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Toad Bust at TWP One of Biggest Ever

The Friends of the Territory Wildlife Park's toad bust last Saturday night was one of best attended toad busts to date with 170 people taking part to help rid the park of these unwanted ferals.

Territory Wildlife Park Manager Stuart Traynor said 129 toads were caught during the bust held with the logistical assistance of Graeme Sawyer, Ian Morris and the highly committed FrogWatch team.

"This toad bust was so successful we are thinking of another one later in the year," Mr Traynor said.

"It's great to see so many people who care for our park and I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the bust on a great effort.

"It was a family night with a wide range of volunteers from the city to rural block holders, as well as members from Nightcliff Uniting church and Darwin River Landcare."

Mr Traynor said it was important not to give up on the fight against the cane toads.

"We can't eliminate them completely but we can give our native wildlife a fighting chance by reducing toad numbers," Mr Traynor said.

"Volunteers scoured the Billabong and Goose Lagoon, as well as a number of other areas around the park.

"The toads were taken away by FrogWatch to be disposed of humanely."

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