



Natural Resource Management Board (NT) Inc.

Deadline for NT Landcare Awards Draws Nearer

Territorians keen to submit their nominations for this year's prestigious Northern Territory Landcare Awards have two weeks left in which to do so.

The Natural Resource Management Board (NT) Inc. is urging people to submit their nominations for the Awards, worth \$1000 each, before the 20 July 2007 deadline.

Natural Resource Management Board (NT) Inc. Vice Chairman Jim Forwood said the Awards, now in its 16th year, recognise the efforts of individuals, community and corporate groups, indigenous communities and many other organisations.

Mr Forwood urged landcarers, particularly those who have received Natural Heritage Trust (NHT), National Landcare Program (NLP) or other forms of government funding to nominate for the awards.

"The Awards are an opportunity for Territorians to showcase the successes or results from their efforts as landcarers or land managers to the public, their friends or stakeholders," Mr Forwood said.

"Individuals and groups involved in community landcare can nominate in one of 11 categories that cover work protecting individual farms, rivers, coastal environments, threatened species, local government areas, fire management and even whole catchments.

"The Landcare Awards are a great chance to highlight the hard work and dedication of volunteers working to protect the Territory's precious natural resources."

Mr Forwood said it is vital that volunteers who work tirelessly across the country in sometimes difficult environments are recognised for their dedication and success.

He said winners from each category will receive a trophy and a cash prize of \$1000.

"All NT winners excluding the local category winner (Bushfires NT Fire Management Award), also automatically go on to become finalists in the 2008 National Landcare Awards, to be held at Parliament House in Canberra 2008," Mr Forwood said.

"Finalists can select two representatives to be flown to Canberra to attend the gala dinner and ceremony and the national winner will receive a further cash prize of \$1000."

Groups or individuals in the NT can nominate for 2007 NT Landcare Awards in the following 11 categories:

- Alcan Landcare Indigenous Award
- Alcoa Landcare Community Group Award
- Australian Government Coastcare Award
- Australian Government Landcare NRM Region Award
- Bushfires NT Fire Management Award (Local Category)
- National Landcare Programme Individual Landcare Award
- Landcare Australia Nature Conservation Award
- Leighton Holdings Local Government Landcare Partnerships Award
- Murray-Darling Basin Commission Rivercare Award
- Rural Press Landcare Primary Producer Award
- Westpac Landcare Education Award

Applications close on Friday 20th July 2007. Completed applications forms can be sent to:

2007 NT Landcare Awards
Natural Resource Management Board (NT) Inc.
PO Box 30
Palmerston NT 0831

Entry forms and further information, including advice on application format, are available by telephoning 8999 3441 or visit the website: WWW.NRMBNT.ORG.AU.

The Natural Resource Management Board has been established in order to implement a strategic approach to natural resource management through the Northern Territory Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan and Regional Investment Strategy (RIS), as agreed to from time to time by the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments.

The NRMB (NT) is responsible and accountable for:

- identifying and integrating opportunities and priorities for the management of the natural resources of the Northern Territory particularly through review of the INRM Plan and RIS as appropriate;
- promoting and nurturing partnerships aimed at achieving the outcomes of the INRM Plan;
- managing investment funds made available to it by governments or other investors;
- reporting to stakeholders (including managers of natural resources, community organisations and groups) on the processes for and outcomes of such investments.

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Media Note – For more information about the Landcare Awards contact Jim Forwood on 8981 1508

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