



BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

This Pesticide Use Notification Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 1995. The plan sets out how the Blue Mountains City Council will notify members of the community of pesticide and herbicide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls. Other public lands within the Blue Mountains Local Government Area will be covered by Pesticide Use Notification Plans developed by the individual land management agencies i.e. NPWS (DEC).

The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with the applied chemicals, as a result of the further development of existing notification procedures. This will also see an improvement in the way that Council informs the community about chemical usage in the Blue Mountains Local Government area.

The plan also sets out how the Blue Mountains City Council will specifically notify the community of pesticide applications it makes to broad categories of public places it manages. The plan describes:

- what public places are covered by the plan
- who regularly uses these public places and an estimate of the level of use
- how and when Blue Mountains City Council will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places (i.e. what notification arrangements will be used)
- how the community can access this plan and get more information about Blue Mountains City Council's notification arrangements
- Contact details for anyone wanting more information on the plan.

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

Blue Mountains City Council manages an extensive public open space system consisting of large areas of mown open space, gardens and other recreational reserves. It also manages numerous bushland reserves and lookouts that conserve a wide range of vegetation types many of which contain threatened species or are listed as Endangered Ecological Communities (EECs) under State and Federal Government legislation.

Blue Mountains City Council has a responsibility to manage these areas to provide for;

- Conservation of nature and places of cultural and heritage value.
- A broad base of active and passive recreation opportunities for a diverse range of user groups, community members and visitors across the LGA.

- Public and visual amenity and,
- for the delivery of Council services

Within the built landscape Council manages a range of public spaces such as town squares, car parks, footpaths, walkways and other open space areas surrounding civic buildings such as libraries and Council offices. Council also has responsibility for a range of operational lands which the public accesses such as waste management facilities and at times operational depots.

Across all these land uses, weed and pest control programs are a management priority for Blue Mountains City Council and pesticides are an essential component of many of these programs.

BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Blue Mountains City Council pest management programs aim to utilise current best management practices in its control of pest species. This involves wherever possible minimising the levels of pesticide usage to reduce impacts on the environment and any potential exposure to members of the community. Wherever possible, an integrated approach is utilised which involves a range of chemical, manual / mechanical and biological control techniques.

Whilst many of the current control techniques include the use of pesticides, the type of chemical used and its application varies greatly depending on the nature and land use of each individual location.

The use of chemicals are an essential component of most weed control programs undertaken by Blue Mountains City Council i.e. the Bush Regeneration Program where control techniques such as cut and paint or stem injection of woody weeds and foliar spot-spraying are often utilised.

BMCC uses pesticides infrequently and only when necessary to control pest animals or insects in its open space system. The typical use being the relatively infrequent application of insecticides to manage certain insect pests in order to protect public property and playing surfaces from pest damage.

Council staff and contractors who undertake pesticide applications in public spaces have completed accredited training and regularly undertake further training to maintain and extend their knowledge and skills relating to pesticide use.

PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Blue Mountains City Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or manages in the Blue Mountains City Council local government area:

- public gardens
- parks
- playgrounds
- picnic areas
- sporting fields and ovals
- dog off leash areas
- bushland reserves
- Crown land managed by Council as trustee
- water bodies
- lookouts
- road verges and road reserves
- laneways and pathways
- public car parks
- other utility easements accessible to the public
- drainage easements/ creek lines
- public golf courses
- other sporting facilities ie aquatic centres – this applies only to external areas surrounding the centre and outdoor swimming pools.
- camping grounds / caravan parks
- cemeteries
- aboriginal places
- historic sites and
- operational lands such as Waste Management Facilities, access roads and depots

Although not required by the Pesticide Regulation, this notification plan will also provide general information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in the interiors of the following categories of Blue Mountains City Council buildings:

- Halls and other community use buildings;
- Libraries;
- Administration Offices at Springwood and Katoomba ;
- Katoomba and Springwood Works Depots;
- Visitor Information Centres;
- RFS Stations and SES Buildings;
- Child Care Centres, Pre-schools and Early Childhood Centres;
- Public Toilet Facilities and Sporting Amenity Blocks.

Blue Mountains City Council's estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places is summarised in the following table.

