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**Weed Regrowth**:

It often happens that the good intensions of weed clearance lead to unanticipated consequences. A common method is to bulldoze or totally clear the weeds. Another is to spray them with Roundup. The immediate result is an absence or the death of the weeds. The next growing season however sees their regrowth or the growth of a more vigorous set of common invasive weeds, Fleabane or Wild Tobacco typically. Often these are spawned from wind borne seeds taking advantage of disturbed ground. If the weeds have been removed from creeks or gullies it can result in serious erosion. The use of herbicides like Roundup also kills the native plants or grasses that will if present prevent the seeding of the wind borne plants.

These herbicides should only be delivered directly to individual plants. The recent release of the biological control of Crofton Weed has demonstrated a better principal in weed control. The spread of the introduced fungus does not fully destroy but weakens the host plant. If it eradicated the weed the fungus would die out as well, enabling the more common host to reinvade. The fungus makes the Crofton Weed less dominant.

**Weed and Native of the Month:**

**Weed**: Cat’s Claw, Yellow Trumpet Vine, (Bignonia unguiscati). A woody climber with twining branches and paired leaves. Flowers bright yellow followed by narrow bean-like pods 45 to cm long contain numerous seeds.

**Native**: Yellow Guinea Flower, (Hibbbertia scandens). Yellow flowering scrambling climber, native to the South Coast. Usually grows on fences and in forests. Likes shade and is drought tolerant.

**Working Bees for August 2015:**

Bong Bong Road: 9-11am Sunday 9th August : Julia Woinarski 4464 2084.

Broughton Vale: 2-4pm Sunday 2nd August : Philip Thorniley 4464 2198.

Bundewallah Bushcare: 2-4pm Sunday 30th August: John Clark 4464 3911.

Camp Quality:9-11am Sunday 16th August : Jeanne Highland 4464 1271.

Mount Coolangatta: 1-3 pm Saturday 15th August at end of Roxbrough Rd, Far Meadow.

Be on time to get a lift to site : Myke Cunningham 0418 297 435 or mcunningham@pci.cx.

Mark Radium Park: 9-10am Friday 28th August : Rodney Cole 4464 1475.

Princess Street: 10-12am Thursday 20st August : John Cullity 0414 362 609, 4464 3327.

Tindalls Lane: 2-4 pm Sunday 9th August : Harvey Blue 4464 1880 or Jim Jefferis 4464 2988.

Plant identification service: Please contact Harvey Blue 4464 1880 or Ian Parker, 4448 6359