



## National Landcare Program Victorian Update

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This newsletter is circulated to provide information regarding the National Landcare Program (NLP) and associated activities.

### **NLP Community Support and Natural Resource Innovation Grants**

Both the NLP Community Support and Natural Resource Innovation Grants have closed for the 2005/6 applications round, and are currently undergoing the assessment phase.

General information regarding landcare and NLP projects can be located at [www.daff.gov.au/landcare](http://www.daff.gov.au/landcare)

### **Defeating the Weeds Menace Program**

The Australian Government is seeking national and cross-regional projects to reduce the impact of weeds. Projects must demonstrate and implement measures for control of Australia's most threatening weeds, and can be one to three year's duration. Projects should be consistent with regional NRM plans and investment strategies. The **closing date is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2005**. For application form and guidelines go to [www.daff.gov.au/defeatingweeds](http://www.daff.gov.au/defeatingweeds)

### **McKell Medal nominations**

Nominations have been called for the 16<sup>th</sup> McKell Medal which is awarded to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to improving land use practices and attitudes in natural resource management through community leadership, research or community education activities. Nominations **close 18 November 2005**. Further information including selection criteria can be accessed at [www.daff.gov.au/mckellmedal](http://www.daff.gov.au/mckellmedal) or email [mckellmedal@daff.gov.au](mailto:mckellmedal@daff.gov.au) or Ph 02 6272 4399

### **DAFF Young People's Development Awards**

DAFF has launched an awards program designed to assist young men and women (18-35 years) to develop the skills, knowledge and networks required to make a greater contribution to the future of their industry. Applicants can seek sponsorship for a self-designed project relevant to their ongoing employment. Projects could include attending an industry study tour or conference or investigating innovations or new market opportunities for their industry. Successful recipients will receive up to \$5000 for a domestic project or \$10,000 for an international project. Information and application forms are available on the DAFF website at [www.daff.gov.au/youngleaders](http://www.daff.gov.au/youngleaders) and **close on October 28<sup>th</sup> 2005**

### **Australian Soil Resource Information System**

The latest information about Australian soils is now available following the recent launch of a soil information web site. The site is an interactive web tool designed to give Australian farmers new productivity gains through access to world's best practice's and technology. The system can be accessed online at [www.asris.csiro.au](http://www.asris.csiro.au)

### **NLP and FERTCARE**

NLP and the fertiliser industry have joined forces to boost farm productivity, protect the environment and reduce food safety risks. FERTCARE will assist 3,000 fertiliser sales, logistics and advisory staff to better understand environmental and food safety risks associated with handling, transporting, storing and spreading fertilisers. FERTCARE will eventually become a national fertiliser environmental management accreditation.

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