

BIOSECURITY AND STOCK ROUTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2023-27

PURPOSE

The Biosecurity and Stock Route Management Plan 2023-27 details the priorities and course of action Murweh Shire Council intends to take over four years in relation to the management of its stock route network and public lands, and biosecurity risks and impacts.

The Plan provides clarity and accountability for Murweh Shire Council to meet its legislative and operational requirements, and guides leadership on the strategic priorities of the community.

DELIVERY

The Biosecurity and Stock Route Management Plan 2023-27 strategically aligns to the Corporate Plan and is delivered through existing mechanisms including Council's projects and programs, policies, and annual operational plans and budgets. Council partners with community, land managers, government agencies, and industry organisations to lead and deliver the priorities in this Plan.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- a) Stakeholders are informed, knowledgeable and committed to implementing effective and strategic biosecurity management to prevent the introduction, establishment and spread of pests and diseases.
- b) Stock routes are well maintained for stock movement and regulated use.

GENERAL BIOSECURITY OBLIGATION

The *Biosecurity Act 2014* imposes a general biosecurity obligation (GBO) which requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical steps to prevent or minimise biosecurity risks and events.

A biosecurity risk exists when dealing with any pest, disease or contaminant, or with something that could carry one of these. A biosecurity event is caused by a pest, disease or contaminant that is, or is likely to become, a significant problem for human health, social amenity, the economy or the environment.

The Biosecurity and Stock Route Management Plan 2023-27 identifies and provides guidance to land managers and community about what is considered 'reasonable' and 'practical' steps to manage weeds and pest risks and events relevant to the Murweh Shire.

FACT SHEETS

<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/invasive-plants-animals/fact-sheets>

CONTACTS

Murweh Shire Council Stock Route Supervisor on 0427 541 286 or main office 07 4656 8355

Report notifiable animal disease, weed, pest or matter to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23

Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888

<https://www.murweh.qld.gov.au/>

<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity>

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/access/stock-routes>



MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL PRIORITIES

WEEDS

REDUCED

Harrisia Cactus
Mesquite
Parkinsonia
Parthenium
Prickly Acacia
Riverina Pear
Rubber Vine
Tiger Pear

CONTAINMENT

African Boxthorn
Coral Cactus
Hudson Pear
Mimosa bush
Mother of Millions

ASSET PROTECTION

Prickly Pear
Tree Pear

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Control priority weeds
Weed hygiene practices

BIOSECURITY RISKS

RISK PREVENTION PRIORITIES

Introduction or spread of diseases
Introduction or spread of pests and weeds
Access to waste or other contaminants
Animal access to Restricted Animal Material
People health and safety
Qualifications and training
Preparedness to new disease, pests, or weeds
Preparedness for emergency response

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Exclusion fencing high risk areas
Ensure stock route fencing maintained
Agency led planning and response
Hygiene practices

PESTS

ASSET PROTECTION

Wild dog
Feral Pig
Fox
Feral Cat
Rabbit

REDUCED

Carp
Indian Myna
Cane Toad

WATCH

Deer
Feral horse
Locusts
Yellow Crazy Ant
Fire Ant
Tilapia

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Wild dog bounty
Baiting program
Exclusion fencing investment

STOCK ROUTES AND RESERVES

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Network integrity, fences and water facilities
Pasture condition
Public facilities
Natural resources
Environmental and cultural heritage areas

RISK MANAGEMENT

Compliance, policies and procedures
Surveillance, monitoring and reporting
Prevent spread of weeds, pests, diseases
Hygiene and stock welfare
Staff and public health and safety

COUNCIL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mapping
Surveillance
Monitoring systems
Delivery programs and Resources
Operational planning and reporting
Strategic planning and reporting
Monitoring and Evaluation
Policies and procedures

Compliance and Permits
Roles and responsibilities
Administration
Qualifications and training
Research and development participation
Extension and Communication
Coordination and Stakeholder collaboration
Hygiene