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Viewing and day use areas e.g. picnic areas, lookouts	Recreational users, cyclists (recreational and organised), pedestrians, dog walkers, runners, bush walkers, bushcare groups, students, festival participants and organisers, tourists and visitors to the area, community and church groups, employees and contractors	Highly variable and seasonal. Low to very high use depending on location. Low level usage in remote lookouts through to very high in tourist precincts	Herbicides applications including but not limited to cut and paint, stem injection, spot and high volume spraying of herbicides
Bushland reserves including Crown lands where Blue Mountains City Council is the Trustee	Passive recreational users, bush walkers, bushcare groups, students, school groups, tourists and visitors to the area, community and church groups, employees and contractors	Highly variable and seasonal i.e. low to very high use depending on location. Low level usage remote bushland reserves through to very high in bushland reserves in tourist precincts	Herbicide applications including but not limited to cut and paint, stem injection, spot and high volume spraying of herbicides
Roads, trails and other vehicular tracks including road verges and reserves	Recreational users, cyclists (recreational and organised), motorists, pedestrians, bush walkers, bushcare groups, students, employees and contractors	Variable – low in remote areas through to high volume in the east west transport corridor and urban areas	Herbicides applications including but not limited to cut and paint, stem injection, spot and high volume spraying of herbicides
Easements accessible to the public (e.g. water and drainage.)	Bush walkers, bushcare groups, students, local residents, employees and contractors	generally low	herbicides applications including but not limited to cut and paint, stem injection, spot and high volume spraying of herbicides

Parks and Public gardens	Recreational users, pedestrians, bush walkers, school groups, Festival participants and organisers, tourists and visitors to the area, community and church groups, employees and contractors	Variable – generally low volume in local parks through to high volume in district parks	Pesticide applications may include but are not limited too spot and high volume spraying of herbicides or insecticides
Playgrounds	Family groups, children, school groups, child care groups, tourists and visitors to the area, community and church groups, employees and contractors	Variable – generally low volume in local parks through to high volume in district parks	Pesticide applications may include but are not limited to spot spraying of herbicides or insecticides
Sporting fields and ovals	Family groups, children, sporting clubs and associations, walkers, students, school groups, employees and contractors	Generally of a high usage as demand for structured sporting facilities is high in the Blue Mountains LGA	Pesticide applications may include but are not limited to spot and high volume spraying of herbicides or insecticides
Laneways and pathways	Recreational users, cyclists (recreational and organised), pedestrians, Bushcare groups, students, school groups, employees and contractors	Variable – low in local neighbourhood areas through to high volume in the urban centres	Pesticide applications may include but are not limited to spot and high volume spraying of herbicides.
Golf courses (land owned or managed by BMCC)	Members and casual users, school groups employees and contractors	Generally of a high usage as demand for structured sporting facilities is high in the Blue Mountains LGA	Pesticides applications Including but not limited to spot and high volume spraying of herbicides and insecticides.

<p>Aquatic centres applicable only to mown open space and other public space surrounding the pools and indoor facilities.</p>	<p>Members and casual users, family groups, school groups, tourists and visitors to the area, employees and contractors</p>	<p>Generally of a high usage as demand for structured sporting facilities is high in the Blue Mountains LGA</p>	<p>Herbicides applications including but not limited to cut and paint, spot spraying of herbicides</p>
<p>Camping grounds</p>	<p>Passive recreational users, bush walkers, bushcare groups, students, school groups, Festival participants and organisers, tourists and visitors to the area, church and community groups, scouts and guides, employees and contractors</p>	<p>Highly variable and seasonal i.e. low to medium use i.e. low level usage in remote areas through to medium in camp grounds at Cathedral of Ferns Mount Wilson</p>	<p>herbicides applications including but not limited to cut and paint, stem injection, spot and high volume spraying of herbicides</p>
<p>Other outdoor public places within the built urban landscape ie town squares Surrounds of civic buildings, libraries, commuter and other car parks</p>	<p>A diverse range of users from all sectors of the community, cyclists, motorists, pedestrians, Festival participants and organisers, tourists and visitors to the area, employees and contractors</p>	<p>Generally of a high usage as demand for public open space in the urban centres is high in the Blue Mountains LGA</p>	<p>Herbicides applications including but not limited to cut and paint, spot spraying of herbicides or insecticides.</p>
<p>Other council managed lands, Waste management facilities</p>	<p>A diverse range of users from all sectors of the community, employees and contractors</p>	<p>Generally of a high usage as demand for use of this service is high in the Blue Mountains LGA</p>	<p>Pesticides applications including but not limited to cut and paint, stem injection, Spot and high volume spraying of herbicides. Insecticides, and vertebrate baits including rodenticides may be used if deemed necessary</p>

