



PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

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PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Pesticides Regulation 2017* (the Regulation).

PART 2 – OBJECTIVE

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 Junee Shire Council. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides. Council ensures that pesticides are applied to public places in a safe, responsible manner, minimising harm to the community or the environment.

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

The plan describes:

- What public places are covered by the plan;
- Who regularly uses these public places and an estimate of the level of use;
- How and when 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 Council's notification arrangements;
- How future reviews of the plan will be conducted; and
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with Council.

Council only uses pesticides in public places when necessary to eliminate weeds, to protect public property from pest damage and to protect the users of public places from nuisance or danger.

The majority of pesticide use consists of applying herbicides for weed control and applying insecticides to manage certain insect pests. The frequency of programmed applications range from two-three times per year for sports fields, two–five times per year for parks and gardens and up to twice yearly for public thoroughfares. Insecticides are used for termite and ant control to protect structures and public safety wherever this is considered an effective solution. Other pesticides used include fungicides, rodenticides. Further information on Council's pesticide use can be obtained by calling Council on 02 6924 8100.

PART 3 – PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

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:

- Parks and public gardens;
- Playgrounds;
- Picnic areas;
- Sporting fields and ovals;
- Road verges and reserves;
- Laneways and pathways;
- Easements accessible to the public;

- Drains; and
- Council controlled buildings.

This plan will also provide information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in the interiors of the following council buildings: Council chambers, library, and community halls.

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.

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
a) Public parks and gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young families • Elderly people • General recreational users (eg. joggers, dog-walkers, picnickers) 	Very high (frequent use by multiple users, with short to medium length stays)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Broadscale insecticides • Fungicide (usually garden beds) • Spray termiticides, ant control
b) Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young families 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Spray ant control • Bait ant control
c) Picnic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families • Other social groups • Clubs 	High (particularly on weekends, public holidays and school holidays)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Broadscale insecticides • Fungicide (usually garden beds) • Spray termiticides, ant control
d) Sporting fields, ovals and related sporting facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting clubs and associations • School sports groups • General recreational users (eg. joggers, dog-walkers) 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Broadscale insecticides • Fungicide (usually garden beds) • Spray termiticides, ant control

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
e) Council laneways and pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents People who work in the area Visitors to the area 	Medium to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides Broadscale non-selective herbicides
f) Road shoulders, verges, road reserves and footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents or visitors walking or driving on the road 	Low for rural roads. Medium to high for urban roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides Broadscale non-selective herbicides
g) Easements accessible to the public (specifically road, sewer or electricity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents People who work in the area 	Low to medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides Broadscale non-selective herbicides
h) Council drains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents living adjacent to a drain 	Low to medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides Broadscale non-selective herbicides
i) Interiors of certain Council buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library users (including young children, school groups and the elderly) Young children and their carers Parents groups/playgroups Community associations Church groups General members of the public 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot insecticides Spray termiticides Spray ant control Bait ant control

PART 4 – NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places. These notification arrangements are based on 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 (eg. young children, sick, pregnant and elderly people) and are likely to use these areas regularly;
- The extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with pesticides (such as picnic areas where food is consumed; sporting or other recreational activities that result in contact with the ground); and
- Type of pesticide used.

Notice of pesticide use will be provided by a combination of:

- Signs;
- Local newspaper advertisements;
- Letters;
- Letterbox drops;
- Door knocking;
- Phone contact.
- Website

Council will also allow persons and organisations to nominate to have their details placed on a central register (Attachment C) which would allow them to be notified of certain types of pesticide uses in particular places, as described in this section of the plan (See Attachment A).

Council uses small quantities of some pesticides that are widely available in retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes (including home gardening).

Council does not intend to provide notice for such pesticide applications. This will apply to minor control of indoor and outdoor insect pests using baits or aerosol spray cans and spot weed control using a wand or hand-held spray bottle.

4.1 Outdoor Recreation Areas

The notification arrangements described below will apply to the following public place categories owned or controlled by Council:

- Public parks and gardens;
- Playgrounds;
- Picnic areas; and
- Sporting fields, ovals and related sporting facilities.

In these public places, signs will be provided to the general community near the application area or main entrance at least 48 hours prior to application and remain for at least 48 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses:

- Broadscale selective herbicides;
- Broadscale non-selective herbicides;
- Broadscale insecticides;
- Fungicides (on the relevant garden beds); and
- Spray termiticides and ant control.

