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Lippia management – Dirranbandi information session

A Lippia management information session will be held in Dirranbandi on 11 December at the Dirranbandi Motor Inn, from 2pm.

The day will include a range of speakers and will provide local landholders, government agencies, and industry with information on managing the wide-spread problem.

Adam Logan is the Weeds and Pest Animal Technical Officer with local organisation, the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), and will be speaking on the day.

“Lippia is a devastating weed of flood country in the Upper Murray Darling Basin,” he said.

“It’s a significant threat to the environment, causing bank erosion, tree dieback and out-competing native vegetation. It also has major impacts on production, with the potential to reduce carrying capacity by as much as 100%.”

Speakers at the information session will come from a wide variety of organisations, including researchers, other landholders, and grazing and pasture consultants.

Topics will include the way Lippia spreads, grazing management options, the possibility of future biological control, and case study examples of how landholders have already been managing Lippia on their farms.

“The information session will be a great opportunity for locals to find out more about Lippia, learn from what other landholders have been trying, and find out what is being done in research circles to help contain the plant,” said Adam.

The session will be followed by meetings for local Landcare group members and the Cotton Growers’ Association.

People from surrounding districts will be very welcome to attend. To RSVP, please contact Adam Logan at the Goondiwindi office on 07 4671 7900 by Friday 8 December.

“I would urge anyone who’s currently trying to manage Lippia on their land to take advantage of the chance to learn more and share their own experiences,” said Adam.

The session is being organised by QMDC, the Murray-Darling Basin Lippia Working Group, and the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority and has been funded through the Australian Government’s Envirofund scheme.

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Photos attached



Caption: Lippia is groundcover that competes with pastures and native vegetation, creating a carpet-like effect. Photo courtesy of QMDC.



Caption: Close up Lippia. Photo courtesy of Sheldon Navie.