Operational depot	Occasional visitors to depots from members of the community to consult with operational staff, employees and contractors.	Very low	Pesticides applications including but not limited to cut and paint, plant injection, Spot spraying of herbicides.
Cemeteries	A diverse range of visitors from all sectors of the community, employees and contractors	Generally of a low to medium use.	Pesticide applications may include but are not limited to spot and high volume spraying of herbicides
Interiors of public buildings Halls and other community use buildings; Libraries; Administration Offices; Works Depots; Visitor Information Centres; RFS Stations and SES Buildings; Childcare Centres, Pre-schools and Early Childhood Centres; Public Toilet Facilities and Sporting Amenity Blocks.	A diverse range of users from all sectors of the community, employees and contractors	Generally of a high usage as there is a strong demand for public buildings in the Blue Mountains LGA	Pesticide applications may include but are not limited to spraying of insecticides, termiticides, and vertebrate baits including rodenticides

NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Blue Mountains City Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including special measures for sensitive places that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

How and when notice of pesticide use will be provided

Notice could be provided in any of the following ways:

- **signs** displayed at the entrances to a public place or in other highly used areas
- **advertisements** in the local newspaper.
- **website** information primarily dealing with programmed works.
- **letterbox drops** i.e. to residents advising them of bush regeneration activities in their immediate subcatchments.
- **mailouts** to known users of public places for targeted control programs
- **permanent signage** if long term treatment is to occur
- **individual notification** by telephone, letter, fax, face-to-face contact etc for targeted control programs
- **community meetings / workshops**
- **information fact sheets** for example, mailed with bill/rates notices
- **responding** to all reasonable requests for information
- Blue Mountains City Council Chemical Sensitive Register - landholders who are on the register will be notified where applicable.

Council will provide specific information on their annual Urban Weed Control Program in situations where it will be undertaking large scale and systematic weed control programs i.e. Scotch Broom or Blackberry control programs. In these situations information will be posted regularly on Council's website and in the Blue Mountains Gazette and the Penrith Press.

Low volume use of herbicides i.e. spot spraying will not be notified through the website and local media; however notification procedures for the individual categories of public land will apply as outlined in the plan.

In sensitive areas as outlined below, i.e. Council managed childcare facilities, a minimum of 5 days prior notice of all pesticide use surrounding these areas will be given to managers of the facilities.

Council will also allow residents to nominate to have their property placed on the Chemical Sensitive Register. In order to be placed on the register residents are required to write to Council and request to have their property placed on the register.

For pesticide use in community buildings that are owned or controlled by Council, Council will be required to provide appropriate notification of their pesticide use in each individual location.

In the following specific locations Council will provide notification to the community as outlined below.

Public gardens / Parks

For public gardens and parks, signs will be displayed at the entrances to public gardens, during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides

i.e. Garlon 600

spot spray/high volume spraying

Glyphosate based herbicides

i.e. Round Up Biactive

spot spray/high volume spraying

Metsulfuron-methyl based

Herbicides ie Brush off

spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrrol and Pulse may also be used in chemical applications. Dyes will also commonly be used to indicate areas that herbicides have been applied these are normally blue or red.

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified of the proposed works.

Note: Generally work to be carried out at times of low patronage i.e. early weekday mornings.

Playgrounds

For playgrounds, signs will be displayed at the entrances to the playground, during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Glyphosate based herbicides

i.e. Round Up Biactive

spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrrol and Pulse may also be used in chemical applications. Dyes will also commonly be used to indicate areas that herbicides have been applied these are normally blue or red.

Note: all programmed works in close proximity to playgrounds should occur well outside normal usage hours of the individual playgrounds. If adjoining or in close proximity to a sensitive place as listed below the notification protocols and control techniques which apply for sensitive places will occur.

