



WEED PROGRAM

2025–26 Financial Year

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2025–26 at a glance



- 156 Madeira Sites
- 7 Cats Claw Sites
- 6 Celtis Sites



- 37 Madeira Sites
- 7 Cats Claw Sites



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Transport and Main Roads

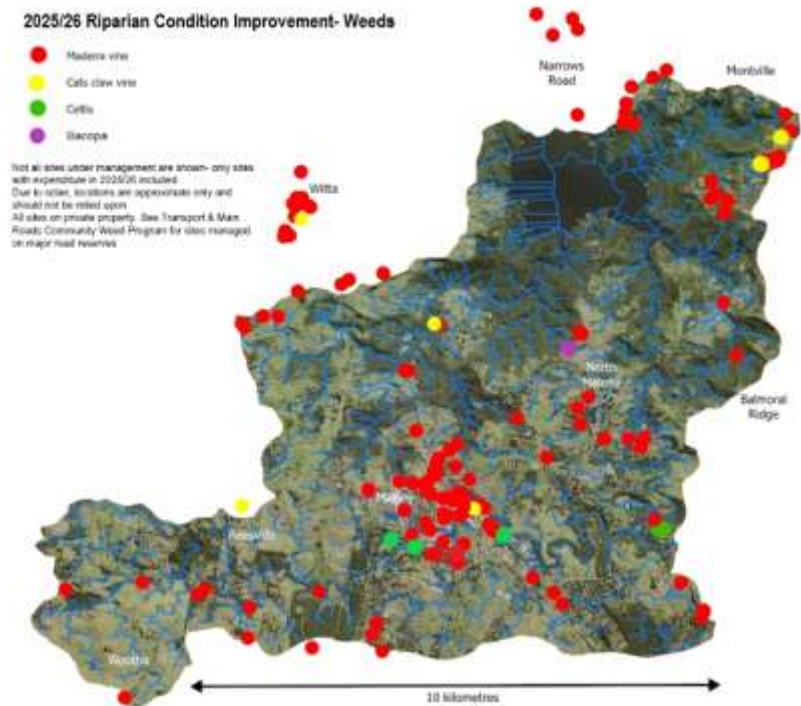
- 10 Madeira Sites
- 1 Cats Claw Sites
- 2 Groundsel Sites



Seqwater weeds program

The program is becoming more targeted as established Madeira infestations decline in density.

- Resources are increasingly focused on larger, dense and difficult-to-access priority infestations.
- Flowering season drone surveillance trial identified new Madeira infestations.
- Cat's Claw infestations were detected early, before becoming well established.
- Improved spatial records are supporting more strategic allocation of effort.



Dan training Gus and Sholto on Madeira Site Management.



