



LAWMAC
local authority waste management advisory committee

Call for Nominations

2011 Ross Overton Memorial Award for Excellence in Waste Management in North Queensland

LAWMAC is the Local Authority Waste Management Advisory Committee and is pleased to invite nominations for the 2011 Ross Overton (Rossko) Memorial Award for Excellence in Waste Management in North Queensland.

The Rossko Award allows us to showcase the achievements, success and innovation in the fields of waste management, recycling and environmental awareness, while maintaining the legacy and honour the memory of Ross Overton.

The award will be assessed on a variety of elements which may include, but not be limited to: advocacy of sustainable waste management, contribution to community waste management education, implementation of best practice waste management, demonstrated environmental awareness and stewardship, and vision and innovation in the field of waste management.

Nominations with full supporting information will be required to be submitted to the secretary by **31st August 2011**.

The award will generally be made to a person, agency, company or local government which demonstrates performance and commitment. The nominations will be assessed by a selection panel comprising of four nominated LAWMAC members. While intended primarily for recognition of LAWMAC members, the award may at the discretion of the judging panel be made to an external person or body when the accomplishments bring significant benefit to the LAWMAC membership.

The award comprises a cash component of \$500, along with a perpetual trophy and will be presented at the November 2011 General Meeting of LAWMAC.

You are strongly urged to consider yourself, a fellow colleague, local government, company or agency for nomination.

Please find further Award information and a "Nomination Form" attached.

Nominations must be submitted by 31st August 2011.

Queries related to the Awards are to be directed to Cr Greg Thomsen, Chair of LAWMAC,
on mobile telephone 0408 076 470.

Nomination Form and Supporting Information

Chairman's Invitation

LAWMAC is pleased to invite nominations for the 2011 Ross Overton (Rossko) Memorial Award for Excellence in Waste Management in North Queensland.

The award allows us to showcase the achievements, success and innovation in the waste management field within North Queensland.

By winning an award, you, your peers, local government, agency or business can proudly take the place as one of North Queensland's Waste Management achievers and be recognised as a leader in the field.

Cr Greg Thomsen
Chair - LAWMAC

Objectives of the Award

The Award aims to

- highlight outstanding contributions to, or achievements in, waste management, recycling, and similar environmental awareness in North Queensland; and
- enhance the public profile of LAWMAC.

Benefits of Nomination

Successful nominees will receive tangible benefits from being honored with a Rossko Award. These include:

- Publicity and recognition of achievement to professional peers, industry representatives, other members, and the wider community; and
- Prizes donated by LAWMAC including \$500 and a perpetual trophy (sponsored by members).

Process for Nomination

Candidates, agencies, local governments, other members, or business may be self-nominated or nominated by a colleague who has knowledge of the candidate's achievement. It is permissible, but not essential, to gain prior consent of the candidate for their nomination to be lodged.

A nomination for a Rossko Award may be lodged by submitting a completed 'Nomination Form' (please see over) accompanied by a brief 'Supporting Statement' **by the 31st August 2011** to:

Ms Mary Field

LAWMAC Secretary

via post:- PO Box 47M
MANUNDA Q 4870

via email:- dmfield@bigpond.net.au

- The supporting statement is to clarify how the nomination relates to the award and is to include any particular features that the nominating person believes the selection committee should be aware of. The supporting statement is to provide sufficient detail to demonstrate to the selection committee the outstanding qualities and/or significant achievement

Criteria For Selecting “Rossko” Award Winner

In selecting the recipient of the award, the judging panel shall assess the nomination against some or all of the following criteria:

1. Benefits to the environment
2. Benefits to the community
3. Local Government Leadership and Innovation
4. Individual Leadership and Innovation
5. Business and Agency Leadership and Innovation
6. Excellence in Education, Training and Communication
7. Cleaner Production

1. **Benefits To The Environment**

Key Criteria

- The extent to which the actions of the individual, group or enterprise have contributed to the protection of biodiversity and ecological systems, and sustainable management of natural resources including soil, water resources, natural vegetation and wildlife.
- The extent to which the individual, group or enterprise goes beyond normal practice by developing and implementing new or innovative standards, techniques or practices.
- The extent to which partnerships have been created within the region in the development and delivery of actions.
- The extent to which the benefits of the project or action can be transferred to others.