Where any of the above pesticide uses occur adjacent to sensitive places (see definition of 'sensitive places', under subsection 4.4 Special measures for sensitive places) the occupiers will be provided with 48 hours prior targeted notice by phone, mail or letterbox drop (whichever is most practicable).

For **playgrounds and picnic areas only**, prior notice will be extended to seven days by placing signs for all of the above pesticide uses. For these areas only, signs will be placed for at least 48 hours after spot herbicide or insecticide use or placement of ant control baits.

For **sporting fields, ovals and related sporting facilities**, sporting groups and occupiers of adjacent sensitive places who register interest with Council can also have notice of the above pesticide use by phone at least 48 hours prior to application (See Attachment B).

Information will be available to the general community on the council's website about the proposed use of pesticides in the above-mentioned areas over the longer term, weather permitting.

4.2 Outdoor Public Thoroughfares and Certain Easements Accessible to the Public

The notification arrangements described below will apply to the following categories of public place owned or controlled by Council within the LGA:

- Laneways and pathways;
- Road shoulders, verges, road reserves and footpaths;
- Road and sewer easements accessible to the public; and
- Drains.

In these public places, information on the forward program for broadscale herbicide will be advised 1 month prior to application on the council website.

For **drains** and **laneways** only, information on the forward program for use of herbicides will also be included in Council's newsletters and web site

4.3 Certain Council Buildings

For pesticide use in Council chambers, Council owned library, community halls and centres that are owned or controlled by Council, signs will be provided near the application area or main entrance at least 48 hours prior to application and remain for at least 48 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot use of insecticides;
- Bait rodenticides;
- Spray termiticides; and
- Spray ant control.

4.4 Special Measures for Sensitive Places

Clause 11J(1) of the Pesticides Regulation defines a sensitive place to be any:

- School or pre-school;
- Kindergarten;
- Childcare centre;
- Hospital;
- Community health centre;
- Nursing home; and
- Place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) – now a part of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in outdoor public places adjacent to sensitive places for each category of public place have already been noted.

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 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.

4.5 Emergency Pesticide Applications

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), 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 its Council contact number [02 6924 8100], or by request to the person applying the pesticide.

4.6 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 persons 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.

PART 5 – WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 11L(2)(g) of the Pesticides Regulation, notices of pesticide use must include **all** 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/s or date range of the pesticide use;
- The place where the pesticide is to be used;
- Contact telephone number of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice; AND
- Any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place of application specified on the product label or the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit.

Signs will be of a standardised design that will be easily recognisable to the public and workers.

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ATTACHMENT A



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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDE-SENSITIVE PERSONS

To be registered with Juneë Shire Council as a pesticide-sensitive individual, complete this application form. This application form is used to determine whether you qualify to be registered. You have the right to inspect, amend or correct the application you submit. All of the information in this application is a matter of public record, your name, address(s), and phone number(s) will be shared with pesticide applicators so that they may notify you before making a pesticide application on property abutting yours.

I hereby request to be placed on the list of pesticide-sensitive individuals.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Details		
Name:	.....
Residential address:	.....
Suburb/Locality:	.....
Phone:	.....	.....
	Daytime	Evening

Declaration:	
I request that the individual named above should be placed on the list of pesticide-sensitive individuals for the following reason/s:	
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Signature:

Office Use Only

Date Received:		
Approved:	Reason:
Signature:	Date:

ATTACHMENT B



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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDE-SENSITIVE AREA

To be registered as a pesticide-sensitive area your organisation must complete this form. This application form is used to determine whether you qualify to be registered. You have the right to amend or correct the application you submit. All information in this application is a matter of public record. Your name, address and phone number(s) will be shared with persons used by Council to apply pesticides so they may contract you when necessary.

I hereby request to register the following site as a Pesticide-Sensitive Area.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Details	
Name of the person completing the form:	.....
Address of the Sensitive Area:	.....
Suburb/Locality:	.....
Phone:	.....
	Daytime Evening

Declaration:
I request that the site named above should be place on the list of pesticide-sensitive area for the following reason/s:
Signature:

Office Use Only

Date Received:	.....
Approved:	..... Reason:
Signature:	..... Date:

