

# Cassowary Awards information

## Introduction

The Cassowary Awards were established by the Wet Tropics Management Authority in 1999 to recognise individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions towards the conservation and presentation of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area.

Award winners come from a range of backgrounds including farmers, scientists, conservationists, artists and tour operators. Previous recipients are listed on the attached sheet. The diverse award recipients, have all made an exceptional effort towards the protection and management of the World Heritage Area, often devoting many years of their life to their passion.

## How the Awards Operate

Several new awards are given each year. The Wet Tropics Board seeks nominations and advice from its staff, advisory committees, liaison groups, previous Cassowary Award recipients and the broader community. All nominations are considered in camera by the Board. Their decision is final.

In most circumstances awards are given to individuals, but an award may be given to an organisation or company. Cassowary Awards are generally not given to current federal, state or local politicians in order to avoid politicisation of the awards.

## Categories

Nominations are generally made according to the categories listed on the right. Awards are not necessarily given for every category and the Board may issue more than one award in certain categories and none in others, depending on the nominations.

## Young Cassowary Awards

The Young Cassowary Awards were initiated in 2005. They honour primary and secondary students, groups of students or a class who have excelled in WHA management such as education, tree-planting, fund raising, weed control or an environmental research project. Schools and students are invited to enter these awards which are judged by an educational panel.

## Awards Ceremony

Winners are announced at a special ceremony. They receive an award and a Certificate of Appreciation.

The real privilege of being an award recipient is to be in the company of like-minded people recognised for their outstanding contribution to the protection of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

It is hoped that the existence of such a group will enhance public support for the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and that the Award recipients will play a collective custodial role to ensure the Area is conserved for future generations.

## Questions

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## Return of Nominations

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## **Guide to nomination categories**

### **Arts**

For an outstanding contribution to aesthetic appreciation of the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area.

### **Community Conservation**

For individuals and members of voluntary conservation groups for outstanding advocacy and/or hands-on activities such as tree planting, water quality and cassowary conservation.

### **Government**

For contributions by a public sector employee or group (at any of three levels of government) well beyond the call of their normal role in government.

### **Nature Based Tourism**

For demonstrated best practice in ecologically sustainable, nature based tourism and in presenting World Heritage values.

### **Philanthropy**

For an outstanding philanthropic contribution to the World Heritage Area.

### **Rainforest Aboriginal Culture**

For an outstanding contribution to the survival and enhancement of Rainforest Aboriginal culture and heritage.

### **Science**

For an outstanding contribution (either cumulatively or by way of a break-through discovery) to enhance knowledge and understanding of tropical rainforest and its management.

### **Wet Tropics Neighbour**

For an adjoining World Heritage landholder who demonstrates a cooperative approach to managing the special conservation values of the area and who practically demonstrates the principles of being a good neighbour

### **Unsung Hero**

A special category for those who may not normally be recognised in the above categories, but who substantially contribute to the conservation of World Heritage values.

