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Mungabareena named Indigenous Landcare Organisation of the Year

Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation has taken out the Indigenous Landcare Award at the 2006 North East Landcare Awards.

Representatives of Mungabareena were presented with the Award tonight (25 August) at a ceremony in Wodonga that also celebrated 20 years of Landcare in Australia.

The Indigenous Landcare Award is made to an outstanding indigenous individual or community group that is working towards or promoting culturally sustainable land use and/or enhancing or protecting an area on behalf of the community.

Awards organiser and North East CMA Landcare Team Leader, Mr Tom Croft, said Mungabareena was helping landholders to identify and protect indigenous cultural assets across the Upper Murray, Mitta Mitta, Kiewa and Ovens River Catchments.

The Corporation won the Indigenous Group Award in recognition of many contributions and to Landcare, including;

- Cultural Officers from the Corporation are working closely with Landcare members in assessing proposed land and water improvement programs, including teaching members the skills needed to identify sites and materials of Indigenous cultural significance and working with Landcare members to develop mutually agreed methods to protect these values;
- Voluntarily giving time to educate both Landcare members and school children to explain and demonstrate how a wide variety of local flora and fauna species were traditionally utilised as food, shelter and for medicinal resources;
- Working with Landcare members and teaching groups how to identify heritage assets and better understand cultural values.

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 Landcare groups across the North East. Our winners demonstrate the incredible diversity of activity going on in Landcare 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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