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Baranduda Landcare wins Nature Conservation Award

Baranduda Landcare Group is the winner of the Nature Conservation Award in the 2006 North East Landcare Awards.

The Group was presented with the Award tonight (25 August) at a ceremony in Wodonga that also celebrated 20 years of Landcare in Australia.

The Nature Conservation Award is presented to a community organisation, person or Landcare group for excellence and innovation in implementing nature conservation activities on land outside formal parks and reserves.

Awards organiser and North East CMA Landcare Team Leader, Mr Tom Croft, said extensive revegetation works and a nesting box program were part of the winning formula for the Baranduda Landcare Group.

“Revegetation programs that strategically aim to protect and enhance key remnants and habitat corridors have been a cornerstone of this Group’s community-based nature conservation program.”

Some of the Group’s key contributions and achievements include;

- Protecting and enhancing the Baranduda Parklands Estate using extensive fencing programs, coordinated woody and broad-leaf weed control and planting of native understorey and groundcover;
- Providing critical movement corridors for threatened tree dwelling marsupials by establishing a community nest box program. With the assistance of several Green Corps programs and under the tuition of member, Ron Herbert, the Group has constructed over 250 nest boxes. A monitoring program by Charles Sturt University identified that high densities of threatened Squirrel Glider, Sugar Glider and Tuan are now actively using the area;
- Planting programs – in the last six years, Baranduda Landcare Group has planted over 35,000 (thirty five thousand) native seedlings, most on public or community land;
- Strong partnerships – the Group works closely with community groups and agencies to achieve its objectives. For example, the Group undertook an ecological burn through a cooperative partnership with the Baranduda CFA.
- Increasing community awareness – the Group organises an annual ‘Birdscape Your Garden’ field day.

Tom Croft said the North East Landcare Awards highlighted the diversity and impact of the Landcare movement in the Region.

“These Awards encourage and recognise the outstanding commitment to Landcare from a diverse range of individuals and groups across the North East. Although Landcare is best known for tree planting, our winners demonstrate the incredible diversity of Landcare activity going on in our Region.”

The annual Awards are run by the North East CMA and proudly supported by the Victorian Government through the Victorian Action Plan for Second Generation Landcare.

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