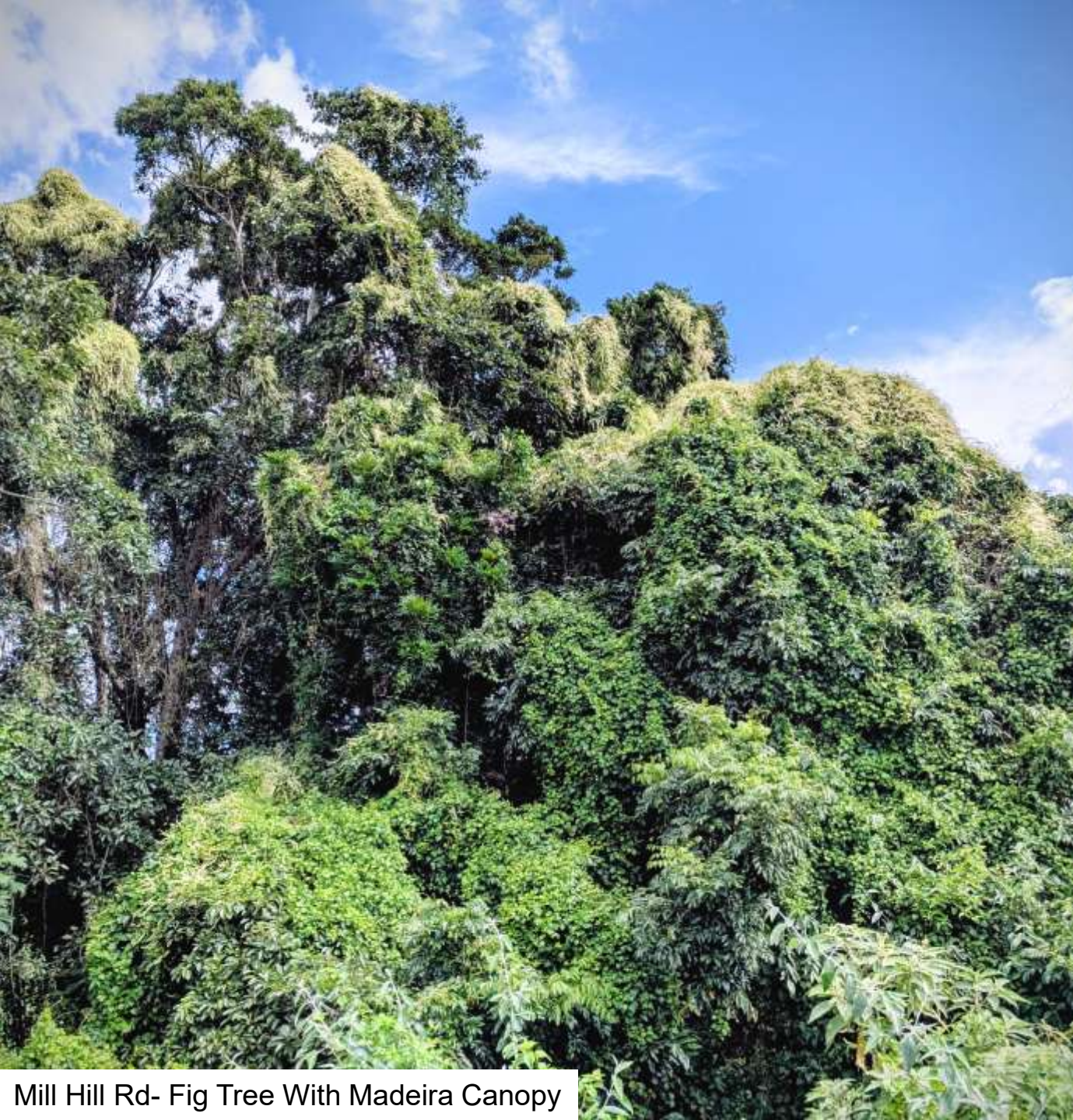






View of Mill Hill Rd, from Bunya Block



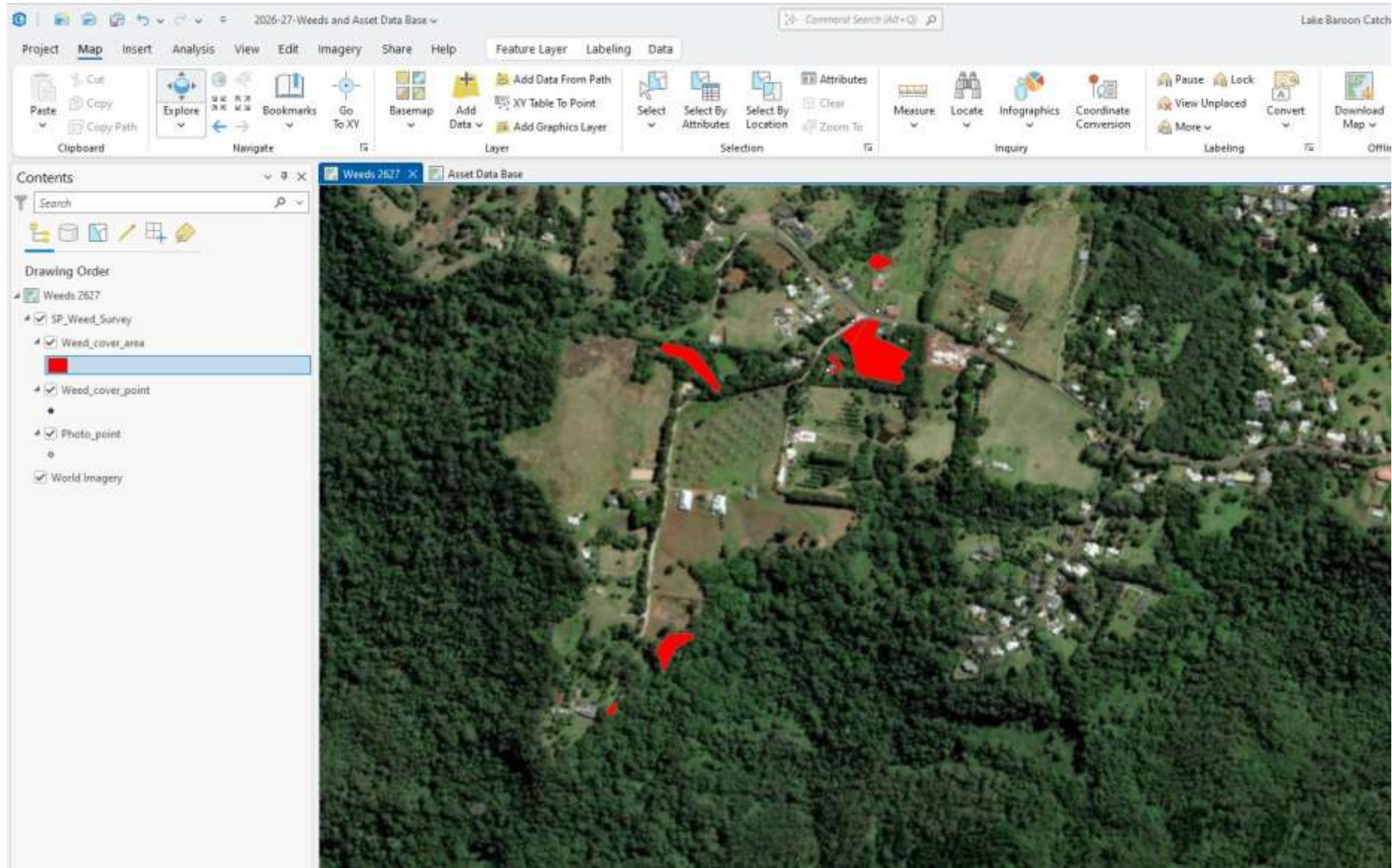


Mill Hill Rd- Fig Tree With Madeira Canopy

Mill Hill Rd- Fig Tree 3 Months Post Treatment



Drone surveillance innovation



Spatial Records on ArcGIS help to give “clues” as to locations of secondary infestation .



Create a flight plan in Drone Deploy over difficult terrain and fly over in flowering season



“Zoom in” on Suspected Madeira Flowers to confirm infestation

Aquatic weed management: Bacopa trial



Treatment underway



Initial response



Regrowth exposed the limits of surface-only treatment

What we learned

Clipper effectively controlled the exposed upper layer, but dense plant structure limited coverage through the full depth. DPI advice is now informing options including water-column injection, drone application and whole-waterbody dosing.

Community awareness and collaboration

Help is available through your local catchment care programs

Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group weed program

Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group delivers a fully funded weed management program targeting Madeira vine and cat's claw creeper. The program provides ongoing assistance to landholders with the control and management of these invasive vine species.

Support is available within the Lake Baroon and Upper Stanley catchments, including Maleny and parts of Montville, Witta, Reesville, Bald Knob, Peachester, Boorobin, Wootha, and Bellthorpe.

For assistance, contact weeds@lbccg.org.au or visit lbccg.org.au.



Madeira vine aerial tuber

Ivan from Lake Baroon Catchment Care group and land holder Don participating in the weedy vine control program.

SCRC weeds handbook

LBCCG's weed program was included in the Sunshine Coast Regional Council Invasive Weeds Handbook, improving awareness among landholders.

Access to difficult properties

SCRC assisted with contacting owners of vacant properties, helping the program gain access to longstanding treatment gaps.

Upper Mary collaboration

LBCCG worked with MRCCC on a workshop promoting early intervention in vine weed control while infestations remain manageable.

Awareness + access + partnerships = earlier intervention and fewer untreated gaps.

