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How to manage invasive plants post fire

After the devastating fires of June 2017 there has been a tremendous re-growth of invasive plants throughout the Knysna Municipal area.

This poses a challenge for private landowners who not only have to rebuild their lives after the fire but are obliged in terms of national legislation to control alien invasive plant species. Considering the impact of invasive plants on the health of our rivers and the protracted drought in the Western Cape, it is also becoming important to control these plants from a water supply perspective.

Add to this the fire threat posed by invasive plants and there are just too many compelling reasons to keep your property clear of the dominant species such as black wattle, eucalyptus, Rooikrans, Port Jackson and blackwood.

Knysna Municipality recognises that landowners face many challenges after the big fire and we would like to assist those who recognise the need to manage invasive plants. Please join us at one of the meetings closest to you.

Date	Area	Venue	Time
26 th March	Brentons and Belvidere	Brenton Community Hall	9am - 12
27 th March	Barrington/ Elandskraal	Garden Route Trail Park	9am – 12
27 th March	Sedgefield	Mosaic Market	1pm – 4pm
28 th March	Buffalo Bay and Surrounds	River Deck Restaurant	9am - 12
28 th March	Rheenendal	Portland Manor	1pm – 4pm
29 th March	Knysna CBD and Noetzie	Mitchell's Brewery	9am - 12

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