

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

(Feathers in the VMRG Hat)

The efforts of members of the VMRG since its inception in 2000 have been rewarded and acknowledged by two prestigious awards.

2007 KOOKABURRA AWARD

The VMRG was the 2007 recipient of the Environmental Award (Group). The award is provided by Parks Victoria.

The following comments are taken directly from the Parks Victoria website.

Parks Victoria's Kookaburra Awards :

- *Recognise and honour individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the Victorian park system;*
- *Raise awareness of the extent and importance of community involvement in the Victorian park system; and*
- *Encourage community involvement in the future development and conservation and use of the park system.*



Ann Stokie, VMRG Secretary, receiving the 2007 Kookaburra Award from Mark Stone, CEO, Parks Victoria

The Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group Incorporated – (Group) Environmental Award

The group contribute extensive voluntary efforts over many years to help conserve and raise the profile of this bird. Their work has greatly improved our knowledge and understanding of the Malleefowl and how best to manage it, and has influenced programs in other states. The group, which has grown to 90 members, has been monitoring Malleefowl nests and breeding activity since the year 2000. They have monitored and recorded data for over 1000 nests each summer, with a contribution of 3,670 volunteer hours in 2006/2007.

2009 BANKSIA AWARD

The VMRG was a Category (Education Award) Finalist.

The following comments are taken directly from the Banksia Environmental Foundation website.

*The Banksia Environmental Foundation, established in 1989, is a national not-for-profit organisation that promotes environmental excellence and sustainability through its Awards program and other associated events. **The Banksia Environmental Awards are regarded as the most prestigious environmental awards in Australia.** (our emphasis)*

Lowan Behold - A Malleefowl Education Initiative Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group Inc., VIC

The Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group (VMRG) managed the NHT Multi-regional Malleefowl Conservation Project to meet monitoring and management goals that involved a partnership of volunteers, ecologists and government land managers to establish a self-sufficient Australia wide monitoring program, to provide detailed advice to Regional Natural Resource Management bodies and to improve knowledge of Malleefowl conservation by developing an inter-active Primary Schools Education Package.

The VMRG have contributed to the goals and challenges of environmental sustainability by establishing a powerful link between all conservation stakeholders and by working with students to ensure long term future viability of Malleefowl and their habitat.