

NEWA UPDATE

Weed Control Operations

With the arrival of winter, the cooler weather has brought NEWA's spray operations to an end. That's not to say all work has stopped and the focus is now on control of privet and other like weeds. We continue to finish the control of the Cats Claw as part of the Murray Darling project.

Biosecurity Inspections

NEWA achieved its Weeds Action Program (WAP) targets for all member council LGA's at the end of May. We have received funding for the education of Officers, who will be undertaking two 1-week training courses in Tamworth next week and a second week in Coffs Harbour in early July.

Financial

We're fast approaching the Financial Year End and commencing the Audit process. The year-end result looks positive. We have completed the transition from MYOB to XERO accounting systems, with the go-live taking place from 3 April; so, we have one quarter under our belts before we commence the new financial year.

NEWA's cash position is strong (\$1.6M) and an additional CD have been established. It is planned that T-Corp loan funding will be in place by August of this year.

Building Construction – New Office and Depot

Construction of the new office, vehicle wash-bay and the depot has commenced. Power and water have now been connected, the construction fence erected, and site buildings have been put in place. Key construction staff are now on-site, and earthworks are planned to be commenced this week.