



HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE

11 January 2019

Christmas may be over, but in the Huon Valley the holly berries are only just starting to ripen.

Despite its cheerful associations, European holly (*ilex aquifolium*) is an invasive weed in Tasmania. The bright red berries are readily spread by birds, and holly can quickly out-compete surrounding vegetation and choke up waterways. Last year, European holly became a declared weed under the *Tasmanian Weed Act 1999*, which means that if you have holly on your property, you may have a legal obligation to control it.

Huon Valley Council's Natural Resource Management team is currently undertaking a survey of holly in the municipal area.

If you can report the location of any holly plants, or would like information on how to control holly on your property, please contact the Weed Management Officer at Huon Valley Council on (03) 6264 0300 or hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au



**For more information
Bec Enders – Huon Valley Council Mayor
Phone (03) 6264 0300**

Contact: Communications & Media Unit, Huon Valley Council - Ph: (03) 6264 0314

Email: communications@huonvalley.tas.gov.au - Web: www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au Facebook www.facebook.com/HuonValley