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North East well represented at national Landcare awards

The North East CMA today congratulated Upper Murray primary producer, Lyn Coulston and Springhurst dairy farmers, Lindsay and Ian Humphry for reaching the finals of the 2008 National Landcare Awards.

Ms Coulston was a finalist in the Individual Landcarer award category, while Lindsay and Ian Humphry were finalists in the Primary Producer award category.

Lyn, Lindsay and Ian represented Victoria at the National Landcare Awards in Canberra last night (23 October) after winning their categories at the 2007 Victorian Landcare Awards.

North East CMA Chief Executive, Mr John Riddiford, praised Lyn, Lindsay and Ian for their innovation and community spirit.

“Lyn was a founding member of the Upper Murray Catchment Farm Tree Group and has made an enormous contribution to the development of Landcare in the Upper Murray over the past 24 years. We particularly value her expertise as a member of our Board,” he said

“Lindsay and Ian are sustainable agriculture ‘pioneers’. They have continually demonstrated that it’s possible to run a property that is both productive and environmentally responsible.”

The North East CMA will host the 2008 North East Landcare Awards at Latrobe University, Beechworth on **Friday, 7th November** starting at 6pm.

The winners of two award categories, Individual Landcarer and River Health, will be announced at a celebration dinner. Landholders and community volunteers from North East Victoria will also receive Active Service awards in recognition of their dedication to Landcare.

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For a full list of National Landcare Award winners visit:
<http://www.landcareheroes.com>.