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RE: NEW RESOURCE FOR THE BATTLE AGAINST WEEDS

A new book is available to help landholders identify and control weeds. *Weeds of the Mackay Whitsunday Region* and its companion booklet *Control Options for Weeds of the Mackay Whitsunday Region* have been published by The Mackay Regional Pest Management Group (MRPMG).

Chairperson for the MRPMG, Ms Christine Peterson said the book will be an invaluable resource for farmers, rural residential owners, contractors and Landcarers. With nearly 250 weeds detailed, the book is a comprehensive source of information on the prevalent weeds in the region. It will help with the first step in weed control; correctly identifying weeds. To help with the next step, we have also developed a booklet which details control options. Ms Peterson said that the MRPMG has a broad stakeholder base, including agriculture, local and state governments, and community groups. This allowed for good balance of content for the book, making it relevant for most users.

Copies of the book have been given to the town libraries. Copies may also be purchased from the region's Landcare groups, Reef Catchments, Canegrowers district offices and Mackay Area Productivity Services.

The book was funded by the Queensland Government via Reef Catchments, Mackay Regional Council, MRPMG and has had a considerable amount of hours volunteered to its development by stakeholders of the MRPMG.

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