Picnic areas

For picnic areas, signs will be displayed at the entrances to the picnic area, during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides
i.e. Garlon 600 spot spray/high volume spraying

Glyphosate based herbicides
i.e. Round Up Biactive spot spray/high volume spraying

Metsulfuron-methyl based herbicides ie Brush off spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrol and Pulse may also be used in chemical applications. Dyes will also commonly be used to indicate areas that herbicides have been applied these are normally blue or red.

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Sporting fields and ovals

For sporting fields, ovals and the areas immediately adjoining the playing fields, signs will be displayed at the entrances to the oval or sporting field during the application of pesticides. Notification to known users of sporting fields and ovals i.e. sporting groups and school groups will be provided prior to application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides
i.e. Garlon 600 spot spray/high volume spraying

Glyphosate based herbicides
i.e. Round Up Biactive spot spray/high volume spraying

Metsulfuron-methyl based herbicides ie Brush off spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrol and Pulse may also be used in chemical applications. Dyes will also commonly be used to indicate areas that herbicides have been applied these are normally blue or red. Marking foams may also be used to indicate recent application of chemicals

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Note: all major pesticide applications on sports grounds and ovals normally form part of annual works program. The majority of these works will occur during oval closure periods.

Road verges.

For road verges and reserves, signs will be displayed at prominent locations along the road verges and reserves at the commencement of and completion points of works to be undertaken during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses. Where low level usage i.e. spot spraying is the required treatment, appropriate signage will be displayed on vehicle only:

Triclopyr based herbicides
ie Garlon 600 spot spray/high volume spraying

Glyphosate based herbicides
ie Round Up Biactive cut and paint, stem injection, scrape and paint, wipe, spot spray/high volume spraying

Metsulfuron-methyl based
herbicides ie Brush off spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrol and Pulse may also be used in chemical applications. Dyes will also commonly be used to indicate areas that herbicides have been applied these are normally blue or red.

Laneways and pathways

In laneways and pathways, signs displayed at prominent locations along the laneways and pathways at the commencement of and completion points of works during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides
ie Garlon 600

spot spray/high volume spraying

Glyphosate based herbicides
ie Round Up Biactive

cut and paint, stem injection, scrape
and paint, wipe, spot spray/high
volume spraying

Metsulfuron-methyl based
herbicides ie Brush off

spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrol and Pulse are also used in chemical applications

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Note: In high usage areas in urban centres applications of pesticides should occur well outside normal operational hours for businesses as well as outside the normal usage patterns of the broader community.

Unformed road reserves or other easements accessible by the public

For unformed road reserves or other easements, signs displayed at the entrances to easements, during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides
ie Garlon 600

spot spray/high volume spraying

Glyphosate based herbicides
i.e. Round Up Biactive

cut and paint, stem injection, scrape
and paint, wipe, spot spray/high
volume spraying

Metsulfuron-methyl based
herbicides ie Brush off

spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synerol and Pulse are also used in chemical applications

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Drains

For drains, signs displayed at the entrances to the drainage line during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides
ie Garlon 600

spot spray/high volume spraying

Glyphosate based herbicides
ie Round Up Biactive

cut and paint, stem injection, scrape
and paint, wipe, spot spray/high
volume spraying

Metsulfuron-methyl based
herbicides ie Brush off

spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synerol and Pulse are also used in chemical applications

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Public golf courses

For golf courses, signs displayed at the entrances to the course, notification to known users of the course ie members of the course and school groups will be provided prior and during application of the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides
i.e. Garlon 600

spot spray/high volume spraying

Glyphosate based herbicides

i.e. Round Up Biactive

cut and paint, stem injection, scrape and paint, wipe, spot spray/high volume spraying

Metsulfuron-methyl based

herbicides i.e. Brush off

spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrol and Pulse are also used in chemical applications

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Grounds of local authority swimming pools and aquatic centres

For other sporting facilities i.e. aquatic centres, signs displayed at the entrances to the aquatic centre, notification to known users of the public place i.e. sporting groups and school groups will be provided prior and during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides

i.e. Garlon 600

spot spray/high volume spraying

Glyphosate based herbicides

i.e. Round Up Biactive

cut and paint, stem injection, scrape and paint, wipe, spot spray/high volume spraying

Metsulfuron-methyl based

herbicides i.e. Brush off

spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in these situations where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrol and Pulse are also used in chemical applications

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Note: all programmed works in aquatic centres should occur outside normal usage hours of the individual centres. Where possible closure periods will be utilised to undertake any routine use of herbicides or pesticides.

