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GRANT TO FUND WEED CONTROL IN DRY TIMES

A federal grant for the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton of \$118,000 for weed control measures will not only combat weeds but also provide employment opportunities as the drought effects continue to be felt in the community.



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The project is funded by the Australian Government under the Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program, which aims to reduce the impact of declared weeds in the Pekina watercourse such as African boxthorn, wild olives and wheel cactus.

Council's CEO Dylan Strong said the project is in two parts. One is the direct control of weeds of national significance and declared weeds in priority sections of the Pekina creek line to ensure that Council can monitor for other emerging weeds following the drought, and help prevent the spread of weeds like boxthorn to surrounding farming land.

The other is designed as a partnership approach with the NRM Board and landholders in the area, which will provide training & incentives for landholders to target the re-emergence of specific weeds following rain.

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"Our Council plays an important role in pest management and weed control around the district," Mr Strong said.

"Working with the NRM Board and private landholders on these types of initiatives helps improve our natural resource outcomes, and at the same time we are driving wealth back into the local economy."

Chairman Kathie Bowman said Council was most pleased to receive the grant funding.

"Even when it's been as dry as it has been, it is important that we get on top of the weed problem, but equally important to provide employment opportunities for members of our community wherever we can".

"I see this as a win, win situation."



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