



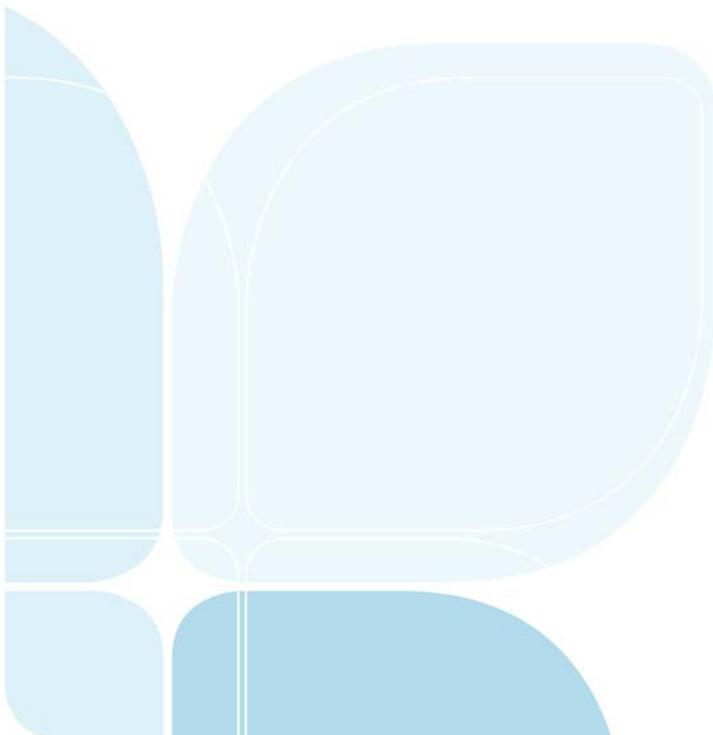
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# 2017 Western Local Landcare Awards

**\$500 to be won in each category!**



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## 2017 Western Local Landcare Awards

These awards recognise the work of individuals, groups or organisations focusing on managing the environment in the Western region of NSW. Recipients can be individuals, groups, farmers, professional farming systems groups or natural resource management organisations. Junior Landcare Awards can be awarded to day care centres, primary and secondary schools, youth groups, scout groups or others who have shown initiative and dedication to improving their local landscape and natural resources.

*For the purposes of the 2017 Western Local Landcare Awards, Landcare includes all individuals and groups that embrace the landcare ethos of working together in a hands on, practical way to protect, enhance or restore Australia's fragile environment.*

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Entries close: 5pm on Friday 31 March 2017.

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### Entry Form

Please submit a separate entry (form and application) for each category entered

Name:	
Postal Address:	
Work Phone No.:	
Home Phone No.:	
Email Address:	

### Nominated by (if different from above)

Name:	
Postal Address:	
Work Phone No.:	
Home Phone No.:	
Email Address:	

### Award categories

Tick the box for the award category you are applying in (nominate one category)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Landcarer	<input type="checkbox"/> Landcare Facilitator or Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships with Landcare
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Land Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Landcare Leader
<input type="checkbox"/> Landcare Community Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Landcare Team

## Conditions of Entry

It is a condition of entry that you have read and accepted all entry rules and conditions.

- I confirm that the information in this entry/nomination is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as at the date the entry was submitted.
  - I agree that, except for information clearly labelled as confidential, all information contained in the entry form and supporting materials can be used by Local Land Services Western Region and Western Landcare for media and promotion purposes.
  - I give permission for Local Land Services Western Region and Western Landcare to use photographs submitted as part of this entry for media and promotional purposes.
  - Judging Panel • Judges selected by Local Land Services Western Region and Western Landcare and with an independent panel. The decision made by the Judging Panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- I have read and accepted all the Conditions of Entry.

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Name of nominee or applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of nominee or applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

Please send your completed application form to:

**Western Local Landcare Awards  
Local Land Services Western Region  
PO Box 342  
Bourke NSW 2840**

**Or email to: [fiona.garland@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fiona.garland@lls.nsw.gov.au)**

## Entry checklist

Please read the following list and check that you have included everything before you submit your entry.