Camping grounds

For public camping grounds signs displayed at the entrances to the campground, during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides ie Garlon 600	spot spray/high volume spraying
Glyphosate based herbicides ie Round Up Biactive	cut and paint, stem injection, scrape and paint, wipe, spot spray/high volume spraying
Fluroxypyr based herbicides i.e. Starane 200	spot spray/high volume spraying
Metsulfuron-methyl based herbicides ie Brush off	spot spray/high volume spraying
Picloram and Triclopyr based herbicides ie Grazon DS	spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in bushland where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrol and Pulse are also used in chemical applications

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Bushland reserves

For Bushland reserves signs displayed at the entrances to the reserve or in other highly used areas, during the application of pesticides for the following pesticide uses:

Triclopyr based herbicides ie Garlon 600	spot spray/high volume spraying
Glyphosate based herbicides ie Round Up Biactive	cut and paint, stem injection, scrape and paint, wipe, spot spray/high volume spraying
Fluroxypyr based herbicides i.e. Starane 200	spot spray/high volume spraying
Metsulfuron-methyl based	

herbicides ie Brush off spot spray/high volume spraying

Picloram and Triclopyr based herbicides ie Grazon spot spray/high volume spraying

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in bushland areas where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use.

*Additives such as Synertrol and Pulse are also used in chemical applications

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Note: As bushland reserves vary in scale and locations in some circumstances notification will not occur as outlined below.

Waterbodies

For water bodies signs displayed at the entrances to the reserve and access points to the water body, during the application of pesticides or as long as prescribed on the pesticide label for the following pesticide uses:

Glyphosphate based herbicide
i.e. Weedmaster
Duo Glyphosphate 360g spot spraying of isolated areas of aquatic weeds

and other herbicides registered under the Pesticide Regulation or used under an APVMA off label permit for use on weeds present in water bodies where the chemical is deemed to provide significantly improved results. Careful considerations of the environmental impacts will be undertaken as part of the selection of alternate chemicals prior to their use. These alternate approaches may include DPI approved trials for control of aquatic weeds for which suitable registered herbicides are currently unavailable.

Properties adjoining these sites that are listed on the chemical sensitive register will be notified.

Interiors of public buildings

Although not required by the Pesticide Regulation, Council will provide appropriate notification to the community and users groups when applying pesticides in interiors of buildings owned or controlled by Blue Mountains City Council. The level of notification required will be determined on an individual basis with consideration to the pesticide utilised and the use of the public building. Pesticides that may be used in public buildings includes but is not limited to.

- Insecticides,
- termiticides,
- Fungicides and,
- vertebrate baits including rodenticides

It should be noted that small scale pesticide usage which involves pesticides which are available for domestic usage and applied at a domestic scale i.e. aerosol containers to control common insect pests will not require notification.

Special measures for sensitive places

Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in public places adjacent to the listed sensitive places below will consist of written notification being provided to the manager of the facility five (5) days prior to any pesticide uses. The individual type of pesticide and its application will be determined by the adjoining public land use and the weeds present.

Clause 11J(1) of the *Pesticides Regulation* defines a sensitive place to be any:

- school or pre-school
- kindergarten
- childcare centre
- hospital
- community health centre
- nursing home
- Aged care hostels and retirement villages
- residents or businesses that have requested to be placed on the Blue Mountains Chemical Sensitive Register
- organic farm – where the operator has identified in writing to Council their status
- Blue Mountains Community Gardens

Or any place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (now a part of the Department of Environment and Conservation).

Note: all programmed works in close proximity to the listed sensitive places above should occur outside operational hours of the individual facilities and where possible outside term periods for schools and educational institutes.

