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Australian Wildlife Society Community Conservation Award Winner

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Congratulations to Queensland Wader Study Group of Clayfield, Queensland, who were invited to New South Wales Parliament House on Wednesday 3 March to receive an award for their contribution to wildlife conservation. Queensland Wader Study Group volunteers have been conducting migratory shorebird surveys from Cape York to the New South Wales border. The award recognises thirty years of voluntary effort and commitment to conservatory shorebirds' conservation through citizen science, public and school-based education, and advocacy at the local, state, and national levels to protect vulnerable migratory shorebirds. An extraordinary long-term effort by a passionate group across Queensland who have counted shorebirds each month to create one of the most respected longitudinal shorebird databases used by governments and scientists call for greater protection of habitats for shorebirds.

The **President of Australian Wildlife Society, Associate Professor Julie Old**, said, " The Community Wildlife Conservation Award is awarded to a community group that is making a major contribution to wildlife preservation in Australia. Queensland Wader Study Group is a true example of a community group and is a great example of what citizen science can achieve for wildlife conservation."

L to R: Suzanne Medway AM, David Edwards (Chairman of Queensland Study Wader Group, accepting the award on the group's behalf), and The Hon. Matthew Kean MP.

The Australian Wildlife Society, formed in 1909, is a national not-for-profit wildlife conservation organisation. Their mission is to conserve Australia's unique wildlife (flora and fauna) through national environmental education, public awareness, advocacy, and community involvement.

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