

# Whose weed is it?

The control of weed plants is the responsibility of the landowner, and everyone can help.

The City of Greater Geelong has identified four plant species of particular importance in the local area; boxthorn, caltrop, fountain grass, and verbesina. These species are highly invasive, and difficult to control. In particular, they:

- Increase fire risk and alter fire regimes,
- Reduce ecosystem diversity and resilience, and habitat value for native animals,
- Reduce recreational quality of natural areas.

**The City's goals are to** protect high value conservation areas and limit the further spread of these species through supporting the community with resources and knowledge, and trialling new technologies such as steam treatment and the Enviro-shear.

For links to national, state and local weed information, and best practice control, visit [www.cgg.wa.gov.au](http://www.cgg.wa.gov.au) the City's website

## **BOXTHORN**

*Lycium ferocissimum*

## **VERBESINA**

*Verbesina encelioides*

