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Its fireweed time again

With the onset of good rains and cooler weather Fireweed is beginning to germinate throughout Shoalhaven City.

Noxious Weeds Manager, Mr Ian Borrowdale said “property owners should start to monitor Fireweed germination in their pastures, in an attempt to identify Fireweed in the early germinating stages, and then plan and implement control before the plants reach maturity. “

It is important that property managers break the seeding cycle of Fireweed as the plant has the potential to produce hundreds of thousands of wind dispersed seed.

Successful control methods include hand pulling where Fireweed numbers are light and early spraying with a chemical registered for the control of Fireweed where Fireweed numbers are greater.

Council’s Noxious Weeds Inspectors will soon begin inspecting properties to ensure that property owners successfully control Fireweed.

“Council Inspectors are available to identify Fireweed and give advice on the best methods of control and Council does offer a spraying service to assist land owners control this problematic weed,” Mr Borrowdale said.

Further information can be obtained by phoning the Noxious Weeds Office on 4429 3832 during office hours.

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