

Update on Water Hyacinth

The highly invasive aquatic weed Water Hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*) is known to occur in the Serpentine River where a concerted collaborative effort between Landcare SJ, Envirapest, PHCC and the Western Australian Government Department of Communities is continuing to bring the weed under control.

Water hyacinth thrives in warmer temperatures so it is important that we closely monitor the density of this weed in the Serpentine River during the hotter months. Local weed contractor Envirapest has reported that water hyacinth has not been sighted through the summer which is great news. However, with up to 300 seeds in each plant remaining viable for almost 20 years, it is a necessity that we continue to closely monitor the river and act quickly when an infestation outbreak occurs to avoid it taking over and choking reaches of the river.

