



MEDIA RELEASE

Free The Trees

More than 50 people are expected to help “Free the Trees” later this month at Windows on the Wetlands, 60km southeast of Darwin.

Event organiser Lori Jeeves said the second annual “Free the Trees” on October 23 followed on from the 2005 Weedbuster Week held from October 8-15.

Ms Jeeves said volunteers who helped remove weeds that both suffocate the canopy of native trees and cover the ground beneath and around native vegetation would be rewarded with a sausage sizzle.

“Weeds are a serious issue and we therefore need some serious weedbusters to help us fight these unwanted invaders of our wetlands,” Ms Jeeves said.

“Windows on the Wetlands is perched on Beatrice Hill which is the highest point on the Adelaide River floodplains.

“These floodplains struggle with weed invaders such as Mimosa, Olive Hymenachne and Calopo just to name a few.”

Ms Jeeves said Calopo was still in the area but not in the same proportions as it was before last year’s “Free the Trees” which is a measure of last year’s successful event.

This year’s event will be held on October 23 from 9am to 11am. Volunteers are encouraged to wear enclosed footwear, a hat and sunscreen.

Cold drinking water and gloves will be provided by Windows on the Wetlands staff.

The Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts Weeds Management Branch has been involved in National Weedbuster Week since 1997.

Media note – For more information contact Lori Jeeves on 8988 8188

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