

Celebrating 20 years

Managing weeds in a climate of change

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10th Queensland Weed Symposium

Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon QLD

26 - 29 July 2009

2009

CALL FOR PAPERS & EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION BROCHURE



INVITATION FROM THE CHAIR

The 10th Queensland Weed Symposium (QWS09) to be held at Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon, Queensland offers the opportunity to learn about practical management of weeds, network with experts and your peers and observe weed management programs around the Rockhampton, Yeppoon and the Capricorn coastline.

The QWS09 celebrates 20 years of research, developing technologies and on-ground activities which have influenced weed management practices today. With new challenges emerging in the weeds world on a regular basis, we hope that you can join with us to consider "Managing weeds in a Climate of Change".

Trudy Baker
Symposium Chairperson

KEY DATES

Abstracts submission deadline	15 December 2008
Acceptance of abstracts advised by	2 February 2009
Speakers Registration paid in full no later than	2 March 2009
Submission of papers	12 April 2009
Close of Earlybird Registration	25 May 2009

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DESTINATION & VENUE

Yeppoon and the Capricorn Coast is located over the Tropic of Capricorn, for which it is named, and sweeps along the Pacific Ocean at Central Queensland just 30 minutes from the Beef Capital of Australia - Rockhampton. It is only 662 km or a 50 minute flight from Queensland's capital city, Brisbane. Yeppoon is the gateway to world heritage wetlands, best described as a mini Kakadu, sub-tropical rainforest and the tropical waters of the Great Barrier Reef.

VENUE

Set on 20 km of secluded coral reef coastline, Capricorn Resort offers something for everyone. The Resort's facilities include two international golf courses, stylish dining concepts, 25 free activities, water sports, horse riding, wetland tours, rainforest canoe adventure tours and much more.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Symposium aims to increase awareness and knowledge and provide inspiration for action. The presentations, posters, discussions, field trips and trade displays aid in the exchange of ideas and experiences of recent advances in weed management and technology in Queensland and will open channels for communication and collaboration. Networking and opportunities for information sharing will be a feature of the 2009 Symposium program.

The program will be of interest to anyone with an interest in learning about new and practical weed management solutions, including:

- Local Government Weeds Officers and Councillors
- Landowners and Managers
- Agribusiness and Utility Providers, including Power, Rail, Roads and Water
- State Government agencies, including Forestry, EPA, NRW, Biosecurity Queensland and DPI&F
- Australian Government Agencies staff including WoNS Coordinators, AQIS, Department of Defence and DAFF
- NRM Bodies
- Landcare & Agforce Members
- Researchers and students involved in weed management
- Contractors and Community Project Officers

SYMPOSIUM PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2009

TIME	PROGRAM
1700-1900	Registration
1800-2000	Welcome Reception – Beach Pool Lawn, Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon

MONDAY 27 JULY 2009

TIME	PROGRAM
0730-1700	Registration open
0800-1700	Trade Exhibition open
0830-1700	Symposium Programme
1900-2300	Symposium Dinner – Jucarra and Golden Cane Room, Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2009

TIME	PROGRAM
0730-1700	Field Trips
0730-1700	Trip 1: Weed Wars on Central Queensland Grazing and Industrial Land
0730-1700	Trip 2: Coastal Plains & Management of Exotic Grasses
0730-1700	Trip 3: Best Management Practices in Action

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2009

TIME	PROGRAM
0730-1530	Registration open
0800-1530	Trade Exhibition open
0830-1500	Symposium Programme
1500-1530	Symposium Close

The Symposium Organisers reserve the right to change the Program, Speakers, Events and/or Times, Dates, Prices and other details as necessary.

WHO SHOULD PRESENT?

The inaugural Weed Symposium was held in Central Queensland in 1990. It was identified as a forum for coordinating efficient, practical and safe control of all nuisance weeds. The symposium returns to CQ in July 2009 and reflects on 20 years of "Managing Weeds in a Climate of Change".

Broad topic areas:

- **SOCIAL** - Training, Recruitment and retention of staff
- **TECHNOLOGY** - Developing technology to improve best management practice techniques and research findings
- **ENVIRONMENTAL** - New Incursions, Impacts and Climate Change
- **ECONOMIC** - Weeds vs Production, Floods, Funding opportunities

Presentations and posters are sought from individuals, community groups and organisations involved in weed or related areas:

- Community & Industry awareness, education & engagement
- On-ground operations (managing production landscapes, natural areas rehabilitation, infrastructure management)
- Research & studies (weed ecology, control measures, technology, restoration,)
- Planning & policy (national, state and local)
- Measuring effectiveness (mapping, standards/desired outcomes, evaluation criteria, improvement strategies)

Presentations may focus on one particular aspect of a topic or encompass the full weed management cycle. The submission of case studies and evaluations is encouraged.