Have you?

- Completed all parts of the entry form?
- Read and accepted all the conditions of entry?
- Provided two high resolution photographs ?
- Provided consent for the use of photographs submitted as part of this entry?
- Answered all the questions for your nominated category?

The winner of each category will receive a trophy and \$500 in prize money and be automatically entered into the 2017 NSW Landcare Awards.

### **Further information:**

For more information or assistance in completing an application for the awards, phone Senior Land Services Officer – Regional Landcare Facilitator and Partnerships, Fiona Garland at the Bourke office on (02) 6872 2144 or email [fiona.garland@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fiona.garland@lls.nsw.gov.au).

# 2017 Award Categories

## Individual Landcarer

### *About the category*

This award will be made to an individual volunteer who carries out and promotes Landcare through practical on-ground or community awareness activities.

### **Questions:**

1. Demonstrate how the individual has implemented Landcare activities and helped others to implement such activities in their area.
2. How has the individual encouraged others to be involved in activities? (e.g. by speaking to schools, media, landholders, groups, councils etc)?
3. How has the individual assisted in training and helping others in the development of skills for the Landcare activities undertaken?
4. Provide examples of how the individual has been a champion for environmental care, either through their achievements with Landcare projects or in a primary role in the planning and organisation associated with such projects.
5. Describe any challenges that the individual has faced in the development and implementation of Landcare projects and the strategies they used to overcome these challenges.

## Innovation in sustainable farm practices

### *About the category*

This award will be made to a primary producer or enterprise which has implemented innovative farm and/or land management practices to improve natural resource management and productivity outcomes. The term innovation in this award should be defined as the demonstration of early adoption, excellence and/or leading-edge projects or practices. Eligible primary producers or enterprises may include an agricultural co-operative, network, agricultural industry association, research group, private business or primary producer.

### **Questions**

1. How has the primary producer or enterprise demonstrated innovative farm and/or land management practices that deliver improved productivity and commercial outcomes while improving natural resource management?

*The key natural resources targeted are soil, water quality, native vegetation and the marine environment.*

*The following are examples of activities that could be used to demonstrate success in this area. This is not an exclusive list.*

- *Activities that improve any of the following: soil condition, water quality, native vegetation and weed and pest management. Integrated projects will also be considered, e.g. increasing the growth of native grasses to reduce soil erosion, the loss of soil nutrients and improve productivity. For Aquaculture activities could include those targeting improvements in water quality and environmental health.*
- *Other activities could be used to demonstrate success: a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions ; increased biodiversity; increased ground cover, particularly during periodic seasonal feed gaps and reduced soil erosion; or improved management and handling of stock to provide both animal welfare and improved natural resource management outcomes.*

- 2 Describe how the innovative farm and/or land management practices undertaken by the primary producer or enterprise have improved productivity outcomes on commercial scale operations.

*This can be demonstrated through any of the suggested methods outlined below:*

- *Use of techniques not previously applied in the geographic area or to this type of primary production,*
- *Application of practices on a commercial scale that were previously only undertaken on a research scale, or*
- *Development of techniques that have significantly improved productivity outcomes while improving natural resource management outcomes.*

- 3 Give examples of how the primary producer or enterprise has cooperated with and encouraged involvement of others in sustainable/innovative farming practices. Describe any challenges that were encountered by the primary producer or enterprise in the development and implementation of new or innovative practices and the strategies used to address these challenges.

## Indigenous land management

### *About the category*

This award will be made to an outstanding indigenous community group or individual that is working towards improving land use and/or enhancing or protecting an area on behalf of the community.

### **Questions:**

1. Describe how the group or individual looks after country. What sort of work has been undertaken?
2. How has the group or individual used indigenous ecological knowledge and traditional or other land management practices in their work?
3. What kind of impact has the group or individual had in the community by looking after country? *For example, has the work created jobs for Indigenous people in the community, have young people learned new skills or had traditional ecological knowledge passed on to them?*
4. Demonstrate how the group or individual has worked with others on the project. *For example with community elders and others within the community, or any other groups or external organisations.*
5. How has the group or individual shared Indigenous land management practices and techniques with the wider community?
6. What challenges has the group or individual experienced in working on country and how has the group or individual responded to these challenges?

