



## DEH VOLUNTEER AWARDS

### Outstanding Achievement – Volunteer Group Project Awards

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Whilst the efforts of every Friends of Parks group is valued, each year the Department for Environment and Heritage takes special pride in honouring those groups that go above and beyond and inspire us all through their achievements. As there are volunteer groups all over the State, we need your help to spot and recognise these outstanding success stories.

Three *Outstanding Achievement – Volunteer Group Project Awards* will be bestowed in 2009. The Outstanding Achievement Awards may be awarded in any area including, but not limited to, biodiversity, heritage, partnerships, education, safety, trails or fundraising.

#### **Eligibility**

The awards are open to Friends of Parks member groups affiliated with DEH through Friends of Parks Inc.

#### **Judging**

Nominations will be appraised by a panel of two DEH staff and a representative from Friends of Parks Inc. In selecting the successful nominee(s), the Panel will consider the information provided on the nomination form and provided by the referee(s).

#### **Recognition of Award Winners**

Each of the three winners will receive \$1250 to further the conservation goals of their Group.

The Awards will be announced and presented at the Annual Friends of Parks Forum, to be held at Sunnybrae Heritage Farm, from 30<sup>th</sup> October until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009.

#### **How to Nominate**

Nominations can be made by an individual, volunteer group, DEH staff member or community member.

We appreciate that it takes time to nominate for awards - time that you might rather spend out on the field – so be assured we are seeking succinct, informative nominations. A completed nomination form (see attached) is all that is required. Nominations may be supported by additional information if desired.

The closing date for nominations is **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009**.

#### **Nominations should be sent to:**

Pam Smith  
Volunteer Support Unit  
Department for Environment and Heritage  
GPO Box 1047  
Adelaide SA 5001

Or emailed to: [smith.pamela@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:smith.pamela@saugov.sa.gov.au)

# NOMINATION FORM

## Outstanding Achievement - Volunteer Group Project Awards

### Details of Group / Project being recommended for an award

Friends Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of project / initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal contact

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Details of person submitting nomination

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different to above): \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Friends Group / Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFEREES** - Please list up to two people who can act as referees for this nomination (this person may be your Liaison Ranger).

### REFEREE 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFEREE 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide a brief description of the project and what it involves / involved.** You may include supporting documentation eg newspaper clippings, internal newsletters, copy of policy or work's program etc.

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**Describe the aim of the project / initiative.** For example, what was the reason for its development? What was the initiative designed to achieve?

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**Describe the effectiveness of the project in achieving its goals / objectives.** How was the effectiveness monitored / evaluated? Are there plans to continue the initiative? Describe any plans to further develop the initiative. Who else was involved with the project? (eg schools, community etc)

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**Describe the extent to which the group has utilised new or improved practices, and / or the capacity for the initiative to be shared with or utilised by other groups.**

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*Thank you for assisting us in celebrating the success of the Friends of Parks volunteer program!*