of Millions flower

