



Media Release

Douglas Daly cattle family to represent NT at national environment awards

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Phil and Annette Howie, of Maneroo Station in the Douglas Daly, will represent the Northern Territory at the National Landcare Awards in Sydney next year after last night being named the NT's Primary Producer of the year.

The Barkly Landcare Association won the group award and will also go on to compete at the national level.

The Howies were recognised for their environmental achievements on Maneroo, where they have implemented a cell grazing system and other innovative land management practices.

"Phil and Annette Howie are people we as an industry turn to as leaders in environmental management of cattle and pasture and I congratulate them in winning this award," NTCA President Rohan Sullivan said today.

"They are great ambassadors for innovative natural resource management."

Mr Sullivan said the Howies join Chris and Marie Muldoon, of Midway Station, who were finalists in the Landcare awards and recently won the inaugural National Farmers' Federation Award for Sustainability, as producers who are gaining national recognition for sustainable food production.

"The Douglas Daly is rapidly gaining a reputation for exemplary environmental management practices," Mr Sullivan said.

"I wish the Howies and the Barkly Landcare Group luck when they represent not only their region, but the entire NT, at the national level next year."

Fiona McBean of Bonalbo Cattle Station, was also named as a finalist in the Primary Producer award.

The Barkly Landcare Association won the group award for their Parkinsonia eradication program, which saw the invasive weed removed from 2500kms of waterways in the Georgina catchment.

"This was a fantastic achievement that saw landholders, pastoralists and contractors from Julalikari working together," Mr Sullivan said.

"The Barkly Landcare Association members manage more than 24 million hectares (60 million acres) of the NT.

"When you combine the work of the Barkly, the Central Australian Land Management Association (CLMA) managing with 30 million hectares and the Victoria River District Conservation Association (VRDCA) and the Roper Landcare Group you have most of the NT working under producer-driven Landcare."

The date of the National Landcare Awards in 2010 is yet to be announced.

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