



# National Landcare Awards

## Media Release

### Longreach's Desert Channels Queensland wins National Landcare Award

**25 June 2010:** Desert Channels Queensland in Longreach has been announced winner of the prestigious Australian Government Landcare NRM Region Award at the 2010 National Landcare Awards for its commitment and innovation in delivering services to the Desert Channel communities.

The Awards, held at Parliament House last night, celebrate the work of volunteers from around Australia who are making a significant contribution to the environment.

Catriona Rowntree hosted the bi-annual Awards in front of 600 guests including The Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and actor Jack Thompson.

The Desert Channels Queensland NRM Group has exceeded its goals by 200% with 400 Landcare projects delivered in this region. These projects include protection of riparian zones and weed management along the river systems.

The Desert Channels Queensland team attends Landcare group meetings, as well as supporting and holding relevant field days and workshops promoting healthy, sustainable land management.

"Desert Channels Queensland is honoured to receive this Award and is proud to be part of Australia's Landcare movement," said Leanne Kohler, Chief Executive Officer of Desert Channels Queensland.

Heather Campbell, CEO Landcare Australia added, "The Awards are a culmination of the ongoing efforts of volunteers across Australia who dedicate their time working to sustain and enhance Australia's natural resources.

"I congratulate Desert Channels Queensland on this truly remarkable achievement."

Landcare is a uniquely Australian partnership between the community, government and business, consisting of approximately 4000 Landcare and 2000 Coastcare volunteer groups. To find out how you can become a Landcare volunteer and for full details on all 2010 National Landcare finalists, visit [www.landcareonline.com.au](http://www.landcareonline.com.au)

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