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PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

**Environmental Services
(Lawns & Grounds)**

Version 3.0

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1. INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 1995.

The aim of this plan is to meet the community's general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by public authorities. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides, if they wish. The University ensures that pesticides are applied to public places in a safe, responsible manner, minimising harm to the community or the environment.

The plan sets out how the University will notify members of its community of pesticide applications made by the University to its grounds, gardens and sporting fields.

The plan describes:

- what places are covered by the plan
- who regularly uses these places and an estimate of the level of use
- how and when the University will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications
- how the community can access this plan and get more information about the notification arrangements
- how future reviews of the plan will be conducted
- contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with the University.

This plan forms a component of the University's pest management policy. The University only uses pesticides in places when necessary to eliminate noxious weeds, to protect property from pest damage and to protect the users from nuisance or danger.

The majority of pesticide use consists of applying herbicides for weed control and applying insecticides to manage certain insect pests. Frequency of programmed applications range from 4-6 times per year for sports fields and, 2-5 times per year for parks and gardens. Bait insecticides may be used for termite in certain applications on some campuses and ant control to protect structures and public safety wherever this is considered an effective solution. Other pesticides used include fungicides, rodenticides, bird baits and large vertebrate baits. Further information on the University's pesticide use can be obtained by contacting the Divisions office on your campus. See <http://www.csu.edu.au/division/facilitiesm/contacts/>

2. PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

The University proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places on the University's campus area:

- gardens
- parklands
- bushlands
- sporting fields and ovals
- easements
- road verges and reserves
- drains
- golf courses
- basket balls and tennis courts
- commons
- paved areas
- lawns

This plan will also provide information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in the interiors of the following council buildings:

- residences
- pre schools and childcare centres
- offices
- other buildings
- gymnasiums

The University's estimate of the level of use, for each of these area categories is summarised in the following table. Although not required by the Regulation, a summary of the type of pesticide use in each category of public place is also provided.

3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when the University will provide notice of pesticide use on its campuses. These notification arrangements are based on the University's assessment of:

- the level of usage of places where pesticides may be used
- the extent to which members of the university community who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides (e.g. young children, sick, pregnant and elderly people) and are likely to use these areas regularly
- the extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with pesticides (such as picnic areas where food is

consumed; sporting or other recreational activities that result in contact with the ground)

- type of pesticide used.

Notice of pesticide use will be provided by a combination of the methods listed below. The actual method of use will be dictated by the area, extent of use and the agent being used. All usage in open areas will be notified via messages on the University's "What's New & News" bulletin board. Other methods of communication may include:

- signage
- information on the Divisions website
- email
- phone contact.

The University uses small quantities of some pesticides that are widely available in retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes (including home gardening). The University does not intend to provide notice for such pesticide applications other than by way of this description in this plan. This will apply to minor control of indoor and outdoor insect pests using baits or aerosol spray cans and spot weed control using a wand or hand-held spray bottle.

4. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 11L(2)(g) of the Pesticides Regulation, notices of pesticide use must include **all** the following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated
- the proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use
- the place where the pesticide is to be used
- contact telephone number and email address of the university officer who people can contact to discuss the notice
- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place of application specified on the product label or the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit.

Signs will be of a standardised design that will be easily recognisable to staff, students and visitors to the university campuses.

5. HOW THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

The University will advise staff, students and visitors of the contents of the plan by:

- placing a copy of the plan on the Divisions website at <http://www.csu.edu.au/division/facilitiesm/services/>
- publishing the plan and use on the University's "What's New & News" electronic bulletin board.

6. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every 3 years. The review will include:

- a report on progress of implementing the plan
- calling for public submissions on the plan
- in the light of submissions, making recommendations for alterations (if applicable) to the plan.

7. CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact the University to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of specific details of pesticide applications in public places should contact:

Charles Sturt University
Division of Facilities Management

Albury Wodonga campus	02 - 605 19716
Bathurst, Dubbo & Orange campuses	02 - 633 86336
Wagga campus	02 - 693 32279

Web address <http://www.csu.edu.au/division/facilitiesm/>
(includes additional contact details)

Campus maps and plans <http://www.csu.edu.au/division/facilitiesm/services/>

Pesticide information for Notification Plan

Campus: Bathurst

Compiled by: Clifford Jackson

Date: 9.8.2007

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use	Type of pesticide use
Gardens	Staff and Students	High	Spot Herbicide- through out the year when required non selective also spot insecticide spring and summer
Parkland	Staff, Students and the Public	Medium	Spot herbicide through out the year when required non selective
Bushland	Staff students and the public	Low	Herbicide spraying of blackberries late summer early autumn
Residences	Staff Students and the public also Contractors	High	Spot herbicides through out the year when required non selective
Road verges and reserves	Staff Students and the public also Contractors	Low	Spot herbicides non selective through out the year when required
Preschools or childcare centres	Staff Parents Children and visitors Also Contractors	High	Spot herbicide non selective through out the year when required
Easements	Staff and Contractors	Low	Spot herbicide non selective through out the year when required

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use	Type of pesticide use
Drains	Staff and Contractors	Low	Spot herbicide non selective through out the year when required
Golf courses	Staff Students and Public also Contractors	High	Spot herbicide non selective when required selective herbicide spring and autumn spray greens
Sporting fields and ovals	Staff and Students	High	Spot herbicide non selective through out the year when required, Broadscale selective herbicide and insecticide- spring and summer.
Basketball and Tennis Courts	Staff and Students	High	Spot herbicide non selective through out the year
Commons	Staff and Students	High	Spot herbicide non selective through out the year
Paved seating areas and Paths	Staff, Students, Visitors and Contractors	High	Spot herbicide non selective through out the year
Lawn Areas	Staff, Students , Visitors and Contractors	High	Spot selective herbicide-Spring and summer Spot insecticide Spring and Summer herbicide non selective through out the year

