

Attacking Tussock in Clarkefield

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The Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party (VSTWP) is strengthening its extension program by supporting landholders to the east of the Clarkefield township.

Scattered serrated tussock infestations have been found in the Clarkefield area and if left untreated will rapidly decrease biodiversity in native grasslands and seriously reduce the agricultural capacity of properties.

Landholders in the area will be offered a free property visit and property map noting any serrated tussock infestations located.

The program will also offer:

- Technical advice on serrated tussock control and management for each situation
- A landholder information package detailing serrated tussock identification and management options
- The opportunity to attend serrated tussock information sessions

VSTWP Extension Officer, Ivan Carter said “Many new landholders to the region may not know how to identify and manage serrated tussock, this program aims to increase awareness and provide technical advice on a property by property basis”

The program will provide significant economic, environmental and social benefits to the Clarkefield community. Carter said “The serrated tussock message is about integrated weed management and sustainable land management. Prevention and early detection of new infestations and replacement of existing infestations with desired species is critical in managing this invasive plant”.

The VSTWP in partnership with stakeholders including Landcare, local government, and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries aims to offer continued support in the Clarkefield area to raise awareness of serrated tussock, promote best practice management techniques and encourage communities to voluntarily manage this invasive species.

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Serrated tussock invading farmland and reducing productivity (Credit: VSTWP)