



Peel Waterways Centre presents:

Free community lecture/workshop series 2008 Session Six: The fight against the cane toad invasion

Join us for another exciting lecture/workshop in a series presented by the Peel Waterways Centre.

The session will cover the Kimberley Toad Busters (KTB) efforts to stop the cane toad crossing into Western Australia since the 'on the ground' fight by volunteers in the field began in 2005, is presented by KTB Sandy Boulter.

The feral cane toad, in all stages of its development, poisons our wildlife, from the largest crocodiles to the tiniest fish. The Federal Government has formally recognised that the cane toad poses a threat to the Nation's biodiversity.

Recent modelling suggests that the cane toad can happily inhabit nearly all our coastal mainland cities and towns, including Mandurah. The cane toad has taken 73 years to reach the doorstep into the Kimberley from the sugar cane fields of Queensland.

The KTB are an army of over 2,000 Kununurra based volunteers who have taken turns every weekend since September 2005, to travel in teams to the western edge of the colonising cane toad front in the Northern Territory to catch cane toads.

Through the Kimberley wet and dry seasons, in the harshest of conditions working through the desert nights, these toad busters - who comprise indigenous and men, women, teenagers and children working together against a common enemy - toads, have caught and disposed of over 245,000 adult cane toads and countless juveniles, tadpoles and eggs.

The Kimberley Toad Busters have slowed down and thinned out the front line toads, developed a unique understanding of colonising cane toads, supported scientists in the field and worked closely with numerous community groups and government agencies to combat this pest.

Sandy Boulter is an active KTB volunteer and Cane Toad Educator, KTB Board Member and coordinator of the Perth based Friends of the KTB. Sandy retired from her profession as a solicitor specialising in environmental and town planning law to be a volunteer fighting against the advance of the cane toad into Western Australia.

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear about how boarder divides have not stopped volunteers working together to prevent the cane toad invasion into Western Australia.

Date: Thursday, 17 July 2008

Time: 5 - 7 pm
Enjoy a light supper on your arrival.

Where: The Peel Waterways Centre,
Suite 6, 21 Sholl Street, Mandurah

RSVP: Contact Michelle on 9550 4228 by 16 July
or email pwcd@water.wa.gov.au
(RSVPs are essential as numbers are limited)

Stay tuned for Session Seven: Review of the draft Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar Management Plan, presented by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, Wednesday 30 July.