Orange hawkweed season snapshot 2017–18
NSW hawkweed eradication program

ERADICATION IS ON TARGET

• Only 1026m² orange hawkweed detected
• Only 1 new site for every 29ha surveyed

NEW PROGRAM RECORD
The biggest search effort yet, over 1015ha!

Orange hawkweed program ran over 7 months

96 people involved, including 44 volunteers

Over 1400 volunteer hours

+50 government, industry and community partners helping to eradicate hawkweed from NSW

Cost of ‘letting it go’
In New Zealand in 2018, hawkweed management cost $82.1 million

+35 media stories, including ABC’s Off-Track podcast

NEW TECHNOLOGIES ARE KEEPING ERADICATION ON TRACK

• Drones searched 608ha in 17 days.
• Found 8 new infestations.
• 15mm orange flower detected from 30m in the sky!

Remote area access by helicopters surveyed 65ha across 22 sites, with 3 detections

Partnering with Macquarie Uni to find plants from above, using spectral imagery

Partnering with Wollongong Uni to prevent seed spread by improving hygiene with visitor surveys and behaviour change strategies

Weed eradication detector dogs surveyed 15ha, over 210km

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Photo 1: Orange hawkweed flower (E.Sakker), Photo 2: Detector dog (Stuart Cohen).
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