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**2007 State Landcare Awards**

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Western Australians who put sustainability first could showcase how their efforts made a real difference to the environment by nominating for this year's Landcare Awards, Agriculture and Food Minister Kim Chance said today.

Mr Chance called on Landcare professionals, community groups and individuals to nominate for this year's awards, which are sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Food.

The Minister said Landcare was celebrating 25 years in WA, starting with the first Land Conservation District Committee in 1982, and had been widely embraced from the farming sector right through to individual households.

"Today there are many people throughout the State managing Landcare challenges and developing innovative solutions to improve their environment," Mr Chance said.

"We are encouraging everyone to apply for the awards, to tell their Landcare story and help inspire others to get involved.

"The awards are an excellent opportunity to celebrate these achievements and honour the work of hundreds of volunteers and land managers in urban and rural communities."

The State Landcare Awards are held in conjunction with Landcare Australia's National Landcare Awards and together offer 14 award categories sponsored by corporate organisations and government agencies.

The categories cover work aimed at protecting individual farms, rivers, coastal environments, threatened species, local government areas and catchments. There are four categories specific to the WA Landcare Awards.

The winners of the State Landcare Awards will be announced at a gala event at the State Natural Resource Management Conference in Bridgetown next April.

The WA winners of the ten national award categories will become finalists for the National Landcare awards to be held in Canberra in 2008.

"Western Australia led the country with three winners in the last National Landcare Awards and it would be outstanding if we could continue to be acknowledged at this level," Mr Chance said.

Information on the criteria and entry forms are available at <http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/landcare>

The closing date for written applications is Friday September 28, 2007.

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