

# Situation report – Water poppy, North Balgowlah (NSW Northern Beaches)

**Sitrep No. - 1**

**Date of issue – 5 February 2019**

## **1. Situation to date**

- On 15/11/18, Northern Beaches Council Coordinator Invasive Species, Sean Granger, undertook an inspected in response to a reported infestation of Water poppy (*Hydrocleys nymphoides*) growing in a creek on boundary of private lands and lands managed by Northern Beaches Council at North Balgowlah.
- Estimated 100 plus plants were observed.
- Identity of plant was confirmed by staff within Council's Invasive Species Team. Staff members had recently dealings with plant being sold through local nursery.
- Water poppy is identified as a regional priority weed species in Greater Sydney LLS region with the management objective of “**containment**”
- Northern Beaches LGA is in the Exclusion Zone for this species and must eradicate the plant from the land in order to meet the General Biosecurity Duty for this species.
- The total area of the infestation is 60m<sup>2</sup>.
- Inspection conducted 04/02/19. Density of infestation increased, no change to area of infestation from initial inspection.

## **2. Actions to date**

- Regional Invasive Species Officer (NSW DPI) and GS Regional Weed Coordinators informally notified.
- Surveillance of the immediate area upstream and creek junction downstream undertaken
- Primary work on public and private land being scheduled
- Monitoring and maintenance is ongoing, by S Granger.
- Activities entered in Sydney WeedApp.

## **3. Actions to be completed**

- Residents to be provided with educational material during property inspections, with their general biosecurity duty to be explained to them
- Treatment method will be via spraying
- All weed control authorities, land management agencies and relevant stakeholders in the Greater Sydney region to be notified.
- Hunter and South-East regions to be notified.
- Ongoing monitoring and maintenance.

## **4. Issue(s)**

- N/A

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Figure 1. Water poppy, North Balgowlah Nov 2018



Figure 2. Water poppy North Balgowlah Feb 2019



Figure 3. Flowering Water poppy, North Balgowlah Feb 2019



Figure 4. Location Water Poppy North Balgowlah