

# Young Shire Council



## **PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN**

Prepared in accordance with the Pesticides  
Regulation 2009

## **Pesticide Use Notification Plan Reviews**

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## 1. Introduction

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This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Pesticides Regulation 2009* (the Regulation). The plan sets out how Young Shire Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

The aim of this plan is to provide general notice on the use and presence of pesticide applications made to public places that are owned or controlled by Young Shire Council.

Council uses pesticides in public spaces in a safe, responsible manner, minimising harm to the community or the environment.

This plan outlines:

- the public places covered by this 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 outdoor public places; the notification arrangements that will be used;
- how the community can access this plan and get more information about Council's notification arrangements;
- how and when 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 noxious weeds, to protect public property from pest damage and to protect the users of public places from nuisance or danger.

A pesticide may include herbicides, bactericides, baits, fungicides, insecticides, rodenticides, repellants and chemicals used for the control of animal ectoparasites. A pesticide may also be a hazardous substance, dangerous good, scheduled poison, and / or a fumigant.

The majority of pesticide use by Council consists of applying herbicides for weed control and applying insecticides to manage certain insect pests. Frequency of programmed applications range from 2 to 5 times per year for sports fields, 2 to 5 times per year for parks and gardens, and twice yearly for public thoroughfares. Bait pesticides and insecticides are used for Queensland Fruit Fly, termite / ant control and rodent control to protect structures and public safety wherever this is considered an effective solution. Other pesticides used include fungicides, dusting and hand spray insecticides.

Further information on Council's pesticide use can be obtained by contacting Council's Parks and Gardens Asset Planner; Telephone: (02) 6380 1200; Email: [mail@young.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@young.nsw.gov.au); or by visiting Council's website

[www.young.nsw.gov.au](http://www.young.nsw.gov.au) or Council offices at Boorowa Street, Young during normal business hours.

## **2. Public places covered by this plan**

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Young Shire Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls within the Shire 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;
- swimming pool grounds;
- around public buildings;
- bridges (timber); and
- other public places (waste disposal depots, etc).

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 (as listed in Schedule 1).

### **Schedule 1:**

- Council chambers and administration offices;
- Council works depot;
- Young branch SWR Library;
- Young Sports Stadium;
- Swimming pool amenities;
- Young Visitors Information Centre;
- Airport terminal;
- Public toilets;
- Public halls;
- Community centres;
- Cherry Capital Centre;
- Young Skillshare Complex.

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 tables.

A summary of the type of pesticide use in each category of public place is also provided.

**Table A: Outdoor Recreational Areas**

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
<b>Parks and public gardens</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and young families</li> <li>• Elderly people</li> <li>• General recreation users</li> </ul>	Medium to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot herbicides</li> <li>• spot insecticides</li> <li>• broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>• broad scale non-selective herbicides</li> <li>• broad scale insecticides</li> <li>• fungicides (usually garden beds)</li> <li>• spray or bait termiticides and ant controls</li> </ul>
<b>Playgrounds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Young families</li> </ul>	Medium to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot herbicides</li> <li>• spot insecticides</li> <li>• spray or bait ant controls</li> </ul>
<b>Picnic areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors to the area</li> <li>• People who work in the area</li> <li>• General recreational users</li> </ul>	Medium to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot herbicides</li> <li>• spot insecticides</li> <li>• broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>• broad scale non-selective herbicides</li> <li>• bait rodenticides</li> <li>• fungicides (usually garden beds)</li> <li>• spray or bait termiticides and ant controls</li> </ul>
<b>Sporting fields, ovals and passive recreation reserves</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sporting clubs and associations</li> <li>• School sports groups</li> <li>• General recreational users</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot herbicides</li> <li>• spot insecticides</li> <li>• broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>• broad scale insecticides</li> <li>• fungicides (usually garden beds)</li> <li>• spray or bait termiticides and ant controls</li> </ul>
<b>Swimming pool grounds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming club patrons and visitors</li> <li>• Local residents and visitors to the area</li> <li>• People who work in the area</li> </ul>	High (in summer months of the year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot herbicides</li> <li>• spot insecticides</li> <li>• broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>• fungicides (usually garden beds)</li> <li>• spray or bait termiticides and ant controls</li> <li>• bait rodenticides</li> </ul>
<b>Tennis Centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis club patrons and visitors</li> <li>• Local residents and visitors</li> <li>• People who work in the area</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot herbicides</li> <li>• spot insecticides</li> <li>• broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>• fungicides (usually garden beds)</li> <li>• spray or bait termiticides, ant controls</li> <li>• bait rodenticides</li> </ul>

