



# MACKAY REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT GROUP STRATEGY 2020 - 2025



Mackay Regional Pest Management Group

Title	Mackay Regional Pest Management Group Strategy - Isaac Mackay Whitsunday, 2020-2025
Purpose	<i>The purpose of the strategy is to provide a strategic framework for collaborative management opportunities and stakeholder and community education.</i>
About the Mackay Regional Pest Management Group	<p>The Mackay Regional Pest Management Group (MRPMG) is a voluntary unincorporated advisory group and stakeholder network. The MRPMG was established in 2002 and consists of representatives from local and state government departments, community groups and industry bodies whose core business involves pest management. The group is facilitated by Reef Catchments (Mackay Whitsunday Isaac) Ltd., the regional Natural Resource Management Group. Reef Catchments provides coordination support and hosts the group's account.</p> <p>MRPMG include the following 19 entities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Birdlife Mackay</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Catchment Solutions</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">Department of Agriculture and Fisheries</a></li> <li>5. <a href="#">Department of Environment and Science</a></li> <li>6. <a href="#">Department of Resources</a></li> <li>7. <a href="#">Department of Transport and Main Roads</a></li> <li>8. <a href="#">Ergon Energy</a></li> <li>9. <a href="#">Isaac Regional Council</a></li> <li>10. <a href="#">Mackay Area Productivity Services</a></li> <li>11. <a href="#">Mackay Regional Council</a></li> <li>12. <a href="#">North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation</a></li> <li>13. <a href="#">Pioneer Catchment Landcare</a></li> <li>14. <a href="#">Plane Creek Productivity Services</a></li> <li>15. <a href="#">Powerlink</a></li> <li>16. <a href="#">Reef Catchments (Mackay, Whitsunday, Isaac) Ltd.</a></li> <li>17. <a href="#">Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association</a></li> <li>18. <a href="#">Sugar Services Proserpine</a></li> <li>19. <a href="#">Whitsunday Catchment Landcare</a></li> <li>20. <a href="#">Whitsunday Regional Council</a></li> </ol>

<p>Forward</p>	<p>The war on pests, both weed and animal, in our region is an ongoing battle. The Mackay Regional Pest Management Group represents stakeholders in the region with concerns about controlling pests. We are aware of the significant negative impacts on the environment, the economy and community.</p> <p>We work together to identify new problems, collaborate on solutions and seek funding for projects and training, as resources and finances are hard to come by when battling pests.</p> <p>The Mackay Regional Pest Management Group endeavours to educate stakeholders and the public on the importance of all aspects of pest management: prevention, education, containment and the protection of assets.</p> <p>Our strategy will provide the framework for tracking our progress towards our key goals of increasing community awareness of pest and weed issues and improving collaboration between stakeholder groups.</p>
<p>Goals</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To maintain strong stakeholder commitment</li> <li>2) To provide training and information events</li> <li>3) To support stakeholders with pest issues</li> <li>4) To encourage inter-regional collaborations</li> <li>5) To source funding to support MRPMG activities</li> <li>6) Network between regional pest groups</li> <li>7) Increased community awareness of pest and weed issues</li> </ol>

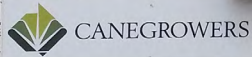
Goals will be achieved through the following actions:	
Goal 1) To maintain strong stakeholder commitment	<input type="checkbox"/> By holding four meetings per year <input type="checkbox"/> By rotating locations and the role of meeting Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Proactive engagement of current and potential stakeholders.
Goal 2) To provide training and information events	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide a minimum of two training workshops per year for stakeholders <input type="checkbox"/> Depending on funding and resources, provide training once per year to include landholders.
Goal 3) To support stakeholders with pest issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilising members' knowledge to support other stakeholders with pest and weed issues e.g. physical, technical and financial.
Goal 4) To encourage inter-regional collaborations	<input type="checkbox"/> When pest and weed issues occur between regions, stakeholders to provide resources and information to enable an effective management of the issue <input type="checkbox"/> Promote attendance of shed meetings, field days, workshops.
Goal 5) To source funding to support MRPMG activities	<input type="checkbox"/> All stakeholders are to be proactive in sourcing appropriate funding to support group and any pest and weed projects.
Goal 6) Network between regional pest groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Share information <input type="checkbox"/> Attend neighbouring pest group meetings (1 per year) <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity to work collaboratively with regards to forums, research and training.
Goal 7) Increased community awareness of pest and weed issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Produce informative pamphlets/flyers <input type="checkbox"/> Keep website updated <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure pest trailer is maintained and available for all regional events.

For your information, the Terms of Reference for the Mackay Regional Pest Management Group can be obtained by emailing [mrpmg@reefcatchments.com](mailto:mrpmg@reefcatchments.com)

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