

Monday 4 August 2025			
4:00pm	Registration opens		
4:15-5:00pm	RapidMap Summit Biosecurity Users Group meeting Booth #14		
5:30–7:30pm	Welcome reception at the Glasshouse Port Macquarie Sponsored by the NSW Weeds Officer Association		
Tuesday 5 August 2025			
8:30am	Welcome to Country, Uncle Bill O’Brien, Birpai Elder		
	Welcome and opening from dignitaries		
9:00am	Keynote speaker Dr Pete Turner Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Weed management in NSW is a collective. Understanding the Why, What and How		
9:40am	Morning tea and trade displays		
10:10am	Keynote speaker Dr Marion Healy Independent Biosecurity Commission of NSW How can we manage weeds more effectively and sustainably?		
10:40am	Keynote speaker Ben Russell NSW Natural Resources Commission		
11.10am	Break		
	Concurrent sessions		
	Prohibited matter Location: Parthenium Theatre	Western Weeds Location: Miconia Room	Weeds in the Herbarium Location: Frogbit Room
11:20am	How can environmental DNA be used in weed biosecurity? The case of Amazon frogbit. Dr Karen Bell	What a few wet years has done for Parkinsonia in NSW Andrea Fletcher-Dawson, Matt Savage and Skye Phelps	An annotated, curated checklist of the alien flora of New South Wales Dr Patricia Lu-Irving
11:40am	Stopping the purple plague Angel Marotte and Shannon Smedley	Weeds west of the Bogan Damian Wray	Unlocking an Historic Weed Herbarium Collection Dr Aniuzka Kazandjian Salazar
12:00pm	NSW DPIRD Agriculture and Biosecurity Surveillance Exercises: Mouse-ear hawkweed in Kosciuszko National Park Matthew McGrath	Taming the wild west: Surveillance, Control and Progress within the Unincorporated Area of Western NSW Andrea Fletcher-Dawson, Matt Savage and Brook Hooson	Building a reference collection of priority weeds Marie-B Foyard
12:20pm	Lunch, trade displays and networking Weeds Officer Association AGM (Frogbit Room)		
	Concurrent sessions		
	Strategy and planning Location: Parthenium Theatre	Biological control Location: Miconia Room	
1:10pm	WAP UNVEILED: Achievements and path forward Jodie Lawler	From research to release: A pipeline approach to sustaining environmental weed biocontrol in NSW Dr Ben Gooden	
1:30pm	Initial results from Local Control Authority biosecurity audits. Observations and recommendations for all weeds program partners Phil Blackmore	It takes a village: community-enabled release and monitoring of classical biocontrol agents for environmental weeds Caroline Delaisse	

1:50pm	Revving up Regional Inspection Plans Dr Marita Sydes	Implementing Biocontrol of <i>Cabomba caroliniana</i> in NSW Fritz Heystek
2:10pm	Strategic approaches to support large-scale conservation weed management Julia Rayment	Salvinia and biocontrol responses to increasing salinity in light and shade Amy Stephens
2:30pm	Afternoon tea and trade displays	
	Concurrent sessions	
	Coastal Weeds Location: Parthenium Theatre	Weedy solanums Location: Miconia Room
2:50pm	Reduction of Bitou Bush in Northern NSW through stakeholder long term persistence and collaboration. Rhonda James	Tropical Soda Apple - 15 Years On Rod Ensbey
3:10pm	Weed management to support the migration of intertidal habitats with sea level rise Dr Kate Buckley	Tropical soda apple best practice manual: Engaging stakeholders and empowering action Terry Bignell and Greg Egan
3:30pm	Turning the tide: An outstanding example of coastal habitat restoration Sue Baker	Cut it, and it comes back stronger: the asexual regeneration mystery of Tropical Soda Apple Dr Asad Asaduzzaman
3:50pm	Managing weeds to protect biodiversity on Sydney's northern beaches Sonja Elwood	Effective herbicide options for sticky nightshade management Dr Hanwen Wu
4:10pm	Rebuilding Penguin Paradise: Restoring Snapper Island for a Brighter Future Paul Martin	Regenerative Potential and Emergence of Sticky Nightshade (<i>Solanum sisymbriifolium</i> Lam): Implications for Weed Management Md Shoriful Islam
4:30pm	End Day 1	
4:30-5:00pm	Weed Society of NSW AGM Frogbit Room	
6:30-10:00pm	Social Networking Dinner at the Westport Club Sponsored by Port Macquarie Hastings Council Coach shuttles leave The Glasshouse from 5:30pm and return from 9:00pm	

Wednesday 6 August 2025			
	Keynote speakers		
8:30am	Keynote speaker Simon Brooks <i>Invasive Plant and Animal Science, Biosecurity Queensland Department of Primary Industries</i> Progress of the National Tropical Weeds Eradication Program		
9:00am	Keynote speaker Fiona Sutton <i>Invasive Species Council & Arthur Rylah Institute for Environment Research</i> Collaboration and Community are Key for Continent Wide Success		
9:30am	Keynote speaker Dr Andy Baker <i>Wildsite Ecological Services</i> Fire Ecology and Restoration		
10:00am	Morning tea and trade displays		
	Lightning talks		
	Successful weed management Location: Parthenium Theatre	Working with multiple stakeholders Location: Miconia Room	What's new? Location: Frogbit Room
10:20am	Introductions from the chairs		

