



## LANDCARE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Minister for Environment, John Thwaites, joined John Landy, The Governor of Victoria, AC, MBE and Mrs Lynne Landy to present the 2003 Victorian Landcare Awards at Government House on 19 August.

“Everyone nominated for the Landcare Awards is an ambassador for Landcare, promoting sustainable management of Victoria’s natural resources. The winners are innovators and leaders and their efforts are inspirational,” Mr Thwaites said.

The Award winners represent a number of categories including education, local government, catchment management, research, nature conservation, sustainable production, facilitation/coordination, and primary production, as well as individual Landcarers and community groups.

Landcare is a national, community-based movement that started in Victoria in the 1980s to help restore degraded land and water environments. Victoria has over 1300 community groups working on Landcare projects.

Nine of the winners of the Victorian Landcare Awards will become the State’s representatives in the National Landcare Awards, announced in 2004.



*Pictured: John Landy, Governor of Victoria, welcoming Landcarers to the 2003 Victorian Landcare Awards. Seated L-R: Christine Forster, Chair of the Victorian Catchment Management Council, John Thwaites, Minister for Environment and Mrs Lynne Landy.*