

what's new

Lord of the Weeds 2006 competition

school students making a difference!



Lord of the Weeds

Student reports for the 'Lord of the Weeds' competition tell exciting stories of the satisfying work in which school students are currently involved, or are planning, to rehabilitate weed-infested areas. The students' sense of pride and accomplishment at developing solutions to a familiar environmental problem is obvious.



'Lord of the Weeds' is a national secondary schools competition run by the Cooperative Research Centre for Australian Weed Management (Weeds CRC).

Following the success of the competition in previous years, together with extra financial support from the Weed Societies in each state, the competition has grown substantially.

In 2006 a total of \$4 700 in prize money will be offered to schools with the winning reports.

Prize money will be offered to the national winners along with additional prize money offered to selected schools in each state.

Accompanying teacher resources have been developed. These include suggested lesson activities, pro formas to assist students writing the report, a marking guide and details of appropriate contacts for teachers to use. This way finding a local weedy area should be the most difficult thing to do!

In this competition students investigate a weed-infested area and then write a report addressing key criteria.

To view the previous winning reports, and the rules and resources for teachers, go to www.weeds.crc.org.au and follow the links to 'for schools'.

These winning student reports promote

the message that rehabilitating local areas really is a very worthwhile and satisfying thing to do. What's also great is that these students have won prize money for their schools.

Why not become involved with your students in this competition? Give your students the experience to investigate and discover the best way to manage weeds in their local environment. Offer your students the opportunity to win some great prize money for their school.

Don't delay, read the rules and resources for teachers, find a local site, register your student(s) and get your class started!

Want more information?

To view the winning student reports in more detail or to read the rules and resources for teachers, go to our website: www.weeds.crc.org.au and follow the links to 'for schools' and 'Lord of the Weeds' competition.

Be sure to register for the competition before **24 May 2006**. Reports are due by the **1 August 2006**.