**Table B: Public Thoroughfares and Certain Easements Accessible to the Public**

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Road verges and reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local residents or visitors walking or driving on the road</li> </ul>	Low for rural roads; Medium to high for urban roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spot herbicides</li> <li>spot insecticides</li> <li>broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>bait insecticides</li> </ul>
Laneways and pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local residents</li> <li>People who work in the area</li> <li>Visitors to the area</li> </ul>	Medium to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spot herbicides</li> <li>spot insecticides</li> <li>broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>bait insecticides</li> <li>ant controls</li> </ul>
Easements accessible to the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local residents</li> <li>People who work in the area</li> </ul>	Low to medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spot herbicides</li> <li>spot insecticides</li> <li>broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>bait insecticides</li> </ul>
Drains and retention basins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local residents living adjacent to a drain or retention basin</li> <li>Local residents or visitors who visit a drain or retention basin</li> </ul>	Medium to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spot herbicides</li> <li>broad scale selective herbicides</li> </ul>

**Table C: Council Buildings**

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Interior of Council owned or controlled buildings as per Schedule 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local residents</li> <li>People who work in the area</li> <li>Visitors to the area</li> </ul>	Medium to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spot insecticides</li> <li>broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>spray or bait termiticides and ant controls</li> <li>bait rodenticides</li> </ul>
Exterior of Council owned or controlled buildings as per Schedule 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local residents</li> <li>People who work in the area</li> <li>Visitors to the area</li> </ul>	Medium to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spot herbicides</li> <li>spot insecticides</li> <li>broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>fungicides (usually garden beds)</li> <li>spray or bait termiticides and ant controls</li> <li>bait rodenticides</li> </ul>

**Table D: Operational Facilities Accessible to the Public**

<b>Public places owned or controlled by Council</b>	<b>Regular user groups</b>	<b>Level of use of public place</b>	<b>Type of pesticide use</b>
<b>Cemeteries, waste depots etc</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local residents</li> <li>• People who work in the area</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot herbicides</li> <li>• spot insecticides</li> <li>• broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>• fungicides (usually garden beds)</li> <li>• spray or bait termiticides and ant controls</li> </ul>
<b>Young Aerodrome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local residents</li> <li>• People who work in the area</li> <li>• Visitors to the area</li> </ul>	Low to medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot herbicides</li> <li>• spot insecticides</li> <li>• broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>• fungicides (usually garden beds)</li> <li>• spray or bait termiticides and ant controls</li> <li>• bait rodenticides</li> </ul>
<b>Waste transfer stations &amp; depots</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local residents</li> <li>• People who work in the area</li> <li>• Visitors to the area (including contractors)</li> </ul>	Low to medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot herbicides</li> <li>• spot insecticides</li> <li>• broad scale selective herbicides</li> <li>• fungicides (usually garden beds)</li> <li>• spray or bait termiticides and ant controls</li> <li>• bait rodenticides</li> </ul>

### **3. Notification arrangements**

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This section of the plan describes how and when Young Shire Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places including special measures for applications for public places near sensitive places, arrangements for emergency applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

For the purposes of this plan there are four types of notifications:

1. Minimal usage
2. Non-sensitive areas
3. Sensitive areas
4. Emergency applications

These notification arrangements are based on Young 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 and are likely to use these areas regularly (eg young children, sick, pregnant or elderly people);
- 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
- the types of pesticide used.

Methods of notification include:

- signs; either at the location or mounted on vehicle at time of application;
- roadside signs;
- information on Council's website [www.young.nsw.gov.au](http://www.young.nsw.gov.au);
- door knocking; only in the case of an emergency application;
- letters; posted or letterbox drop;
- phone calls, fax or email; and
- notices in a local newspaper.

Council will also allow residents and organisations to nominate to have their details placed on a central register which would allow them to be notified of certain types of pesticide uses in particular places, as described in this section of the plan. Such information will be for the express use of Council and will not be supplied to any other person or organisation without the prior approval of the respective persons or responsible person in the case of an organisation.