Notification of emergency pesticide applications

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with;

- biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard),

- or pests/ diseases that have the potential to cause serious short term damage to plant life i.e. army grubs on playing surfaces

In these situations signs will be displayed at the entrances to the effected public place, notification to known users of public places i.e. sporting groups and school groups who have an existing booking will be provided within 24hours after initial application of the following pesticides:

- Pesticides registered for the specific control of the insect or animal that poses an immediate threat to human health or plant life.

Note: the control of weeds is not considered to constitute a situation where an emergency pesticide application is required.

Pesticide contractors and lessees of public places

Where the Blue Mountains City Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf Council will require that the contractors comply with requirements of the Blue Mountains City Council Pesticide Use Notification Plan as part of their operations.

In some circumstances Council may choose to undertake the notification process. Where this will occur contractors will be notified and the notification process will be completed by Council in advance of works commencing.

Council will require that the Lessee of Council owned or managed lands that operate an activity that continues to provide access as a public place will be required to comply with requirements of the Pesticide Use Notification Plan as part of their operations.

Public places where no notice will be provided

Notice will not be provided at the following prescribed public places

- **Small scale pesticide usage** which involves pesticides which are available for domestic usage and applied at a domestic scale i.e. aerosol containers to control common insect pests.
- **Remote area bushland** or bushland beyond 30m of the urban/parkland interface within Council's bushland reserve system and areas outside a 10m corridor of walking tracks within bushland reserves.

As community members will rarely enter these areas the placement of signage would provide little value in protecting community members from potential exposure to the general low level usage of pesticide in these situations. Signage will be provided at the nearest entry point to the reserve if deemed appropriate.

- **Bushcare sites** where bushcare operations are occurring as part of the BMCC Bushcare Program. In these situations all sites will have direct Council support and supervision of community members involved in weed control activities. The Bushcare Program has historically had very low level chemical usage with the current level below standard domestic use.

All higher volume chemical use on these sites will be undertaken by Council Weed Control staff and these operations will comply with notification requirements relating to bushland reserves. Notification of these works to individual Bushcare and Landcare groups will occur as part of the Bushcare Support Program.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 11L(2)(g) of the Pesticides Regulation, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used, and
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated, and
- the proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use, and
- the places where the pesticide is to be used, and
- contact telephone number and email address of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice, and
- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the APVMA¹ permit.

On request Council will make available material safety data sheets or other fact sheets to resident if they require additional information on any pesticide Council uses as part of the management of public open spaces.

HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

Blue Mountains City Council will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its main office at 3 Civic Place Katoomba and Springwood Office.
- placing a copy of the plan on the its website
- placing a notice in the Blue Mountains Gazette

The plan will also be hosted on Weeds of the Blue Mountains website (<http://www.weedsbluemountains.org.au>)

¹ The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), the national government body responsible for assessing and registering (or otherwise approving) all pesticide products in Australia and for their regulation up to and including the point of retail sale.

FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The Pesticide Use Notification Plan will be reviewed after 3 years and then every 3 years following from that point or when circumstances require a review of the plan prior to that date. The review will include:

- A report on the progress of implementing the plan
- Public consultation on the notification methods outlined in the plan
- Exhibiting the reviewed plan for comment with proposed amendments
- Recommendation for alterations (if applicable) to the plan

