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JUNIOR RANGERS “GRADUATE”

The Territory Government’s long-running Junior Ranger Program has again seen the graduation of a group of young Territorians who are now equipped with all the bush knowledge needed to identify cane toads, investigate insects and understand weed biocontrol!

Parks and Wildlife Minister Marion Scrymgour presented the 2006 Junior Rangers today with their end-of-year certificates, congratulating the youngsters on their commitment and dedication to the popular program this year.

The Parks and Wildlife Junior Ranger Program is a free environmental based program for children aged 9-14 years. Community Education Rangers deliver the program, with the help of park rangers in remote regions.

“The Junior Ranger program helps hundreds of kids to discover their natural and cultural environment, develop scientific skills and contribute to the conservation of their environment,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“It gives kids the chance to become involved in the outdoor environment and learn more about the Territory’s amazing landscapes, plants and animals.”

The Program is provided to town-based children as well as many remote area schools and communities in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

This year more than 100 youngsters participated in the Darwin program. Activities this year included looking behind the scenes of weed biocontrol, cane toad awareness sessions and learning about vegetation rehabilitation.

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