10:30am	A collaborative approach to weed and pest animal management at Windamere Dam Katrina Underwood	Lessons learned in collaborative control, a behavioural insight from the Good Neighbours program Elisa Plati	Remote sensing for the monitoring, detection, and mapping of Scotch Broom in the sub-alpine of NSW Rosie McVeigh
10:40am	Regulation through education and engagement – Tropical Soda Apple Stuart Mackay	Working without tenure - a Good Neighbours Perspective Peter Rowlands	Update on the National Weed Biocontrol Pipeline Strategy Shauna Potter
10:50am	Using practical threat auditing technology to strengthen the values, threats and actions pathway James Bevan	Biosecurity blind spots Matt Bell	3D models for invasive grass identification Sarah Baker
11:00am	Bribbaree Velvety Tree Biocontrol Program Benjamin Mott	Development of the Hunter Aquatic Weed Eradication Strategy Matt Kennedy	Completing the set: final five best practice management manuals for WoNS Matt Sheehan
11:10 - 11:20am	Development of an Environmental DNA Assay for early detection of Alligator Weed (<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>) Xiaocheng Xu	Successful eradication and containment: The NSW New Weed Incursion Plan Stephen Johnson	AI Tools for Smarter Weed Management Sean Freney
11:20 – 11:45am	Lunch		
11:45am-4:30pm	Field Trips		
1:00-2:30pm	Workshop at the Glasshouse What is that water weed? With Paul Marynissen		
6:30-11:00pm	Conference Dinner and Awards at Panthers Port Macquarie Sponsored by the Weed Society of NSW		

Thursday 7 August 2025			
7:30–8:45am	BBQ Breakfast and Trackz aerial surveillance demonstration - Westport Park		
	Workshops		
9:00am	Brainstorming solutions for management of problematic Solanums Dr Marita Sydes, Rod Ensbey and Sarah Pearson	Introduction to collecting plant specimens and understanding botanical name changes Dr Patricia Lu-Irving and Stephen Johnson with Kevin Jaeger and Marie-Benedicte Foyard	Developing an environmental weed biocontrol monitoring and evaluation system for NSW Dr Jens Froese
10:30am	Morning tea and trade displays		
	Concurrent sessions		
	Cacti and banned for sale plants Location: Parthenium Theatre	Surveillance Location: Miconia Room	
11:00am	Dr Andrew McConnachie	Mark Hamilton	

	Host-range testing of <i>Catorhintha schaffneri</i> as a potential biocontrol agent for <i>Pereskia aculeata</i> in Australia	Weed remote sensing: a case study in ‘finding a needle in a haystack’	
11:20am	Damian Wray The joys, amazement, and disbelief of dealing with cacti species. New findings and biocontrol	Harley Schinagl Innovating pest plant management with automated field data collection	
11:40am	Brent Klohk Tackling a wheelie big cactus problem - Wheel Cactus (<i>Opuntia robusta</i>) in the Northern Tablelands	Bill Davidson Scent Detection Dogs - Done Dirt Cheap	
12:00pm	Ashley Donges Banned from sale weed list review	Dr Jed Brown Utilising random forests in the modelling of <i>Eragrostis curvula</i> presence in an Australian grassland system	
12:20pm	Lunch and trade displays and networking		
	Concurrent sessions		
	Community engagement Location: Parthenium Theatre	Herbicides Location: Miconia Room	Training Location: Frogbit Room
1:10pm	Sarah Pearson From Weeds to Wins: Building Partnerships in Sticky Nightshade Management in the Central Tablelands	Greg Wells Trezac™ Arylex™ active Herbicide – new registration for boomspray control of fireweed in ryegrass pasture	Craig McCormack Enhancing Officer Safety and Evidence Collection: The Role of Body-Worn Cameras in Weeds Compliance and Enforcement
1:30pm	Beth Brown Weed Management on Aboriginal owned Land in the Northern Tablelands	Jyri Kaapro Alternatives to diesel for basal bark herbicide treatment	Jodie Bartlett-Taylor Invasive species training – meeting industry needs
		Matt Holmes Galigan herbicide option where non-target vegetation safety is essential	
1:50pm	Charlie Mifsud Managing Online Trading of Weeds in NSW	Steve Hampton What I’ve Seen and what You Should Know	Wendy Gibney Moving people towards action – practical skills for the workplace
		Peter Kirby ProForce Cortex Duo Industrial Herbicide – a novel knockdown residual combination specifically targeting non-glyphosate situations	
2:15pm	Prohibited Matter Competition Draw Conference thank you and wrap up speech		
2:30pm	Afternoon tea		
3:00pm	End of conference		