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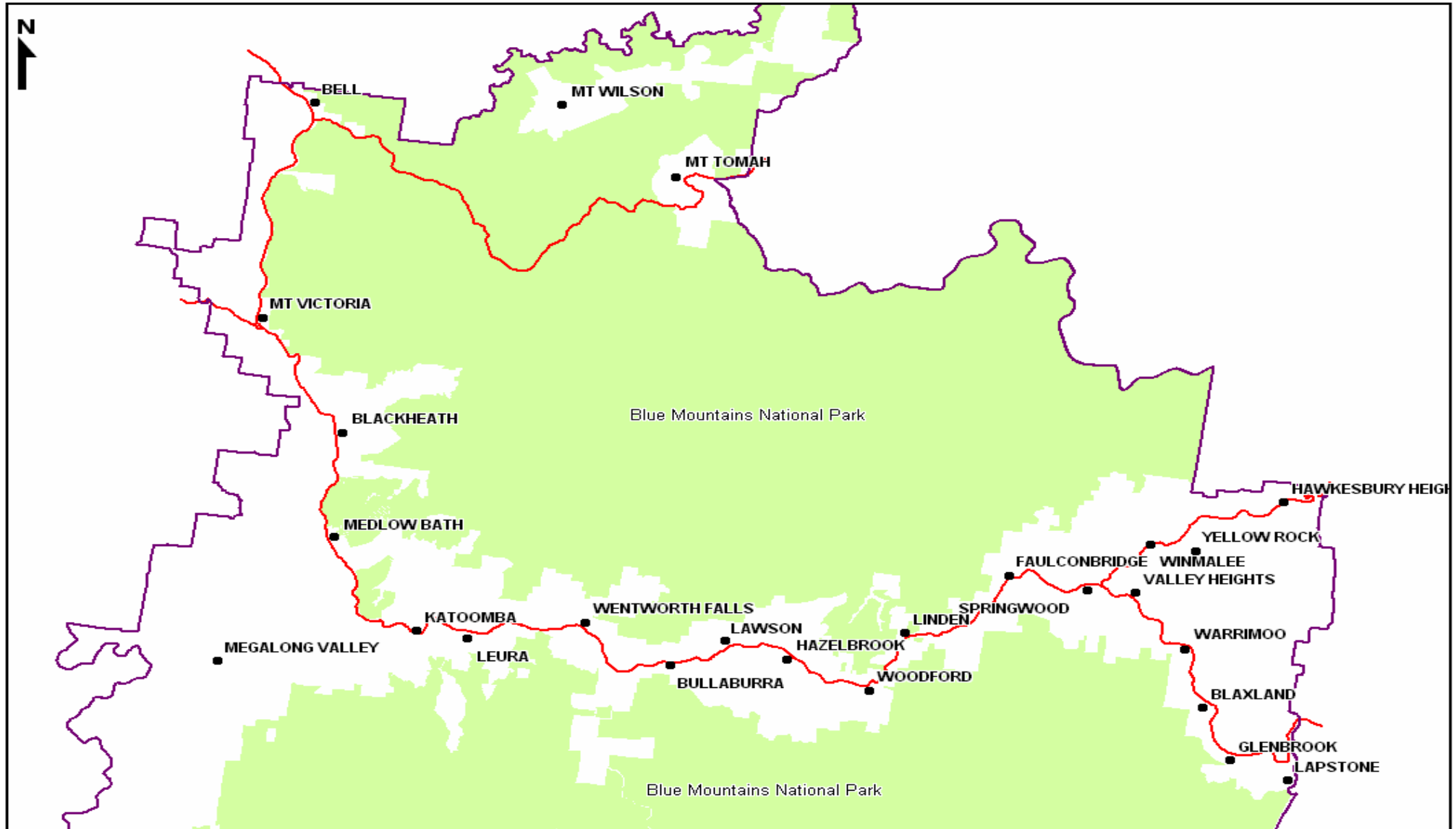
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APPENDICES

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List of commonly used pesticides

Appendix A Blue Mountains City Council Local Government Area



APPENDIX B**COMMONLY USED PESTICIDES AS PART OF BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL
WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS**

PRODUCT NAME	ACTIVE CONSTITUENT/S
ROUNDUP BIACTIVE HERBICIDE BY MONSANTO AND OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS	360 g/L GLYPHOSATE PRESENT AS THE ISOPROPYLAMINE SALT
GRAZON DS HERBICIDE PLUS OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS	100g/L PICLORAM and 300g/L TRICLOPYR
GARLON 600 HERBICIDE PLUS OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS	600g/L TRICLOPYR
DUPONT BRUSH-OFF BRUSH CONTROLLER AND OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS	600 g/kg METSULFURON METHYL
STARANE 200 HERBICIDE PLUS OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS	200g/L FLUROXYPYR
BANVEL M SELECTIVE HERBICIDE PLUS OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS	80g/L DICAMBA AS THE DIMETHYLAMINE SALT and 340g/L MCPA AS THE DIMETHYLAMINE SALT
CASORON G HERBICIDE AND OTHER REGISTERED PRODUCTS	67.5 g/kg DICHLOBENIL
TASKFORCE	745g/l FLUPROPANATE