## Landcare Community Group

### ***About the category***

This award will be made to an outstanding community group that is working towards sustainable land use and/or is undertaking on-ground action to protect, enhance or restore an area on behalf of the community.

### ***Questions***

1. Demonstrate how the group has developed a cutting-edge approach or process to achieve outstanding environmental outcomes.
2. Show how the group has used comprehensive plans, as a basis for their group's activities. Include a copy of these plans and demonstrate the physical, strategic management or other attributes of the group. *Plans may include property and/or group and/or catchment plans.*
3. Provide examples of how the group has repaired degraded land/environments, prevented degradation and/or has achieved some on-farm and/or community benefit from its on-ground activities.
4. Show how the group has sought advice in the development and implementation of its plans, worked with and involved the wider community, other Landcare/community groups, government, business and schools.
5. Demonstrate how the group has shared and communicated its ideas, plans, skills, and results (e.g., through field days or education campaigns), to encourage others (i.e. not involved in the group) to participate in Landcare practices and projects.
6. Describe any challenges the group has faced in the development and implementation of cutting-edge Landcare practices or projects, and the strategies used to address these challenges.

## Junior land care team

### *About the category*

This award will be made to a youth organisation or young Landcare team that contributes to raising awareness, knowledge and understanding of Landcare amongst young people up to the age of 18, and implements Landcare practices on its own property or within the local community. For this award, youth organisations include primary schools, secondary schools and youth groups such as scouts.

### **Questions**

1. How has the organisation's activities led to an improved understanding among their team members and/or the community about environmental issues and further developed skills to better manage the challenges associated with these issues?
2. Provide examples of projects that the team has implemented that have inspired their school, group or community to extend their learning and skills-development classes into practical on-ground activity.
3. How has the team helped others learn about Landcare? e.g. other young groups and/or the wider community learn about Landcare and environmental issues?
4. Describe how the team has developed its educational resources and formed partnerships to increase the capacity of young landcarers to learn about and address environmental issues
5. Describe any challenges the team has faced in the development and implementation of Landcare projects and the strategies used to address these challenges.

## Landcare facilitator or coordinator

### *About the category*

This award will be made to a Landcare Facilitator or Coordinator who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in establishing, linking, supporting, enabling, and developing Landcare and/or production groups/networks that participate in sustainable farming practices and on-ground natural resource management, and/or implementation of innovative land management approaches in peri-urban areas\*.

### **Questions:**

1. Demonstrate how the Landcare Facilitator or Coordinator has successfully established, linked, supported, enabled, and developed Landcare and production groups with a particular focus on one or more of the following: sustainable farming practices, biosecurity and on-ground natural resource management.  
Activities that could demonstrate this are:
  - 1.1. Facilitated partnerships and leveraged resources to enhance group/network capacity to deliver projects
  - 1.2. Coordinated and facilitated on-ground projects to address natural resource management priorities
  - 1.3. Coordination and dissemination of information to farmers and farming groups, and/or peri-urban landholders
  - 1.4. Leveraged funds to enable farmers, landholders and/or groups/networks to improve farming and/or land management practices
  - 1.5. Organisation of field days and seminars
2. Show how the Landcare Facilitator or Coordinator has made a substantial contribution improved NRM or sustainable farm management practices at the local group, network, regional, or state Landcare level.
3. Demonstrate how the Landcare Facilitator/Coordinator has worked to enhance farmer and/or landholder, or group/network awareness of innovative natural resource management practices and has supported the adoption of these practices.
4. Describe any challenges encountered in the development and implementation of Landcare projects and/or the introduction of new land management practices, and the strategies used to address these challenges.

*\*This also includes activities related to management of small enterprises and lifestyle blocks. Examples might include, but are not limited to, bush tucker, non commercial horticultural crops, managing erosion and weed management.*

## Partnerships with Landcare

### *About the category*

This award will be made to a local or regional authority for innovation and excellence in creating partnerships with their Landcare community. Local or regional authorities in this award category may include a local council, natural resource management regional body, or another local or regional agency.

