

MEDIA RELEASE

Argentine Ant Eradication Program Update

Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC) would like to inform the community that we will be undertaking more aerial baiting over the coming month. We would like to welcome Greg Quinn, the drone pilot back to the island to help us with this eradication program. If it is occurring in your area, you will be contacted by a member of the Argentine Ant Eradication Team.

Norfolk Island Regional Council staff and contractors also continue to undertake ground baiting in areas that have already been treated but small infestations persist. They also continue to monitor areas that have had ants previously as well as assess any new or suspected areas for Argentine Ants.

Unfortunately in the last 6 months we have identified three new areas of Argentine Ants. The positive is that they are all only small and thankfully the community contacted the Ant team early and they were able to quickly identify, assess the areas and treat the infestations.

The community is reminded not to accidentally transport ants from one place to another. If you live or work in an infested area please do not move green waste, timber, soil, plants, cuttings, fruit and vegetables, car wrecks and machinery, even if the area has been treated.

If you think you have found Argentine Ants or you have any questions please contact Customer Care on 22244, who will put you in contact with the Argentine Ant Eradication Program staff. Community support of the program and its methods are critical for eradication to be achieved and we thank you for your cooperation.

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