

## Quilpie Land Managers Tackle Mesquite

Through the Queensland Government's 'closing the gap' initiative for regional pest and weed challenges, a group of Quilpie land managers have banded together to address the invasive weed of Mesquite, which is a Weed of National Significance (WoNS).

The group of land managers include those from *North Comongin*, *Como* and *Coolbinga* - these properties all fall within what is known as the Bulloo River or Como waterhole aggregation, which is listed as an area of national environmental significance. The land managers are undertaking 1500 hectares of both core and outlier infestations of Mesquite within the Bulloo Catchment.



Above: A dying Mesquite bush on a floodplain at Como after herbicide treatment in early 2017.



Above: A close up of a Mesquite bush in flower, also at Como Station.

## Did you know?

- Mesquite was introduced into Australia in the 1960's as a potential alternative for grazing systems, as the Mesquite bean is very high in protein.
- Unfortunately, Mesquite finds the climate of South West QLD very favourable, and is now classified as a WoNS weed.
- Mesquite seeds remain dormant for years, and can therefore re-appear after being cleared.
- [Click here](#) for more information, or [here](#) to download a fact sheet about Mesquite (1.8MB).