Pesticide information for Notification Plan

Campus: Orange

Compiled by: Ian Jackson and Phil Tiefel

Date: 20-6-2007

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use	Type of pesticide use
Gardens	Staff and Students	High	Spot herbicide – all year round, spot insecticide and fungicide – spring and summer
Parkland	Staff and Students	Medium	Spot herbicide – all year round, spot insecticide – spring and summer
Bushland	Staff and Students	Low	Spot selective herbicide – spring and summer, non-selective herbicide – all year round
Residences	Staff and Students	High	Spot herbicides – all year round, spot insecticides – spring and summer
Road verges and reserves	Staff and Students	Low	Spot herbicide and Broadscale non-selective herbicides – all year round
Easements	Contractors, Staff	Low	Spot herbicide – all year round
Drains	Staff and Students	Low	Spot herbicide – all year round

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use	Type of pesticide use
Sporting fields and ovals	Staff and Students	High	Spot herbicide – all year round, Broadscale selective herbicide and Broadscale insecticides – spring and summer
Basketball, Netball and Tennis Courts	Staff and Students	High	Spot herbicide – all year round
Commons	Staff and Students	High	Spot herbicide – all year round, spot insecticide – spring and summer
Paved seating areas and, Paths	Staff and Students	High	Spot herbicide – all year round, spray ant control – spring and summer
Lawns	Staff and Students	High	Spot selective herbicide – spring and summer, non-selective herbicides – all year round, Broadscale selective herbicide and Broadscale insecticides – spring and summer

Pesticide information for Notification Plan

Campus: Wagga Wagga

Compiled by: David Millar

Date: 13-7-2008

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use	Type of pesticide use
Gardens	Staff Students	High	Spot spray herbicide, fungicide and pesticide applications throughout year
Common areas	Staff Students	High	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Lawn areas	Staff Students Contractors	High	Boom and spot applications of selective herbicide pesticide and fungicide spring autumn or as required
Parkland	Staff Students and Public	Medium	Selective herbicide spot and boom spray applications spring autumn Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Bushland	Staff Students and Public	Low	Spot spraying of Box thorn spring summer
Sport Fields	Staff Students and Public	High	Boom and spot spray applications of selective herbicide, pesticide and fungicide spring summer
Basket Ball Courts	Staff Students and Public	Medium	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Tennis courts	Staff Students and Public	Medium	Non selective herbicide spot application as required

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use	Type of pesticide use
Pre Schools, child care centre	Staff Students and Public	High	Selective herbicides spot applications spring autumn or as required
Residential Areas	Staff Students Public and Contractors	High	Boom and spot applications of selective herbicide spring autumn or as required
Roadsides	Staff Students Public and Contractors	Low	Boom and spot applications of selective herbicide spring autumn or as required
Drains	Staff And Contractors	Low	Spot spraying of selective Herbicides seasonal
Car parks	Staff Students Contractors and Public	Medium	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Bus Stops	Staff Students Public	Medium	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Seating	Staff Students and Public	High	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Paths	Staff Students Public and Contractors	High	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Sheds	Staff Contractors	High	Non selective herbicide spot application as required

Pesticide information for Notification Plan

Campus: Albury – Wodonga

Compiled by: R.Overall

Date:24-7-2008

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use	Type of pesticide use
Gardens	Staff Students	Medium	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Common areas	Staff Students	High	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Lawn areas	Staff Students Contractors	High	Selective herbicide spot and boom spray applications spring autumn Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Parkland	Staff Students and Public	Medium	Selective herbicide spot and boom spray applications spring autumn Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Paddocks	Staff Students Contractors and Public	Low	Selective herbicide spot and boom spray applications Winter for Patterson Curse and St Johns Wort. Baiting Program for control of rabbits approx 4 year cycle
Bushland	Staff Students and Public	Low	Spot spraying of Blackberry spring summer every Three years. Selective herbicide spot spray application. Baiting Program for control of rabbits approx 4 year cycle
Sport Fields	Staff Students and Public	Medium	Boom and spot spray applications of selective herbicide, pesticide and fungicide spring summer
Pre Schools, child care centre	Staff Students and Public	High	Selective herbicides spot applications spring autumn or as required

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Residential Areas	Staff Students Public and Contractors	High	Selective herbicides spot applications spring autumn or as required
Roadsides	Staff Students Public and Contractors	Low	Boom and spot applications of selective herbicide spring autumn or as required
Drains	Staff And Contractors	Low	Spot spraying of selective Herbicides seasonal
Car parks	Staff Students Contractors and Public	Medium	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Bus Stops	Staff Students Public	Medium	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Seating	Staff Students and Public	High	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Paths	Staff Students Public and Contractors	High	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Sheds	Staff Contractors	High	Non selective herbicide spot application as required
Walking Track	Staff Students Public and Contractors	Medium	Spot spraying of selective Herbicides seasonal
Wet Land Visitor Area	Staff Students Public and Contractors	Medium	Spot spraying of Blackberry spring summer every Three years. Selective herbicide spot spray application. Baiting Program for control of rabbits approx 4 year cycle