



## BDTNRM Media Release

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### Dalrymple Landcare Committee celebrates Good Land Management

The Dalrymple Landcare Committee will be presenting six awards, worth \$20,000, to landholders and commercial operators who have used innovative management strategies to improve their land condition. The awards are part of the SPIRAL project, funded by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Water's National Landcare Programme.

Three Rivers Landcare Group, with support from BDTNRM, hosted a Natural Sequence Farming Workshop featuring Peter Andrews, an innovative ecological land manager from the Hunter Valley. Peter's natural and low cost techniques for improvement of land and water quality were featured on the ABC TV's "Australian Story" in 2005. The workshop was a great success with over 120 people attending from across the state.

Seventy Mile Range Landcare Group has worked over the last 12 years to improve natural resource condition on their properties. The group has implemented a "Barter System" for chemical pest management control of woody weeds. Group members attended chemical applications courses to learn correct mixing and application methods to ensure safe and economical use of the chemicals then work together to reduced the costs of labour for woody weed management control.

Rural blockholder, Barry Cook, has dramatically improved the condition of his property by developing a land management plan and using it to implement some very successful practices. Mr. Cook divided his property into smaller cells to control grass stocks, he eradicated woody weeds and introduced more suitable vegetation.

Cuba Plains Station, owners, Mike and Noeline Dore, have made great inroads into controlling parthenium over large areas of their property. They have trialed a number of different spraying techniques and have held open Field Days to share their knowledge and experience with other landholders and industry.

Rural blockholder, Bryan Landsberg has worked hard to reduce infestations of chinee apple, rubber vine, lantana and now mimosa and black wattle, on his properties. Bryan is glad to say that he now has a pest management plan in place to, "fight any weed pest that comes our way."

The Awards will be presented on 22nd of June 2007, in the DPI&F Building at Charters Towers.

For more information about the awards and the prize winners, please contact

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