



**I hereby give notice that
a Public Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Tuesday, 2 April 2019
Time: 4:00pm
Location: Norfolk Island Regional Council Chambers

AGENDA

Public Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting

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**Lotta Jackson
GENERAL MANAGER**

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Pest and Noxious Weeds Officer commenced work 18 March 2019.

Shooting of Feral Chickens will recommence 1 April 2019 as per Resolution 2019/46 'That culling of feral chickens in Public Reserves recommence from 1 April 2019, using the survey preferred method of shooting, with the exemption of the months 1 December to 28 February each year.'

5 ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

5.1 NI FLORA AND FAUNA SOCIETY

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DISCUSSION

The serious and growing problem of Madeira Vine (*Anredera cordifolia*) in the 100 Acres reserve needs professional advice and early attention.

This is high on the List (#4) of Australian Weeds of National Significance www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/invasive/weeds/weeds/lists/wons.html and one of the reasons for that is it is more difficult to eradicate than many other weed species. This is due to the many ways it is able to propagate, via both multiple bulbs (up to 1m deep) underground, and via dropping live small bulbils, formed from the flowers, when disturbed.

This creeping vine is reaching high into the canopy of the native trees in the lower part of the reserve, below the northern track where it drops steeply to the coast. It is clearly visible from the walking track, and flowering prolifically even before the rain began.

RELEVANCE TO THE ROLE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sharing expertise and knowledge in relation to matters affecting the management of the reserves

PROPOSED ADVICE

Action is needed.

Information should be gathered together from professional weeders who are familiar with this plant.

The possibility of a grant should be investigated.

As a Weed of National Significance there should be Commonwealth funding available for the control of *Anredera cordifolia*, through Landcare or other funds.

Very useful information to assist control can be found at the following site www.daf.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/59336/ipa-madeira-vine-pp86.pdf

The introduction of the Madeira Vine Beetle *Plectonycha correntina* is also recommended in some cases.

In further reading about this plant, there are references to it being enjoyed by chooks, and that it is an edible plant. This may lead to a localised reduction in chook culling in that area to assist control.

When the infestation was smaller and possibly more manageable I was encouraging the then conservator to consider, following initial removal of the vine, having one or more goats fenced into the area being infested by the Madeira Vine, as they are also known to be efficient at weed/plant control. This provides ongoing follow-up control over a long period if the goats are periodically returned to seek out new plants, which can grow from bulbs persisting underground for periods recorded as long as 15 years, and possibly more.

Every internet site I have visited for information on control, has stressed that long-term follow-up is essential, initially for 15–20 years. This should be considered and included in any requests for funding

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

6 Close of Committee Meeting