### **Questions**

1. How has the organisation or authority developed strong partnerships with Landcare groups/networks to ensure community engagement and involvement in achieving outstanding natural resource management outcomes? You will need to include a copy of or excerpt of your authority's engagement and communication strategy.
2. Describe how the organisation or authority has engaged with Landcare or community groups in innovative ways to support or address its priorities.
3. Demonstrate how the organisation or authority used a multi-disciplinary approach in planning and partnership development. The authority should show how they have incorporated environmental/production, community/social and financial strategies for achieving outstanding natural resource management outcomes.
4. How has the organisation or authority linked Landcare initiatives with other groups or programs including other agencies, businesses, organisations, neighbours, schools and community groups. Provide copies or excerpts from plans and / or list cooperative projects.
5. Applicants must include two letters from Landcare groups/networks that acknowledge how the organisation or authority has partnered with the group/network to improve capacity and increase participation in on-ground work
6. Describe any challenges the organisation or authority has faced in the development and implementation of this Landcare partnership and the strategies used to address these challenges.

## Young Landcare Leader

### *About the category*

This award will be made to an individual between the ages of 15-35 years who carries out and/or promotes excellence in Landcare through on-ground or awareness raising activities, as a volunteer or paid employee. You may nominate yourself or a person from your community for this award.

### **Questions**

1. Provide examples of cutting-edge and/or excellent Landcare practices that the individual has implemented in their local area, and/or how they have helped others implement these practices.
2. Demonstrate how the individual has displayed leadership, and encouraged others in promoting or implementing activities that improve natural resource management outcomes; (e.g. by speaking to schools, media, landholders, groups, councils etc).
3. How has the individual trained and helped others in developing their Landcare practices and skills?
4. Describe how the individual has been a champion for Landcare, through their achievements in environmental sustainability projects or their role in planning and organising Landcare- associated initiatives.
5. Provide examples of the ways the individual has communicated environmental/natural resource management issues or raised awareness about Landcare to a wider audience (including the use of media, social media, events, speeches or presentations, posters, letters etc).
6. Describe any challenges the individual has faced in the development and implementation of cutting-edge and/or excellent Landcare projects, and the strategies used to address these challenges.

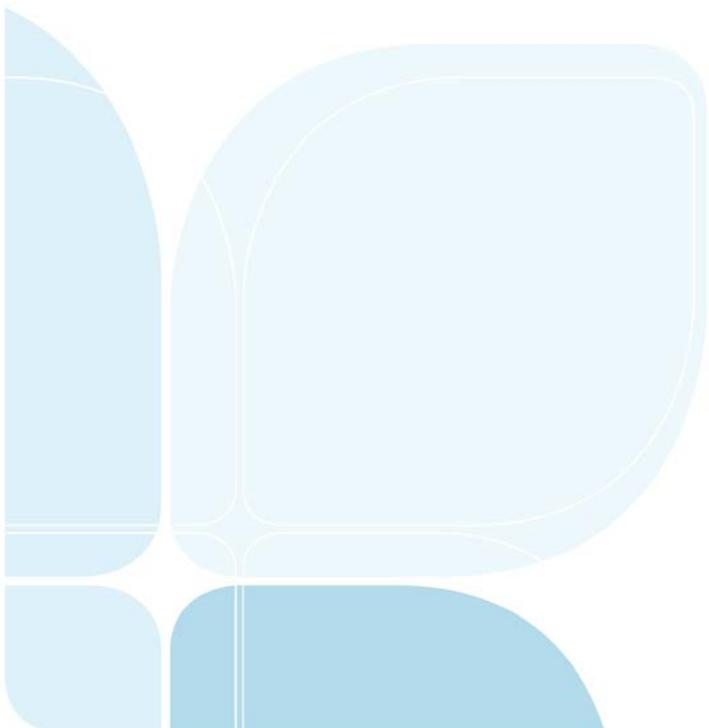
For more information or assistance with completing this application please contact your Local Landcare Coordinator or Regional Landcare Facilitator.

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