

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL

PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

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Council recognises the Traditional Owners of the lands of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and GuriNgai peoples, and pays respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present and to their Heritage. We acknowledge and uphold their intrinsic connections and continuing relationships to Country.

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1. Introduction

This Pesticide Use Notification Plan (PUNP) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation Act 2009 (the Regulation).

The aim of this plan is to meet the community's general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by public authorities. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid potential contact with pesticides. Council ensures that pesticides are applied to public places in a safe, responsible manner, minimising harm to the community and the environment.

Council also ensures second generation anticoagulant rodenticides are never used.

The PUNP sets out how the Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications made by the Council to public places.

The plan describes:

- What public places are covered;
- Who regularly uses these public places and an estimate of the level of use;
- How and when the Council will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places (i.e. what notification arrangements will be used);
- How the community can access this plan and get more information about the Council's notification arrangements;
- How future reviews of the plan will be conducted; and
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with the Council.

The PUNP forms a component of the Council's Integrated Pest Management Policy. This policy states that the Council only uses pesticides in public places when necessary to control weeds, to protect public property from pest damage and to protect the users of public places from nuisance or danger.



2. Public Places Covered

Hornsby Shire Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places within this Council's Local Government Area:

- Public gardens
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Sportsgrounds
- Camping grounds
- Public land owned or controlled by the Hornsby Shire Council, including:
 - Road verges and reserves
 - Laneways and pathways
 - Road, rail, utility or other easements accessible to the public
 - Drains
- Galston Rural Sports Facility
- Land reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 eg. (Crosslands Reserve)
- Grounds of government schools where Hornsby Shire Council has undertaken ground maintenance responsibility
- Bushland reserves

This plan also provides information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in the interiors of the following Council buildings: Council chambers, libraries, community halls/centres, childcare facilities and swimming pool buildings and grounds.

The Council's estimate of the level of community use, and regular user groups for each of these public place categories is summarised in the following table. Although not required by the Regulation, a summary of the type of pesticide use in each category of public place is also provided.



Table of Areas Covered by Pesticide Use Notification Plan

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Public gardens Parks Playgrounds Picnic areas Camp grounds	General Recreational recreational users Wedding groups Social groups Children and young families Elderly people	High (frequent use by multiple users, with short to medium length stays)	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Broad scale selective herbicides Broad scale non selective Fungicide (usually on garden beds) Baits (usually rabbit control)
Sportsgrounds	Sporting clubs and sporting association School sports groups General recreational users Social users	High	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Broad scale selective herbicides Broad scale non selective Broad scale insecticides Spray or bait termiticides near facilities Rodenticides near facilities
Road verges and reserves Laneways and pathways	Local residents Visitors to the area	Medium to High	Spot herbicides Broad scale non selective
Road, rail, utility or other easements accessible to the public Drains	Local residents Visitors to the area	Low to Medium	Spot herbicides Broad scale non selective
Land reserved under National Parks and Wildlife Act (Crosslands Reserve)	Local residents Recreational users	Medium	Spot herbicides Baits (usually fox and rabbit control)
Community Nursery	Community groups Bushcare groups Council staff	Medium	Spot herbicides Baits (usually rodent and rabbit control) Spot insecticides
All Bushland Reserves	Community groups Bushcare groups Council staff General public	Low to Medium	Spray or bait termiticides near cottage Spot herbicides Baits (usually rabbit control)

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Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Grounds of government schools (John Purchase Cherrybrook)	School students and teacher Sporting clubs and sporting associations School sports groups	High	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Broad scale selective herbicides Broad scale insecticides Spray or bait termiticides near facilities Rodenticides near facilities
Galston Rural Sports Facility	Competitive and recreational user	Medium to High	Spot herbicide Broad scale selective herbicide Broad scale insecticide
Leased sites owned by Council i.e. Tennis courts	Recreational users School students and teachers Sporting clubs and sporting associations	Medium to High	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides
Interiors of public buildings	Council employees Lessee's General public Library users (including young children, school groups and the elderly) Young children and their carers (childcare facilities) Parents groups/playgroups Church groups	High	Spray or bait termiticides Rodenticides Spot herbicides
Swimming pool buildings and grounds	Council employees Recreational users School students and teachers	High	Spray or bait termiticides Rodenticides Spot insecticides Spot herbicides

3. Notification Arrangements

These notification requirements are based on Hornsby Shire Council's assessment of:

- The level of usage of public places where pesticides may be used
- The extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides, such as children, elderly, sick etc, and are likely to use these areas regularly
- The extent to which activities generally undertaken in an area could lead to direct contact with pesticides i.e. sporting activities that result in contact with the ground, picnic areas where food is consumed
- The type of pesticide used.

