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### **Tip Turn Around Darebin Earns Award Nomination**

Darebin Parklands Association has been nominated for the 2007 Victorian Landcare Awards, in the Landcare Community Group Award category.

The Association is recognised for its leadership in adopting sound land management practices on public land and has worked tirelessly on enhancing a suburban landmark on behalf of the community.

The focus is again on the champions of our environment with this year's biennial awards being presented at Government House on August 28, hosted by Victorian Governor Professor David De Kretser with State Environment Minister Gavin Jennings.

The awards are recognition for ordinary Victorians from all sectors of the community for their extraordinary contribution in caring for and improving the landscape.

The Darebin Parklands Association is recognised as an excellent role model for the 500-plus Landcare and community groups in the Port Phillip and Westernport region. The association also won the *Community Group Caring for Public Land* category in the Port Phillip and Western Port Regional Landcare Awards in 2006.

Transforming the Northcote Tip, in Melbourne's inner north-east, to create the Darebin Parklands over 30 years has been one of the Association's major achievements.

The group has undertaken a range of activities to create and enhance the bush land along the Darebin Creek, including responsible cat ownership campaigns and a pollution hotline to report dumping and spills along the creek.

Award nominees represent the wide cross-section of the community involved in Landcare, from education, local government, catchment management authorities, indigenous communities, primary production and nature conservation, as well as individual Landcarers and Landcare

Nominations have been taken for the 10 National award categories each carrying a prize of \$500, and three Victorian Specific categories - sustainable farming, the Heather Mitchell Memorial Fellowship and the Dr Sidney Plowman Travel and Study Award.

Thousands of volunteers work across the State as members of hundreds of Landcare and other community environment groups, caring for the land, water, native plants and native animals.

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