### **3.1. Minimal usage**

Young Shire Council will not notify pesticide applications where it is not legally required to.

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 other than by way of description in this plan or general information on Council's website. 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, hand held spray bottle or portable spraying device carried on the body of the person applying the pesticide.



### **3.2. Non-sensitive areas**

In addition to the placement of a general notice each annual quarter in a local newspaper advising of Council's use of pesticides and herbicides and the existence of this plan, Council will provide the following notification;

#### **Outdoor recreation areas as detailed in Table A;**

Notification and information on the use of herbicides be placed in the Council's page in the Young Witness each Friday and will occur not less than 5 days before the expected date or dates of broad scale herbicide application for all of the listed pesticide uses.

In addition, signs will be provided upon the vehicle applying the pesticide and / or to the general community near the application area or main entrance and remain for at least 24 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses:

- broad scale selective herbicides;
- broad scale non-selective herbicides;
- broad scale insecticides;
- spot herbicides;
- spray termiticides and ant controls;
- bait termiticides where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only;
- bait rodenticide where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only; and
- termite and ant control baits.

#### **Outdoor public thoroughfares and certain easements accessible to the public as detailed in Table B;**

Notification and information on the use of herbicides be placed in the Council's page in the Young Witness each Friday and will occur not less than 5 days before the expected date or dates of broad scale herbicide application for all of the listed pesticide uses.

In addition, signs will be provided upon the vehicle applying the pesticide and / or to the general community in a prominent position near the application area and remain for at least 24 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses:

- broad scale non-selective herbicides; and
- spot herbicides.

**. Certain Council buildings as detailed in Table C;**

For pesticide use in Council chambers, Council owned libraries, community halls / centres and like 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;
- bait termiticides and ant controls; and
- spray termiticides and ant controls.

In addition, signs will be provided upon the vehicle applying the pesticide.

**Operational facilities accessible to the public as detailed in Table D;**

Information on the use of herbicides will be included in the Council's page of the Young Witness each Friday not less than 5 days before the expected date or dates of broad scale herbicide application for all of the listed pesticide uses. Signs will be provided near the application area or main entrance and remain for at least 24 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses:

- spot herbicides;
- spot insecticides;
- bait ant control; and
- broad scale selective herbicides.

In addition, signs will be provided upon the vehicle applying the pesticide.

**3.3. Sensitive areas**

Clause 18 of the *Pesticides Regulation 2009* 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 by order published in the NSW Government Gazette.

Special notification measures for programmed pesticides use in public places adjacent (<50m) to sensitive places will consist of advanced or concurrent notice provided either orally, or in written form to an appropriate person or position holder at the facility.

### **3.4. Emergency applications**

In cases where emergency applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, rodents etc that pose immediate health risk, notice will be provided as per the non-sensitive area notification requirements.

Where broad scale spraying is required at short notice (eg plague locust control) and public notification is not possible, special precautions will be taken to prevent the public encountering pesticides (eg road or facility closures).

### **Pesticide contractors and lessees of public places**

Where Young Shire Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on their behalf, they shall provide notice as per this plan.

Where persons or organisations hold an existing lease on Young Shire Council and remains a public place, the lessee will provide notice.

## **4. What notification information will be provided**

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In accordance with clause 20 (h) of the Regulation, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used;
- the purpose for which the pesticide is to be used;
- the proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use; and
- the places where the pesticide is to be used;
- contact telephone number or email address of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice; and
- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority permit.

## **5. How the community will be notified of this plan**

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

- making a copy of this plan available, free of charge, at the front counter of Council's administration building at Town Hall Building, Boorowa Street, Young, during normal business hours;
- making a copy of this plan available at Young Library, Lynch Street, Young;
- placing a notice in the local newspaper;
- placing a copy of this plan on Council's website; and
- placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette.

## **6. Future reviews of this plan**

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This notification plan will be reviewed every three (3) years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will include:

- a report on progress of implementing the plan;
- placing the plan on public exhibition, with any proposed changes and calling for public submissions; and
- in the light of public submissions, making recommendations for alterations (if applicable) to the plan.

In accordance with Clause 23 of the Regulation, Council may consider on reasonable grounds that amendments to this plan may not warrant public consultation.

## **7. Contact details**

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Anyone wishing to contact Young Shire Council to discuss this notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact:

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Young Shire Council  
Locked Bag 5  
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