# BERRY LANDCARE

**Noxious Weeds Act 1993 - Classes:**

Last month’s article mentioned Salvinia as being Class 2 Noxious weed. What are these Classifications in the Noxious Weed Act?

Classes 1 to 4 are weeds or plants that pose a potentially serious threat to Primary production or the environment in the State, Region or Area to which a Noxious Weed Order applies.

Class 1, State Prohibited Weeds are plants that are not present or present to a limited extent in the State and the control objective is to prevent their introduction and establishment in the State: examples: a) present Horsetail, b) absent Siam Weed.

Class 2, Regionally Prohibited Weeds are plants that are not present or present to a limited extent in the region to which a Weed Order applies and the control objective is to prevent their introduction and establishment in the Region: a) Alligator Weed, b) Slavinia.

Class 3, Regionally Controlled Weeds are plants that are not widely distributed in the Area to which a Weed Order applies and are likely to spread in the area or to another: a) giant Parramatta grass, b) gorse.

Class 4, Locally Controlled Weeds are plants that are widely distributed in an Area and are likely to spread in the area or to another area. Class 4 also includes those that pose a threat to human health. Their growth and spread must be controlled according to measures specified in a management plan published by the local Control Authority. This may be the local Council: a) fireweed, b) serrated tussock.

Class 5, Restricted Plants are weeds or plants that are likely, by their sale or the sale of their seeds or movement within the state, to spread in the State or outside. The control objective is to prevent the introduction of the plants into NSW, the spread within NSW or to another State or Territory: a) bridal creeper, willows and thistle.

Class 4 is the classification that most of us are effected by. The Control Authority is the policing agency and its management plan is limited in its action by the funds available to it to cover control measures.

For more information contact the Shoalhaven Council or NSW DPI Berry on 44641251.

**Native of the Month:** Everlasting Daisy (Bracteantha bracteata). Very variable species, prostrate as well as to 1m high. Flower heads 3-5cm diameter appear in late spring to autumn. See photo.

**Working Bees for November 2015:**

Bong Bong Road: 9-11am Sunday 8th November: Julia Woinarski 4464 2084.

Bundewallah Bushcare: 3-5pm Sunday 29th November: John Clark 44643911.

Camp Quality: 9-11am Sunday 15th November: Jeanne Highland 4464 1271.

David Berry Hospital: 3-5pm Saturday 21st November: Leslie Pigott 44643241.

Mount Coolangatta: 1-3 pm Saturday 21st November 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 27th November: Rodney Cole 4464 1475.

Alexander Street: 9:00-10:00am Friday 20th November: Gail Patton 0413893508.

Tindalls Lane: 3-5 pm Sunday 8th November: Harvey Blue 4464 1880 or Jim Jefferis 4464 2988.

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