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ANNUAL MUSTER NETS MORE THAN 2,200 CANE TOADS

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, has praised the Yamba community for participating in yesterday’s 12th annual cane toad muster.

The event was again held at the Yamba Golf and Country Club and attracted an enthusiastic crowd with almost 300 people participating.

“This year’s muster was a great success with 2,207 cane toads captured, the heaviest weighing 311 grams,” Mr Kelly said.

“Fortunately, the weather was perfect for the event with no sign of the recent heavy rainfall in the area.”

Cane toads were introduced to Australia in 1935 in an unsuccessful attempt to control cane beetles – a sugar cane industry pest, now they’re a national pest.

Mr Kelly said these musters go some way to controlling this major threat to native animals.

“Yamba golf course is a breeding ground for cane toads because of the water holes,” the Minister said.

The Land Protection and Management Authority (LPMA) and the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) organised the event.