Minister Launches 'Weeds Management Toolkit' CD-rom

The age-old war against weeds entered the high-tech age this morning (Wednesday) with the launch of a multimedia CD-ROM which contains information on weed identification and control.


Lands and Planning Minister Dr Chris Burns launched the CD-ROM at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens.

“Weeds are a real threat in the Territory,” Dr Burns said. “Last week in Katherine I saw Noogoora burr infestation along the Katherine River.

“I spoke to a cattleman from the Stuart Plateau who was passionate about fighting weeds. He won't even bring hay past a quarantined area on his land, so he can keep weeds off his property.

“Given the nature of the Territory, it can be hard to stop weeds being brought in.

“However, a successful war can be waged against them through a co-operative effort by land managers and the Government.

“This CD-ROM will be a valuable weapon in the fight, and I'm delighted to be here at its launch.”

The CD-ROM contains information on weed management from Central Australia through to the Top End. It explains biological controls, details community projects, and presents success stories via photos, reports, PowerPoint presentations, video, images and links to web sites.

Dr Burns thanked Rohan Fisher from Cycad Media, who developed and packaged the CD-ROM, and paid tribute to Leslee Hills from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment, who sourced and provided the information for the CD-ROM.

Contributors to the project include students and staff from Charles Darwin University, the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment, the Environment Centre, AQIS, the Northern Land Council, indigenous ranger groups, Greening Australia and private landholders.

Dr Burns also thanked the Marketing and Communications Group of DIPE for proofing the CD-ROM and for their hard work in organising today's launch.