



Springfield Lakes Nature Care president Luise Manning with Goodna Scout group members Lily Eickenloff, 11, and Silas Kirby, 11.  
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## Scouts set sights on cane toads

AFTER having great success with their toad catching program last year, the Springfield Lakes Nature Care Group is running a toad catching night to help people identify and humanely catch cane toads.

The session will include correct identification of toads to ensure native frogs are not targeted by mistake.

Spring Lakes Nature Care Group president Luise Manning said this year's toad catching had already started, with 20 Scouts from Goodna helping clean up the Spring Lake Parklands earlier this month.

The Cane Toad Catching nights are held once a month on Friday nights from September to March.

"Last year we were catching up to 200 cane toads, a night," Ms Manning said.

"We did hear more native frogs calling from the Rain Gardens adjacent to Spring Lake and saw more spiders and insects."

The information night will be held on Friday, October 5, at 7pm, at the Spring Lake Pontoon.

For more details and to RSVP email [info@SpringfieldLakesNatureCare.org.au](mailto:info@SpringfieldLakesNatureCare.org.au)

## Tyre dumpers 'above the law'



More tyres were dumped at Springfield last week  
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THERE has been another major tyre-dumping incident with a truckload of about 100 tyres being illegally left at the entrance to White Rock Spring Mountain Boronia Trail, off Greenbank Arterial Road.

This is now the fifth recent incident in Ipswich.

Residents believe someone is collecting tyres from tyre repairers and then dumping them.

Spring Lakes Nature Care Group president Luise Manning said several tyres had been dumped with the stickers from the new tyres on them.

Repairers sometimes stick it over the damaged area, she said.

"Someone is making a lot of money keeping the tyre levy from the recycling costs," Mrs Manning said.

"They are obviously making a profit and it makes me very annoyed that they think they are above the law because they haven't been caught."

The Ipswich City Council has said they regard tyre dumping as a serious problem.

"We think it is just a few rogue operators ... people cutting corners to save a few dollars, but this is a risk to the community and creates issues with clean-up," he said.

"Council investigates these incidents and has a range of tools to help catch offenders in the act."

The Ipswich City Council tyre disposal charges, as listed on their recycling and waste disposal website are: Passenger tyre \$7; 4WD tyre \$9; light truck tyre \$10.