## Cassowary Award Recipients

<p><u>1999 (8)</u>            John Donaghy                   Wet Tropics Neighbour            Anna Graham                   Nature Based Tourism            Ernie Grant                    Indigenous Culture            Skyrail                         Nature Based Tourism            Margaret Thorsborne        Community Conservation            Nigel Tucker                 Government            Errol Wiles                   Wet Tropics Neighbour            Joan Wright                   Community Conservation</p>	<p><u>2004 (10)</u>            Helen Adams                    Unsung Hero            Maisie Barlow                 Arts            Jax Bergersen                 Community Conservation            Milton Brim                    Rainforest Aboriginal Culture            Margit Cianelli                Unsung Hero            Russell Fry                     Neighbour            Mike Hopkins                 Science            Terry and Cathy Maloney     Nature Based Tourism            Allen Sheather                Community Conservation            Bill Sokolitch                 Government</p>
<p><u>2000 (12)</u>            Bamanga Bubu                 Indigenous Culture              Ngadimunku Rangers            George Patterson Bates     Philanthropy            Bill Cooper                    Arts            C4 - Mission Beach         Community Conservation            Sue Fairley                    Wet Tropics Neighbour            Mark Heaton                  Government            Aila Keto                       Conservation Advocacy            Virginia McGrath             Unsung Hero            Chris Rossi                    Rural Landholder            Max Shepherd                 Nature Based Tourism            Geoff Tracey                 Science / Conservation            Len Webb                       Science / Conservation</p>	<p><u>2005 (11)</u>            Shayne Allanson               Government            Willie Brim                    Nature Based Tourism            Stan Breeden                 Arts            Daintree Discovery Centre   Wet Tropics Neighbour            Andrew Graham               Science            Allison Halliday             Rainforest Aboriginal Culture            Bob Jago                       Community Conservation            Victor Maund                 Rainforest Aboriginal Culture            Jenny McLean                 Community Conservation            Steve Russell                 Unsung Hero            Wonga Beach State School    Young Cassowary Award</p>
<p><u>2001 (8)</u>            Alexandra Bay School        Community Conservation            Sibby Bresolin                 Government            George Davis                 Indigenous Culture            Hazel Douglas                Nature Based Tourism            Sally Driml                     Science            Rosemary Hill                 Conservation Advocacy            George Mansford             Unsung Hero            Peter Stanton                 Science</p>	<p><u>2006 (9)</u>            Bloomfield State School     Young Cassowary Award            Marcus and Tiffanie Bulstrode   Wet Tropics Neighbour            Daintree Rainforest Foundation   Community Conservation            Dawn and Cliff Frith         Arts            Betsy Jackes                 Science            Deborah Pergolotti         Unsung Hero            Ravenshoe Visitor Centre     Conservation Education            Phil Rist                       Rainforest Aboriginal Culture            Annie Wonga                  Rainforest Aboriginal Culture</p>
<p><u>2002 (8)</u>            John Courtenay                Nature Based Tourism            Andrée Griffin                 Arts            Graham Harrington            Community Conservation            Tony Irvine                     Science            Davey Lawrence                Rainforest Aboriginal Culture &amp;            Girramay Elders            Annabelle Olsson             Unsung Hero            Ernie Raymont &amp;            Ngadjon-Jii Elders         Rainforest Aboriginal Culture            John Winter                    Landholder</p>	<p><u>2007 (10)</u>            Frederick Michna             Young Cassowary Award            Tim Anderson                 Unsung Hero            Sandy Clague                 Conservation            Wendy Cooper                 Community Conservation            Bruce Corcoran               Community Conservation            Kym Dungey &amp; Jane Whytlaw   Nature Based Tourism            Eastern Kuku Yalanji            Negotiating Team             Rainforest Aboriginal Culture            Les Jackson                  Government            David Leech &amp; Wally Coutts   Community Conservation            Peta and Jon Nott             Wet Tropics Neighbour</p>
<p><u>2003 (8)</u>            Dr Joan Bentrupperbaumer    Science            Ruth Berry                     Arts            Russell Boswell               Nature Based Tourism            Ruth Lipscombe               Community Conservation            Charles Morganson            Rainforest Aboriginal Culture            Rupert Russell                No category            George Skeene                 Unsung Hero            Janeene Wallwork             Neighbour</p>	<p><u>2008 (12)</u>            Leonard Andy                 Rainforest Aboriginal Culture            Mike Berwick                 Conservation            Daryl Dickson                 Arts            Angela and Peter Freeman     Nature Based Tourism            Hambleton State School       Young Cassowary Award            Barbara Lanskey               Community Conservation            Stella Martin                 Government            Neville Simpson               Education            Linda Venn                     Unsung Hero            Walker Family Tours         Rainforest Aboriginal Culture            Dr Steve Williams             Science            Wonga Beach State School     Young Cassowary Award</p>

## Cassowary Award Recipients

### 2009 (10)

Kuku Yalanji Dreamtime Tours	Rainforest Aboriginal Culture
Oliver Schreiber	Nature Based Tourism
John Beasley	Community Conservation
Keith McDonald	Government
Sandra Charlton	Education
Pam Tully	Unsung Hero
Prof Nigel Stork and Prof Steve Turton	Science
Mike Procriv	Arts
Peter Salleras	Wet Tropics Neighbour
Gordonvale State School	Young Cassowary Award