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Weed field days a success: Miles and Mitchell

Twenty landholders attended field days in the Miles and Mitchell districts recently to learn more about weed management specific to their area.

The field days offered farmers a hands-on approach to weed management and were hosted by regional natural resource management (NRM) group the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), in partnership with Biosecurity Queensland, Maranoa Regional Council and Dow AgroSciences.

QMDC Weeds and Pest Animal Technical Officer Lavinnia Fiedler, Roma, said the field days at "Carinya" at Miles and "Ulandilla" at Mitchell focused on local weeds to give landholders an opportunity to learn about specific management options.

"Weeds such as Mother of Millions, Harissia Cactus and Parthenium weed were discussed. The field days also provided an opportunity to showcase weed control equipment available for loan through QMDC" she said.

"Kevin Melmeth from Dow Agro Sciences demonstrated how to use chemical control methods and John Conroy from Biosecurity Queensland provided a wash down demonstration, an effective prevention mechanism against weeds such as Parthenium.

"The farmers were really involved in the presentations and demonstrations, posing some great questions which led to excellent discussions on the different methods of control for different circumstances"

Ms Fiedler said knowledge about local weed species combined with the skills needed to choose the best control method was a vital part of successful weed management.

"Working with your neighbours in using a combination of chemical, mechanical and biological control methods will help to effectively tackle weed infestations across catchments," Ms Fielder said.

If you want more information, Lavinnia Fiedler will be at the MLA Meat Profit Day in Roma on October 2 or call 0428 737 995.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee is a natural resource management organisation that supports communities within the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin to sustainably manage their natural resources. Visit www.qmdc.org.au for more information.

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Photograph: Kevin Melmeth from Dow Agro Sciences is demonstrating spray volume and pressure required for an effective chemical kill of Mother of Millions