

Reader's story



Two baby frogs (Photo by Finn)

Local cane toad bust

A recent Australia-wide promotion to reduce the cane toad population inspired Finn, who lives in Doonan and is aged 12, to act. Thanks Finn for sending Eumundi Voice your wonderful article!

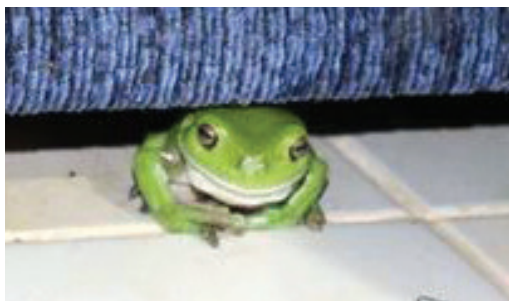
We were inspired by the National Great Cane Toad Bust and collected 10 toads from our garden's pool area along with three or four strings of eggs. We then double bagged them and put them in the fridge for a day, then the freezer for 24 hours to humanely kill them. We discovered that toads that are frozen straight away experience great pain as ice crystals form in their veins.

A few days later we woke up and found a kookaburra near the pool. We went to check it out and found dozens and dozens of green tree frogs and an abundance of frog eggs flourishing in the pool area. We have lived here for six years and never removed any cane toads and never saw any frogs.

It really made a difference removing the cane toads. We thought we would have no impact on the toad population but clearly we did! We

feel good about ourselves for giving the frogs a chance.

Visit: www.watgum.org/greatcanetoadbust for information, an identification guide and how to treat toads humanely.



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