Good Neighbour Program

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Background

Commenced in the 1990’s. $3M.
Aims to protect private land from weeds and pest animals, is at the interface of public and private land, is on land managed by DELWP or PV, is in partnership with others and addresses a community need or issue.

Provides resources to treat a site for up to three years.

Projects are based on applications by local staff.
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Projects are submitted onto a database managed by DELWP by both DELWP and PV staff. GNP Guide provides information on process. Projects assessed in May-June.

6 regional technical assessment panels decide on projects to fund, with local agency and CMA representation. Usually more projects than funding allows for, so some not funded or reduced.

$1.344M scheduled state-wide in 2016-2017
$316,200 in Hume region in, 53 projects.

Funding in DELWP is part of total base budget, PV transferred at a state level.
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Past works

Baranduda, Jarvis Creek, Mt Mittamatite, Waggra Granya, Tallangatta, Corryong Mitta Mitta, Compliance Support.
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Upper Murray
6 DELWP Projects, $52,916
4 PV Projects, $26,962

Tallangatta, Mitta Mitta and Corryong.
Species are Blackberry and Broom.

Work done by crews or contracts for DELWP
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What do I do if I have a problem adjoining me?

Talk to your local DELWP or Parks Officer. Arthur Scholz (02 6071 5300) and John Silins. Your concern is important to us.

Understand there is not immediate funding available to consider the work.

Not all projects can be funded, projects funded reduce by 30% each year that allows new projects to be funded.

There is 66,000 km of interface across all public land.

Projects that have strong community support usually rate higher than project with no interest.
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Can I do the work over the fence myself?

There has been trial projects in the past where farmers were paid to do the work over the fence. It was not continued as a method to address the problem.

In some areas farmers are undertaking wild dog baiting on public land as part of an agreed program.

Generally speaking no.

Local issues should be discussed with local staff and other solutions may be possible.
Other Funding Areas

Weeds and Pests on Public Land (WPPL).
CHARK - Foxes
WESI – New and emerging weeds – skills.
Willows – West Kiewa Research and on ground work.
RHD. Releases.
Community Grants – Not yet released for 2016/2017

What about Deer?

DEDJTR – Game management, PV.
CMA and DELWP are helping communities with connections to issues.
Questions