

Gamba grass weed advisory committee meeting #17

A summary of activities tabled at meeting 17, undertaken in the period 13th August to 6th November 2024 to progress implementation of the Weed Management Plan Gamba Grass 2020 – 2030. Activities are those undertaken by the Gamba Grass Weed Advisory Committee members, the Weed Management Branch and the Gamba Fire Mitigation Unit.

Time 9:00am – 3:00pm

Date: Thursday, 7 November 2024

Gamba Grass Weed Advisory Committee members present

Susanne Casanova	Chair – Representing Territory Natural Resource Management	SC
Natasha Clayton	Representing the Northern Territory Cattlemen’s Association	NC
Emma Dunne (proxy)	Representing the Northern Territory Local Government Association (LGANT)	ED
Louise Kean	Representing the Department of Tourism and Hospitality (DTH), (Parks and Wildlife)	LK
Dr David Liddle	Representing Environment Centre Northern Territory (ECNT) / Gamba Grass Roots	DL
Tom Price (proxy)	Representing the Northern Land Council (NLC)	TP
Dr Natalie Rossiter-Rachor	Representing Charles Darwin University (CDU) / National Environmental Science Program	NR-R

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Shelly Haitana	Representing the Northern Territory tourism industry	SH
Sharon Hillen	Representative for LGANT	SH
Kerri O’Brien (proxy)	Representing the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment (Crown Lands Estate)	KO

Other attendees present:

Emma Burcher	Weeds Planning Officer – Weed Management Branch (WMB), Department of Lands Planning and Environment	EB
Norman Greenfield	Chief District Ranger, Litchfield Operational Manager, Parks and Wildlife - DTH	NG

#To demonstrate progress against the [Weed Management Plan for Gamba Grass 2020 – 2030](#), the objectives of the 2020 – 2030 gamba plan being implemented have been noted beside each outcome listed below.

Summary of key outcomes against the Weed Management Plan for Gamba Grass 2020 – 2030: (committee member updates)

Objective of plan	Key outcomes this quarter
2a, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 3a	<p>Parks and Wildlife – Department of Tourism and Hospitality</p> <p>Fogg Dam - Early rain has enabled control in several locations.</p> <p>Mary River – No action for Mary River National Park over last 3 months. Just prior on the 19th June 2024 CDU undertook an aerial survey over the Wildman block.</p> <p>Mary River - Wildfire occurred in gamba project area where fire exclusion a priority – which may set the team back slightly.</p> <p>Katherine region - No systematic surveys undertaken in the Savannah Gulf over the past 6 months. An aerial survey and some ground based survey work is scheduled for Nitmiluk in April 2025.</p>

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	<p>Darwin Parks - Early rain has enabled control in several locations.</p> <p>Darwin Parks - Gamba Grass Adopt a Spot program end of season debrief and forward planning for 2024/25.</p> <p>Litchfield National Park – Project update provided to the WAC on management of gamba grass in Litchfield National Park in line with Federal Funding and ongoing money committed to gamba grass management in Litchfield National Park. Project update has also been provided in Gamba Grass Annual Report 2024.</p>
2a, 2d, 2e	<p>Territory Natural Resource Management</p> <p>Presentation provided to the WAC to provide an update on the Gamba Army, including program outputs to date. Project update is included in the Gamba Grass Annual Report 2024.</p>
1a, 2g	<p>Charles Darwin University / National Environmental Science Program</p> <p>Presentation provided to the WAC to provide a project update.</p> <p>Project update is included in the Gamba Grass Annual Report 2024.</p>
1a, 1b, 1c	<p>Northern Land Council</p> <p>Presentation provided to the WAC to provide a project update.</p> <p>Project update is included in the Gamba Grass Annual Report 2024.</p>

WMB and GFMU Updates:

Objective of plan	Key outcomes this quarter
1a	<p>Class A zone</p> <p>Assessment finalised and reports included in the Gamba Grass Annual Report 2024.</p>
2a, 2c-2f	<p>Gamba Action Program</p> <p>Preparations for the next Gamba Action Program season are ongoing.</p>
4a	<p>Communications</p> <p>Communications plan implementation – radio ads, bus wrap, magnets, gamba requirements leaflet distribution for inclusion in stakeholder emails, Extractives Industry Association (EIA) newsletter article prepared, presentation at Arnhem Plateau Data Meeting in Katherine.</p>
5b	<p>Gamba Grass Annual Report</p> <p>Gamba Grass Annual Report 2024 finalised and online. Stakeholders emailed to inform annual report is available.</p>