



MARY RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2010

The Mary River Environmental awards are an opportunity to celebrate our communities' achievements in natural resource management, sustainability and environmental management within the Mary River catchment. There are 6 categories for which individuals, groups or organisations can be nominated who have worked to improve, protect or enhance the valuable Mary River environment we live along. The Mary River Awards will especially seek to recognise innovation in ideas, projects, and achievements.

Each winner will receive a unique award, a hand crafted bronze statue, each one of a different animal living in the catchment.

WHO SHOULD ENTER

Individuals, groups, organisations, businesses that have made a significant and innovative contribution to the protection and / or enhancement of the environment within the Mary River catchment. Nominees must either live or work in the Mary River catchment area.

AWARD CATEGORIES

There are six Award categories:

1. River Research Project
2. Sustainable Water Management Innovation
3. Community Education Innovation
4. River Recreation Innovation
5. Youth Innovation Project
6. Habitat Restoration

HOW TO ENTER

1. Read the directions and terms and conditions at the end of this document.
2. Complete the nomination form.
3. Provide a short overview of your project and explain how your nomination meets the specific category criteria (250 words).
4. Include relevant supporting documents – photos, plans, sketches etc.
5. Submit your entry no later than 5pm Friday 22nd October 2010. Entries are FREE.
6. You may nominate for more than one award category.
7. Attend the Mary River Festival 13th November at Kandanga Park from 12 noon (Awards Ceremony at 6pm) Ph. 5485 5273

CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

1. River Research Project Award
 - To recognise outstanding contributions towards the understanding of the Mary River ecology and/or the creatures dependant on the Mary River environment for their survival.

2. Sustainable Water Management Innovation Award
 - To recognise contribution to efficient and sustainable water management within the Mary River catchment. Eligible projects need to demonstrate an innovative approach to urban and/or rural water management that has positive outcomes for protecting flows in the Mary River. Water management projects that have long-term and sustainable applications will be recognised

3. Community Education Innovation Award
 - To recognise contribution to promoting and increasing awareness in the wider Mary River community for sustainable environmental practices. Nominations for this award need to demonstrate that the project has included community involvement and made a contribution to increasing public awareness of sustainable appreciation and protection of the Mary River environment.

4. River Recreation Innovation Award
 - To recognise contribution to creating community appreciation of the Mary River environment through sustainable and innovative recreation along the Mary River catchment. Eligible projects need to demonstrate that they have contributed towards an active community relationship with the Mary River environment in a way that is ecologically respectful or sustainable.

5. Youth Innovation Project Award
 - To recognise contribution by a young person or group of young people (aged 18 years or under) who have undertaken a project to create, increase or promote the environmentally sustainable use or enjoyment of the Mary River environment.

6. Habitat Restoration Award
 - To recognise contribution made to protecting and enhancing the Mary River habitat and its biodiversity. Eligible projects need to provide evidence that the project has contributed to restoring or protecting habitat. Suitable projects include: streambank restoration, native re-vegetation, sustainable agricultural practices that minimise fertiliser and pesticide use rates, etc.

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NOMINATION FORM

Contact Details

Name:	
Postal Address:	
Telephone:	Mobile:
Email:	
Name of Nominee:	
Address of nominated project:	

Nomination

I am nominating for the following category (s): <i>Please tick</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	River Research Project
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Water Management Innovation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Education Innovation
<input type="checkbox"/>	River Recreation Innovation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Innovation Project
<input type="checkbox"/>	Habitat Restoration

Submit your nomination

Nomination must be received by **5pm, Friday 22nd October 2010**. Forms and supporting documentation may be emailed to:

Email: jane@janedavissen.com

Please ensure that you send the following for your nomination to be valid:

- Nomination form
- 250 word summary of your project
- Category criteria responses
- Supporting documentation e.g. photos, sketches, letters of support.

For more information visit www.savethemary.com.au or contact Jane on 5485 5273 or email jane@janedavissen.com