HOW TO APPLY TO BE A PRESENTER

PRESENTATION FORMAT

You are invited to present your abstract (300 words maximum) in one of two formats:

Format 1: Oral Paper Presentation

Format 2: Poster Presentation

Abstracts must include the following information:

- Aim of paper or poster
- Brief overview of objectives of project, research or program
- Main discussion points
- Outcome of intervention or project / results / findings
- Implications for practice

PRESENTATION TOPICS

Abstracts must reflect the broad topics as outlined above.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **Monday 15 December 2008**.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Full instructions and online abstract submission are available on the Weed Society of Queensland website at www.wsq.org.au. Please download a copy of the **Speaker Information and Formatting Kit** prior to submitting. This provides full details of due dates for speakers and other important information. **It is expected that all submissions received have read and agreed to the details contained within the Kit.** Authors unable to submit online should contact the Symposium Secretariat to make alternative arrangements.
2. All accepted authors will be expected to provide a full paper for publication in the Symposium Proceedings. Full Paper Guidelines will be provided upon acceptance of your submission.
3. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will take place by email by 2 February 2009. Full Paper and Speaker Guidelines will be provided upon acceptance of your submission.
4. To enable delegates to interact with presenters we encourage speakers to attend the whole symposium. Speakers must be registered and attend for at least the day of their presentation.
5. Presenters who have previous experience presenting at symposiums are encouraged to provide these details with their submission.

REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION

It is recommended that you register online for the 10th Queensland Weeds Symposium. Online registration is available on the Weeds Society of Queensland website www.wsq.org.au. If you register online you will be given an access key allowing you to edit your own registration, social functions and accommodation details at any time before 23 July 2009. **When you register online you must print your tax invoice at the completion of registration.**

NB: All manual registrations will be charged a \$22.00 processing fee in addition to the registration fees.

REGISTRATION FEES

	WSQ MEMBER	NON MEMBER	STUDENT
EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION (closes 25 May 2009)			
Full Registration	\$550	\$595	\$290
Day Registration	\$350	\$380	\$190

	WSQ MEMBER	NON MEMBER	STUDENT
STANDARD REGISTRATION (after 25 May 2009)			
Full Registration	\$595	\$645	\$290
Day Registration	\$350	\$380	\$190

REGISTRATION INCLUSIONS

Full Registrations include:

- Entry to all Symposium sessions
- Access to the Trade Exhibition
- Morning and afternoon teas and lunches for days of Symposium
- Symposium satchel & materials
- One (1) ticket to the Welcome Reception
- One (1) ticket to the Symposium Dinner
- Field trip on Tuesday 28 July 2009

Day Registration includes:

- Entry to all symposium sessions for the day registered
- Access to the Trade Exhibition
- Morning and afternoon tea and lunch on the day registered
- Symposium satchel & materials

Student Registration inclusions are identical to the appropriate registration type listed above.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

Payment

All prices are in Australian dollars and GST inclusive. Payment can be made by cheque or credit card. Cheques must be in Australian currency, drawn on an Australian Bank and made payable to "Eventscentral Pty Ltd – QW Symposium" ABN 88 026 015 870. Payment by credit card is acceptable for Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

NB: Faxed registration forms are acceptable only if payment is by credit card. Please post registration forms with accompanying cheques or credit card details. Registrations will not be confirmed until payment is received.

Confirmation of Bookings and Changes

Registration forms and fees will be acknowledged and accommodation and air travel bookings confirmed by email. Please check your registration and advise Eventscentral of any changes in writing immediately. The cut-off date for registrations and any changes is 23 July 2009.

Cancellation and Refunds

Cancellations must be made in writing to the Symposium Secretariat. Cancellations received before 26 June 2009 will be entitled to a full refund, less an administration fee of \$220.00. After this date, no refunds will apply. Substitute delegates will be welcome, provided written notice is given prior to the symposium. Cancellation penalties will apply once the registration form is submitted, regardless of whether payment has been forthcoming.

Disclaimer

All information is correct at time of printing. The symposium organisers reserve the right to change speakers, events and/or time slots, dates, prices and other details as necessary.

FIELD TRIPS

TRIP 1: WEED WARS ON CENTRAL QUEENSLAND GRAZING & INDUSTRIAL LANDS

This tour will travel west of the Rockhampton township and visit properties with various weeds such as rubber vine, parthenium weed and prickly acacia. Graziers and Industrial managers will showcase their efforts and issues with weed management.

TRIP 2: COASTAL PLAINS & MANAGEMENT OF EXOTIC GRASSES

Delegates will visit coastal wetlands including a Wetland of National Significance looking at the impacts of exotic grasses and their impact on the diverse ecosystem, and grazing properties that are managing exotic grass species through a combination of management techniques.

TRIP 3: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN ACTION

This tour will travel to the Northern parts of Central Queensland visiting areas where different management practices have been utilized to tackle weeds including lantana and bellyache bush on a large scale.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

WELCOME RECEPTION

Sunday 26 July, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Capricorn Resort, Beach Pool Lawns

Join fellow delegates for an informal networking evening at the Beach Pool Lawns, Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon. Delegates can enjoy drinks and a Sausage Sizzle in a relaxed atmosphere whilst meeting friends, old and new.

Tickets are included in all Full Registration fees. Additional tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$55.00 per person

SYMPOSIUM DINNER

Monday 27 July, 7.00pm – 11.00pm
Capricorn Resort, Jucarra and Golden Cane Room

A night not to be missed! The Symposium Dinner is not only a perfect opportunity for networking, it is also a night to have fun and enjoy yourself. Join us for a three course meal or buffet and drinks in the resort's Jucarra and Golden Cane room.

Dinner, beer, wine and soft drinks are provided for the duration.

Tickets are included in all Full Registration fees. Additional tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$95.00 per person