

# Invitation

## Giant pine scale Restricted Area Approved Persons Training Accreditation Program - November/December

**Background to Permit** Giant pine scale (*Marchalina hellenica*) is a scale insect that lives by sucking the sap of Pine, Fir and Spruce trees (Host Trees). In Melbourne, it has been found in the Monash, Casey, Yarra Ranges and Cardinia municipalities. Large populations of giant pine scale can cause dehydration, dieback of branches and tree death. Due to the proximity of the giant pine scale to commercial Pine Plantations and threat to the \$1.6 billion industry, the Department of Economic Development has declared a Restricted Area covering a large area in the East and South East of Melbourne. (see next page for map of RA)

### Restricted Area General Permit

Anyone who **prunes or destroys** giant pine scale host trees in the Restricted Areas and/or **moves** giant pine scale host tree materials from the Restricted Area requires a **permit**. A business is granted a permit and **approved persons** are nominated under each permit. (see next page for host trees)

It is intended that the permit does not disrupt work practice but sets conditions which will stop the inadvertent spread of giant pine scale out of the Restricted Area. The permit has a number of important conditions which need to be met by all approved persons. There is no cost for the permit.

### Compulsory Training and Accreditation

Businesses, councils and sole traders will be granted an overarching permit which is valid for one year.

**Approved persons** to be listed under the permit and held responsible for meeting the conditions of the permit. Attendance at a 2.5 hour free training program is a compulsory component of the permit.

### Who should be nominated as an Approved Person?

There is no limit to how many approved persons can fall under a Permit. DEDJTR recommend the following:

- **Councils** Team Leaders, Supervisors, Arborists and Council appointed Contractors including Mowers slashers/gardeners
- **Private Arborists/Tree Loppers/Mulchers/Stump Removers etc**

- **Gardeners/Mowers** Those who in their normal duties may come into contact with giant pine scale host materials through use of equipment or vehicles, or disposing of giant pine scale host materials from properties eg through pruning/removing branches etc)
- **Consultants/specialists in Amenity Tree Industry**

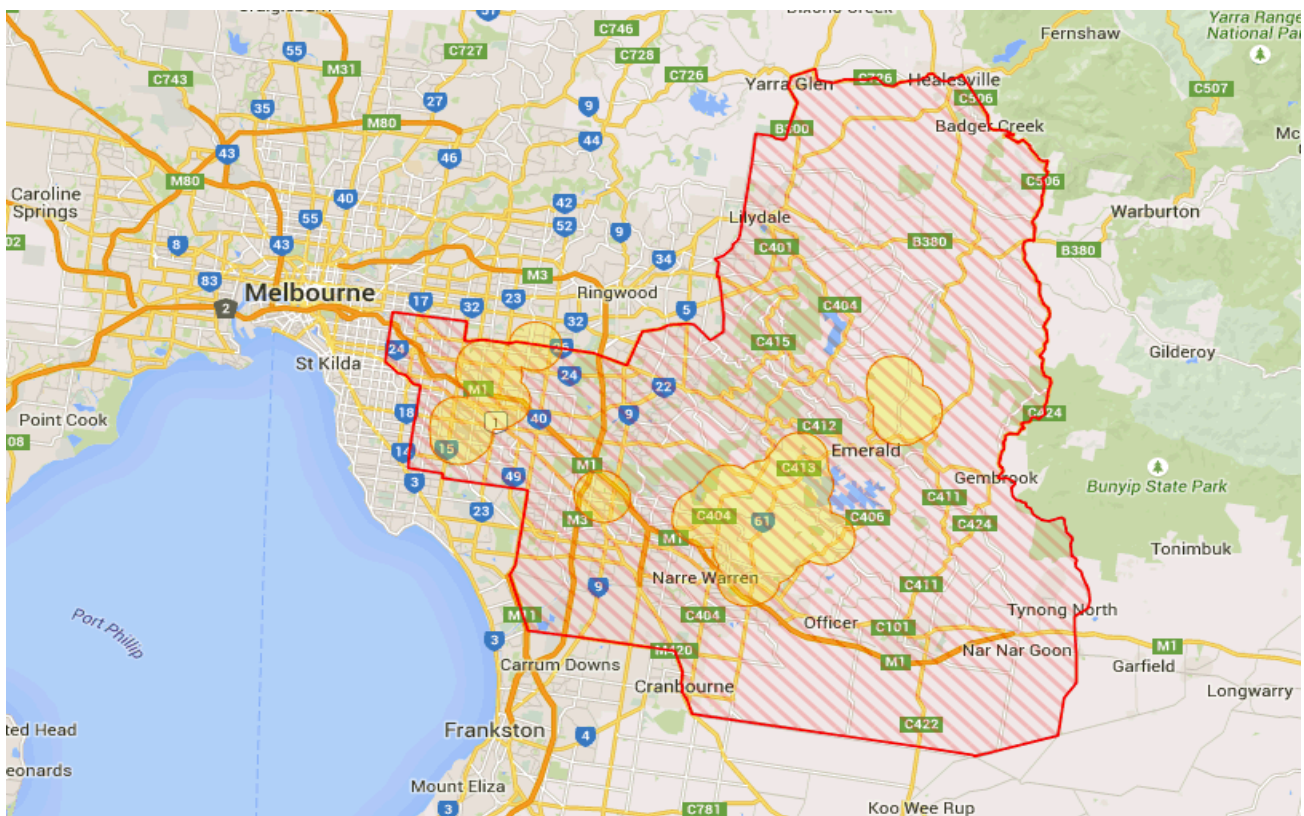
### Permit Training Program Details

<b>Content</b>	<b>Giant pine scale host tree Restricted Access Permit Training.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Background to Emergency Response and Restricted Area.</li><li>• Permit conditions.</li><li>• Application process</li><li>• Practical session: Identifying giant pine scale</li><li>• Accreditation process</li><li>• Penalties for non-compliance</li></ul>
<b>Time</b>	<b>9:00am – 11:30am</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Harkaway Hall</b> 56/58 King Road, Harkaway VIC 3860 Parking on site <b>Please wear clothes suitable for outdoor practical session including waterproof shoes and wet weather gear.</b>
<b>Dates</b>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
<b>RSVP</b>	<b>To book a place on the Program:</b> Email: <a href="mailto:anne.fildes@ecodev.vic.gov.au">anne.fildes@ecodev.vic.gov.au</a> OR: Phone 0459 210031 Please include: <b>Restricted Access Permit Training</b> in the Subject Line. Attention: Anne Fildes Please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your business name</li><li>• Names of attendees</li></ul>
<b>Training Queries</b>	0459 210 031

## Host Trees

Pines	
<i>Pinus brutia</i>	<i>P. sylvestris</i>
<i>P. pinea</i>	<i>P. kochiana</i>
<i>P. laricio tauricus</i>	<i>P. nigra salzmannii</i>
<i>P. sosnowskyi</i>	<i>P. radiata</i>
<i>P. halepensis</i>	
Firs	
<i>Abies cephalonica</i>	<i>A. nordmanniana</i>
Spruces	
<i>Picea engelmanni</i>	<i>P. orientalis</i>

## Restricted Area and giant pine scale hotspots



See also [www.vic.gov.au/giantpinescale](http://www.vic.gov.au/giantpinescale)