2. **Benefits to the Community**

Key Criteria

- The project or action must address a significant North Queensland waste problem or issue.
- The significance of the project or action to the local and wider environment.
- The success of the project or action in increasing public awareness of the environment, waste management or recycling.
- The extent to which partnerships have contributed to the success of the project or action.
- The application of innovative approaches or technologies.

3. **Local Government Leadership and Innovation**

Key Criteria

- The actions a local government has taken in identifying, solving or avoiding a significant environmental problem or waste problem.
- The extent to which the organisation goes beyond normal practice and sets new standards by developing and implementing new or innovative waste management standards or practices.
- The extent to which actions align with key issues affecting the North Queensland area or Australia as a whole.
- The extent to which the project is an element of a broader strategic approach to environmental sustainability.

4. **Individual Leadership and Innovation**

Key Criteria

- The individual must have made a sustained contribution to the protection or restoration of the environment in the field of waste management.
- Influenced understanding or appreciation of the environment in North Queensland.
- The extent to which they have provided leadership or inspiration in environmental and waste management.

5. Business and Agency Leadership and Innovation

Key Criteria

- The extent to which the business or agency goes beyond normal practice and sets new standards by developing and implementing new or innovative environmental or waste standards, techniques or practices.
- A demonstrated commitment to the integration of environmentally sustainable practices into core business through the implementation or development of new or innovative waste management standards or techniques.
- The extent to which the organisation is open, accurate and clear in the reporting of its activities and their impact on the environment, waste management industry and other stakeholders.

6. Excellence in Education, Training and Communication

Key Criteria

- The extent to which the education program aligns with key issues affecting and contributing to improvement in North Queensland's Waste Management industry.
- The extent to which the education program achieved a positive change to sustainable practices of the participants and the wider community.
- The extent to which new technologies and approaches are implemented, their effectiveness, and standards set.
- The size, location, nature and significance of the target audience.
- The extent to which the project achieved its objectives and the opportunities for developing further initiatives.
- The extent to which the communication project increases awareness, changes attitudes and changes behaviour.
- The extent to which partnerships are created or promoted in the development and implementation of the actions.

7. Cleaner Production

Key Criteria

- The extent to which environmental and sustainability considerations are integrated into a "cleaner production" style solid waste reduction program, as part of the organisation's comprehensive business plan.
- The extent to which the organisation is changing sustainable practices within its employee, customer and supplier base, by means of a "closed loop" integration of whole of life waste management process.
- Incorporation of comprehensive techniques or practices (e.g. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Responsible Disposal) within its core business.
- Demonstration that the organisation is consulting and involving employees, peers and other stakeholders through open, accurate and clear reporting of its activities and their impact on the environment.
- The extent to which the organisation reports its environmental/sustainability performance through the undertaking of progressive waste audits/ and or the monitoring of other Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- Clear demonstration of a commitment to incorporating environmental/sustainability aspects into the core business, thus contributing to future sustainability.



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in Waste Management in North Queensland
(Rossko)**

2011 NOMINATION FORM

The Undersigned hereby submit this nomination for consideration for the 2011 Rossko Award.

Details of Nominee

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| Name of Person/Organisation | |
| Position | |
| Organisation/Employer | |
| Postal Address | |
| Telephone | |
| E-Mail | |

Details of Nominating Person

Please Note: If as for **Details of Nominee** only 'Name', 'Signature' and 'Date' fields require completion

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| Name | |
| Signature | |
| Position | |
| Organisation/Employer | |
| Postal Address | |
| Telephone | |
| E-Mail | |

Please post completed **NOMINATION FORM** and **brief SUPPORTING STATEMENT** to:

*Ms Mary Field
LAWMAC Secretary
PO Box 47M
MANUNDA Q 4870*

Or email to: dmfield@bigpond.net.au

Prior to 31st August 2011

The selection committee may not consider nominations received after this date.