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Popular workshop on managing weeds

The Huon Valley Council and Natural Resource Management South recently ran a free half-day workshop in Huonville helping landholders better manage their weeds.

Participants from 25 Huon Valley properties learned how to prioritise their weed management efforts and list key tasks involved in preventing the weeds spreading around and onto their properties.

The workshop's three sessions included a property visit to see how weed management is planned at a paddock-wide scale; developing individual property weed management plans and maps and an introduction to key online tools, and finished up with an opportunity for participants to ask weed experts their specific weedy questions over lunch.

Key messages on the day were:

- Prioritise weeds species and areas to protect from weeds;
- Prepare and plan ahead for the best time to treat specific weed species;
- Wear personal protective gear if you plan to use chemicals yourself (or engage a contractor);
- Employ weed hygiene measures to minimise the spread and introduction of weeds on your property, and
- Monitor and follow up your efforts each season.

Huon Valley Commissioner, Adriana Taylor, acknowledges the scale of weed infestations on some properties can often seem overwhelming.

"It helps to prioritise and plan ahead to successfully tackle the weeds threatening our beautiful Huon Valley's productive lands and natural areas.

"By educating landholders we are essentially enlisting more help in an ongoing battle. These workshops provide information to key stakeholders, the actual landowners and people on the ground and also provide a networking opportunity so that people in the Valley can tackle this challenge together.

"I'd like to thank those that attended the workshop. The fact there are landowners and residents who have given their time to learn ways of tackling their local weed issues is heartening," Commissioner Taylor said.

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If you would like to register your interest for the next free workshop on weed management, please contact Ally Hughes, Natural Resource Management Coordinator on (03) 6264 0300 or hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au



Weed Experts: Justin Hawkins, Bush Regenerator (LEFT) and Peter Venning, Wild Calm (RIGHT) with a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) display for use with weed treatment chemicals.