The notification requirements include special measures for sensitive places that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

3.1 How and when notice of pesticide use will be provided

3.1.1 Outdoor areas

The notification arrangements described below will apply to the following public place categories owned or controlled by Council within the local government area (LGA):

- Public parks and gardens
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Sporting fields, ovals and related sporting facilities.
- Galston Rural Sports Facility
- Camping grounds.
- Bushland reserves
- Land reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife ACT 1974

In these public places portable signs stating "Pesticide Application in Progress" will be provided to the general community near the application area or main entrance at time of application (Pesticide Application Notice) will remain on fence near entry points for re-entry period, for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot spray of selective herbicides
- Spot spray of non-selective herbicides
- Spot spray of insecticides.



The notices will contain the full product name of the pesticide to be used, the purpose for which the pesticide is to be used and the dates on which, or the range of dates during which, the pesticide is to be used.

The notification arrangements described below will apply to the following public place categories owned or controlled by Council within the local government area (LGA):

- Public parks and gardens
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Sportsgrounds and related sporting facilities.
- Galston Rural Sports Facility
- Camping Grounds
- Grounds of government schools
- Bushland reserves
- Land reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife ACT 1974 eg. (Crosslands)
- Public land owned or controlled by the Hornsby Shire Council, including:
 - Road verges and reserves
 - Laneways and pathways
 - Road, rail, utility or other easements accessible to the public
 - Drains.

In these public places portable signs will be provided to the general community near the application area or main entrance at least 24 hours prior to application and remain for re-entry period for the following pesticide uses:

- Broad scale selective herbicides
- Broad scale non-selective herbicides
- Broad scale insecticides
- Fungicides (on the relevant garden beds)
- Spray termiticides and ant control
- Bait termiticides (where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only)
- Bait bird control (where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only)
- Bait rabbit and rodent control (where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only).

Where any of the above pesticide use is adjacent to sensitive places the Regulation defines a sensitive place to be any: school or pre-school, kindergarten, childcare centre, hospital, community health centre, nursing home, place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority) the occupiers will be provided with 48 hours prior targeted notice by phone, mail or letterbox drop (whichever is most practicable).

For non-emergency reactive pesticide use in outdoor public places next to sensitive places, Council will provide concurrent notice shortly before use to the occupier by phone, door-knock or letterbox drop, depending upon what is most practicable. If a pesticide must be used to deal with an emergency in an outdoor public place that is adjacent to a sensitive place, Council will organise a door-knock in that sensitive place, preferably at least 30 minutes before, so people are aware that a pesticide is about to be used to deal with a dangerous pest infestation.



3.1.2 Certain Council Buildings

For pesticide use in Council chambers, Council-owned libraries, community halls and centres and childcare facilities that are owned or controlled by Council, signs will be provided near the application area or main entrance at least 24 hours prior to application and remain for at least 24 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot use of insecticides
- Bait rodenticides
- Spray termiticides
- Spray ant control
- Bait termiticides (where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only)
- Bait bird control (where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only)
- Bait any control (where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only)

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3.1.3 Emergency Pesticide Applications

An emergency pesticide application in a public place may be required to deal with biting or dangerous pests (such as rodents, wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or similar creatures). In these situations the Council will, where possible, provide notice by posting signs nearby at the time of the application. If this is not possible, Council will provide information via the Customer Service phone number, or members of the public can ask for information from the person applying the pesticide.

3.1.4 Pesticide Contractors and Lessees of Public Places

Where Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, Council will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan.

Where individuals or organisations hold an existing lease on Council land that remains a public place, and if they use pesticides in this area, Council will still require notification in accordance with the requirements of this plan.

4. What information will be provided

In accordance with the Regulation, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

- The full product name of the pesticide to be used;
- The purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated;
- The proposed date or date range of the pesticide use;
- The places where the pesticide is to be used;
- Contact details of the appropriate Council official for further information; and
- Any warnings regarding re-entry to, or use of, the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the APVMA A permit.

5. How the Community will be informed

Hornsby Shire Council will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- Making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its main office at 296 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby NSW 2077;
- Placing a copy of the plan on the website – hornsby.nsw.gov.au;
- Placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette.



