

Taking Action

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Nasty Nasella - working together to manage the problem

Watershed Landcare Incorporated



A planned approach is needed to manage serrated tussock.

The issue

Serrated tussock is an ongoing issue for many landholders. A weed that is easily spread by the wind but provides a greater challenge to manage, Watershed Landcare wanted to support landholders in developing a management plan to assist them in getting the upper hand on this weed of national significance. After a visit to the southern highlands by a number of landholders, it was evident how this weed can take hold, reducing productivity of pastures and taking over of large areas of land.

Identification of this weed can be challenging as it is similar to several native species and thrives in areas on the property that landholders perhaps don't visit regularly.

The solution

Watershed Landcare partnered with Central Tablelands Local Land services (CT LLS) and Mid-Western Regional Council (MWRC) to deliver a workshop for landholders to help them with their management. The day focused on proactive whole-farm strategies to manage serrated tussock, the practicalities of strategies and landholder responsibilities.

In addition to the workshop, a number of landholders took up the opportunity to have a farm visit to develop a management plan and receive support to help them in this ongoing challenge. Local landholder and botanist, Christine McRae, has visited landholder's properties to work through management options.

The impact

Control of serrated tussock needs a consistent and diligent approach and can be a point of frustration for landholders. One of the key components of management is to support landholders and reinforce that they are doing the best they can.



Key facts

- Managing serrated tussock in an ongoing activity
- A range of management actions should be used
- A proactive approach will help landholders in managing the weed

Project Partners



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