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Dry times aiding noxious weed control

Bendemere Shire Council and landholders along the Wallumbilla Creek have banded together to combat Mother of Millions, in a project supported by the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Inc (QMDC).

The project, started in spring last year, will provide financial assistance to 16 landholders to control and prevent further spread of the noxious weed.

Maranoa Regional Landcare Coordinator, Alexis Wegener, said, "Mother of Millions is highly toxic to stock, and tricky to control, having the capacity to spread rapidly with flood waters."

"Whilst the dry conditions are hindering other natural resource management activities, they are ideal to control weeds like Mother of Millions," she said.

As a result, Bendemere Shire Council deemed controlling the weed a priority and applied for QMDC's local government incentives scheme for weed and pest animal control.

Bendemere Shire Council's Stock Route Supervisor, Peter Maunder, has been coordinating the project, and praised the efforts of participating landholders in working together.

"A combined effort is the only way controlling the weed will work – everyone has to do their bit," he said.

"The combination of fire and dry weather has really pulled the infestation back," said Peter.

Reinfestation will remain a concern, though, and Peter said that follow-up actions and monitoring would be an important part of the project.

Further information on this project, as well as other natural resource management projects in the area, can be obtained from the QMDC Landcare and Catchment Centre in Roma.

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Caption: The Mother of Millions flower, deadly to stock, currently causing problems in many regions of Queensland.



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Caption: Bendemere Shire Stock Route Supervisor, Peter Maunder, tackles the tricky task of controlling these infestations.



Photo courtesy of Alexis Wegener