18th NSW Weeds Conference, Cooma - 12th to 15th October 2015 Weeds - The Future, Innovation & Adaptation

SYMPOSIUM: Weed Management for Conservation Call for abstracts!

This symposium, sponsored by NSW National Parks and Wildlife (NPWS) will highlight new, innovative and successful methods to manage weeds for biodiversity and conservation outcomes. It will consist of nine sessions on day one (Tues 13 Oct) of the 18th NSW Weeds Conference.

We will bring together a series of talks that discuss research and inventive ways to improve conservation outcomes, as well as explore ways to balance investment in weed management across the 'prevention, eradication, containment and asset protection' spectrum to improve conservation objectives.

We are seeking contributions from land managers, community groups, researchers and others involved in weed management for conservation, regardless of land tenure. We are also keen to receive abstracts that include examples of multi-stakeholder and cross-tenure collaboration that lead to better conservation outcomes.



Scotch broom, *Cytisus scoparius,* invading Barrington Tops National Park (photo NPWS)

Presentations will be 15 minutes, with 5 minutes for questions. Full papers are expected for each presentation, with a maximum length of 4 pages. These will be subject to peer-review and submitted to *Plant Protection Quarterly* to be considered for publication. Further details on paper submission will be provided with notification of abstract acceptance.

"Speed talks" will also be considered: These are 10 minute talks with no time for questions. These should be accompanied by a poster and abstract (full paper is not necessary, but can be considered).

Abstracts are due 27 February and should be submitted through the conference website.

See the 18th NSW Weeds Conference website for detailed information about the conference and how to submit abstracts <u>http://www.weedscooma.com.au/#</u>

<u>When submitting your abstract, please note that you would like it to be considered for the</u> <u>Weed Management for Conservation symposium</u>. Please also note the topic most relevant to your paper:

- Weed research to improve conservation outcomes.
- Balancing effort across the Invasion Continuum: How to best invest for biodiversity?
- Collaboration and innovation in weed management for conservation.

We look forward to your abstract and to seeing you at the 18th NSW Weeds Conference!

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