

# Hunt for toads a big jump forward

**SPRINGFIELD** Lakes Nature Care president **LUISE MANNING** shares the story of the group's successful Cane Toad Catch

ON OUR recent official cane toad catching night, there were 631 toads caught in an hour around Spring Lake East & West Parklands.

The Scouts from Redbank Plains showed up in force, once again, bringing their own mini wheelie bin, and buckets. They caught 214 cane toads.

Nature care vice-president Dr David Manning collated the results for the entire season, from September 2018 and calculated that 2687 toads were captured from the lake parks over the cane toad catching season.

Rookies, Kerri and Sean Bates, are the winners, as they not only caught the highest total of the night with 127 toads, but also collected 860 toads in the past eight months.

Brett Malcolm from SEQ Frogs was in second place after he and his team captured 292 and took out the Biggest Toad Award.



MP Charis Mullen with Benji Priest.

Third place went to Michael Kruck who single handedly caught 255.

Fourth placed went to Rose Radloff from Augustine Heights, with 196.

New recruit Charlie Borsboom, was the most improved, ending up with 151.

He was closely followed by Gillian Egan with 146.

The participants all received Freddo Frogs and a Cane Toad Catching certifi-

cate, which was made available through a small grant from Lendlease.

The children said it was better than Easter egg hunting. It is great to see new families joining in the frog hunting fun.

The families were joined by State MP for Jordan Charis Mullen.

If everyone catches a few toads, it really helps our native frog population.

  
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