

MUSEUM OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES

PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN FOR OUTDOOR PUBLIC PLACES

1. INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part 4B of the *Pesticides Regulation 1995* (the Regulation). The plan sets out how the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS) will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to outdoor public places that it owns or controls.

The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences has 3 sites:

- The Powerhouse Museum 500 Harris Street, Ultimo.
- The Sydney Observatory, Watson Road, The Rocks
- The Powerhouse Discovery Centre, 172 Showground Road, Castle Hill. (Closed to the public until 2017 due to refurbishment).

2. PUBLIC PLACES, USERS and LEVEL OF USE

The Regulation defines prescribed outdoor public places which must be covered by the notification plan, the definition of which excludes the insides of any buildings or structures.

The categories of public places owned or controlled by MAAS which this plan applies to are as follows:

- Publicly accessible areas of the Museum Harris Street, Ultimo
- Publicly accessible areas of the Sydney Observatory
- Publicly accessible areas of the Powerhouse Discovery Centre Castle Hill stores
- Gardens and open spaces of all sites
- Car parks at all sites.

It should be noted that all Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences premises have the potential for legal public access so are considered to be public places. Public access is a fundamental business requirement at all sites. Visitors, contractors and employees have access to lawns, gardens, general grounds and car park space. School groups are constantly visiting our sites at Ultimo and the Sydney Observatory.

REGULAR USER GROUPS

The regular user groups of the Harris Street site and The Sydney Observatory are the general public visitors (adults and children), contractors and school groups. The Powerhouse Discovery Centre (PDC) Castle Hill stores are closed to the public for refurbishment and will re-open in 2016. When in operation the PDC will be open to the general public for tours. Estimated usage is considered to be high throughout the year; including school terms and public/school holiday periods.

ESTIMATED USAGE

Visitors, contractors and school groups use the facilities of all sites associated with the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences throughout the year. Contractors are engaged on a casual basis, and the Museum is available to other organisations to stage special events for a minimal period of time. Members of the public can be present in large numbers at the Museum when attending special exhibitions or events.

3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section describes the pesticide uses for which notice will be provided, how and when notice will be provided, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and situations where notice will not be given.

These notification arrangements have been developed with consideration to:

- The potential areas offered to public access;
- The need to preserve Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences from damage by pests or diseases in a timely manner; and
- The amount of pesticide being used.

Public places owned or controlled by the Museum	Regular User Groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Harris Street site Ultimo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visitors – adults and children. 2. School groups 3. Contractors. 	High	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Spray and bait control
The Sydney Observatory	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visitors- adults and children 2. school groups 3. contractors 	High	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Spray and bait control
Powerhouse Discovery Centre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visitors- adults and children 2. school groups 3. contractors 	Medium to High on rare occasions	Spot herbicides Spot insecticides Spray and bait control

HOW AND WHEN NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE WILL BE PROVIDED

In all categories of public places, garden areas, playgrounds, picnic areas and car parks the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, notice of a pesticide application will be provided by placing a sign near the point of application immediately beforehand and leaving it in place for a period of 24 hours.

In case of emergency pesticide applications to deal with dangerous pests, the Museum will endeavour to place a sign nearby wherever possible.

PUBLIC PLACES AND PESTICIDE USES FOR WHICH NOTICE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED

Notice will not be given for pesticide applications on open green space areas applied by hand held application equipment containing 20 litres or less of made- up pesticide product registered as Schedule 5 or under, for enclosed rodent baits or for use of small amounts of domestic type pesticides products normally available in supermarkets in aerosol cans, baits or handheld spray bottles.

MEASURES FOR SENSITIVE PLACES

The *Pesticides Regulation* defines a “sensitive place” to be any: school or pre-school, kindergarten, childcare centre, hospital, community health centre, or nursing home. Where pesticide applications occur within 100 metres to sensitive places, the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences will provide information by direct discussion with the childcare centre management 7 days before any treatment is undertaken and with a written letter of notification.

In case of emergency pesticide applications to deal with dangerous pests, information will be provided verbally prior to pesticide application wherever possible.

4. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with the Pesticides Regulation, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used, and
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated, and
- the proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use, and
- the places where the pesticide is to be used, and
- contact telephone number and email address of the responsible officer who people can contact to discuss the notice, and
- Any warnings regarding re- entry or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the APVMA permit.

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), the national government body responsible for assessing and registering (or otherwise approving) all pesticide products in Australia and for their regulation up to and including the point of retail sale.

5. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences provides the community access to this plan and its contents by:

- having a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at the reception desk (level 3 entry Foyer) and
- including a copy of the plan on the Museum's website;
- When the plan was initially developed notices were placed in a local newspaper; and in the NSW Government Gazette.

6. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every five years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will include:

- Public consultation on the notification methods outlined in the plan, including producing a review report, calling for public submissions, and
- If required, exhibiting a new plan for comment with proposed amendments.

7. CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences to discuss the notification plan should contact:

WHS Coordinator
Phone: 9217 0447

Property Services Manager
Phone: 9217 0262

NOTE: This Pesticide Use Notification Plan for Outdoor Places (PUNP) was initially reviewed in 2015 and rolled forward without any significant changes, but any comments relating to that occurring can be directed to the contact officers for the plan by February 2016.