

## **Weedbusters Week 2006 October 7<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**

Townsville City Council is undertaking a number of activities in conjunction with the community for Weedbusters Week 2006. Weedbusters week is a national event held annually since 1997. The aim is to raise awareness and increase public understanding about the problems weeds cause and to help the public make the connection between their gardening, farming or grazing habits and potential land and environmental degradation. The theme for 2006 is **Communities Combating Weeds**.

**Once again the major event for this years activities will be a Weed Swap, held at Vantassel St Landfill on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 2pm.** Four environmental and backyard weeds will be specifically targeted. These are Asparagus Fern, Singapore Daisy, Mother Of Millions and Ivy Gourd. Free entry to the tip will be provided only for those disposing of these four weeds and you must remove the weeds, bag them up and transport them to the tip yourself.

For those unable to make it on the day, free entry and free tree vouchers will be issued to those disposing of the weeds at the dump through out the week (starting Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>). These vouchers can be redeemed at a later date, by phoning Townsville City Council.

**Real life examples and photos of the target species** will be on display in the week prior at the Customer Service area of the Townsville City Council, at Cotters Market on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, Aitkenvale Library and the Knowledge Centre, community information centres, advertisements in the Townsville Bulletin and The Sun and on the Townsville City Council website.

**Other activities during this week will include:**

- A free local native tree giveaway will also be held as part of the Cotters Market display.
- Greening Townville planting with JCU students at a Marabou Drive, Annandale on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm.
- Gustav Creek Community Weed Management Workshop 9-12 - October 14<sup>th</sup>

For further information on how you can be a part of Weedbuster Week, contact: **Katrina Cullen, 4727 9312 (p) 0437431855 (m)** Weedbusters Website: <http://www.weedbusters.info>