

COMMUNITY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AWARD 2008

The winner of the Society's Community Wildlife Conservation Award for 2008 is Australian Ecosystems Foundation Inc. of Lithgow, NSW. This organisation was founded in 2002 by a group of individuals who believed passionately in an ecosystems approach to the conservation of wildlife. AEFI has both acquired land and received land donated by some of its members. It has planted trees and set out to manage protected habitats, thereby assuring the survival of endangered species. AEFI also conducts and supports research and works in conjunction with university departments. It maintains its own endangered species captive breeding programs, particularly the eastern quoll. At its property, Secret Creek Sanctuary, AEFI provides educational opportunities for visitors to learn about a range of Australian wildlife. Its committee is made up of volunteers from a range of backgrounds, including business executives, scientists, tourist operators and indigenous representatives.

AEFI is a great example of a community organisation in action, providing scientific and educational input into the management of our precious wildlife. They are worthy recipients of the WPSA Community Wildlife Conservation Award.



Presentation of the Community Conservation Award
L to R: Dr Clive Williams (Vice President of WPSA), Patrick Medway AM (National President), Professor Marie Bashir (Governor of New South Wales), Trevor Evans (AEFI)