



The Yamaha Sky Crew's latest UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) in action at O'Reilly's Vineyard at Canungra. Photo: Glenn Hampson.

Head lifeguard Warren Young was not convinced the drone would be effective.

"Having something on camera and getting someone on land to respond can be problematic but we are always open to trialling new things," he said.

The 3.7m long helicopter can carry up to 16 litres of chemicals and can disperse liquids across nearly a hectare in just six minutes.



The Yamaha Sky Crew demonstrate the UAV at O'Reilly's Vineyard at Canungra. Picture: Glenn Hampson.

Managing director of O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyards, Shane O'Reilly, said the helicopters would be advantageous.

"We've had a lot of problems recently with lantana in the deep gullies that are hard to access," he said.