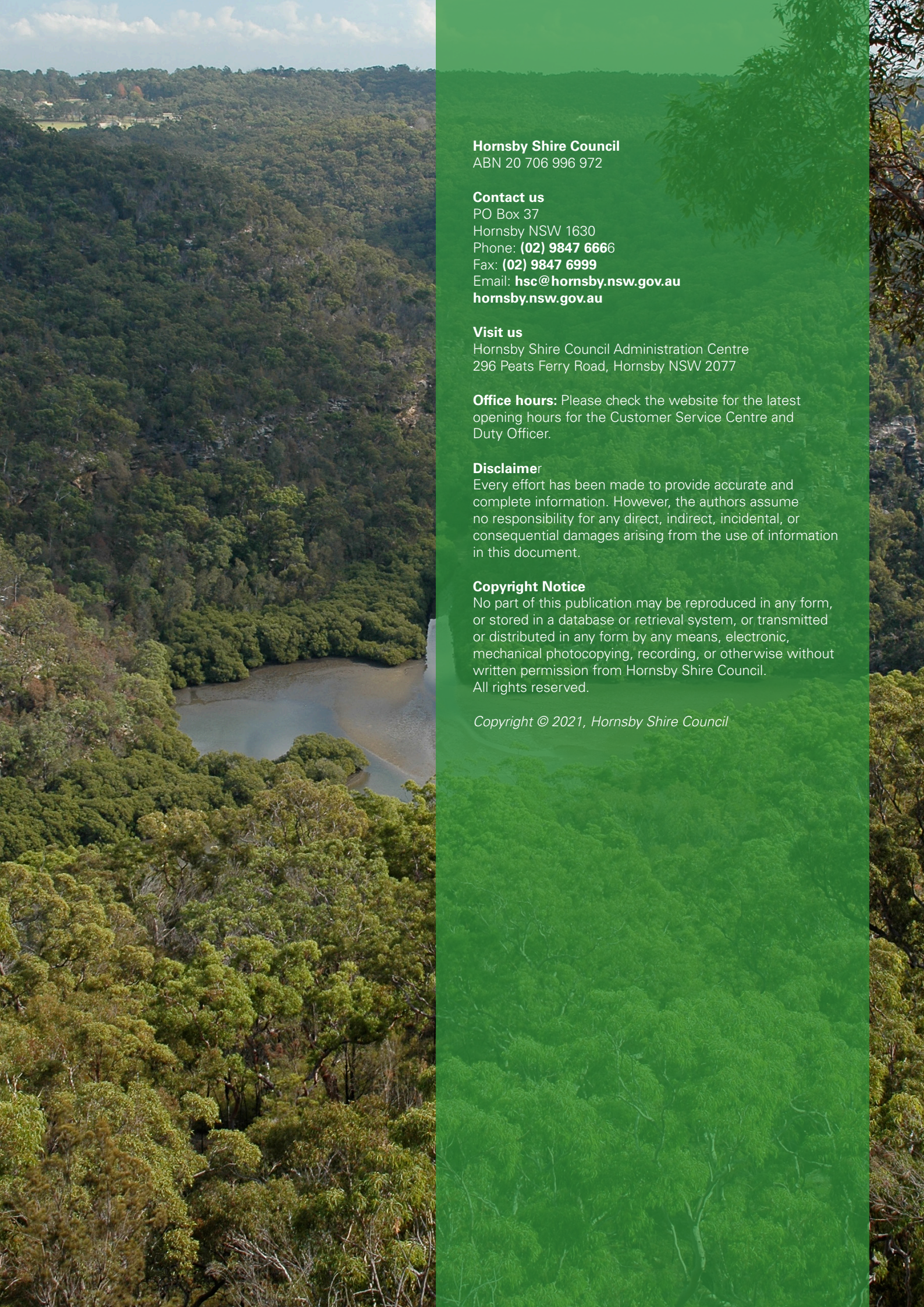
6. Future Reviews

The PUNP will be reviewed every 5 years. The review will include:

- Where the amendment is of sufficient substance to warrant public consultation, placing the plan on public exhibition, with any proposed changes and calling for public submissions
- In the light of public submissions, making recommendations for alterations (if applicable) to the plan.

7. Contact Details

Anyone wishing to contact Hornsby Shire Council to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide/herbicide applications in public places, should contact Customer Service and ask to speak to the appropriate section.



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