

## GD2: CCC's Rheodytes Award

### Introduction

Capricorn Conservation Council (CCC) has recently introduced the Rheodytes Award to recognise a person, family or group that is doing, or has done, something positive for the environment – an Environmental Champion.

There are many people in our Capricorn community who carry out dedicated environmental and/or conservation work and rarely get any recognition. The Rheodytes Award will be presented each quarter and will be a mechanism for CCC to publicly show appreciation to the dedicated and hard-working people in our community that do make a positive difference to our environment.

The presentation of the award every three months also benefits CCC through:

- Maintaining a connection to on-ground environmental activity in the community,
- Boosting our reputation as an organisation that cares and actively supports positive environmental action, and
- Demonstrating that we are an active voice for the environment through media generated by the award.

This policy has been prepared to provide guidance to the CCC Committee in determining the recipient of any Rheodytes Award.

### Nominations for award recipients

The recipients of first three Rheodytes Awards will be based on nominations put forward by CCC committee members and/or the CCC Coordinator. This will allow the CCC Committee to trial and improve the selection criteria provided in this document.

Subsequent award nominations will be called for from the broader community through social media and also through the CCC newsletter, The Topic of Capricorn. The revised selection criteria will be provided to assist in community nominations of potential award recipients. CCC committee members and staff will also be entitled to continue to submit nominations for assessment.

Current or recent (was a Committee member within the previous year) CCC Committee members will be ineligible for nomination for the Rheodytes Award.

## Assessment of nominations

Nominations will be assessed by the CCC committee, either during a formal meeting, or out of session – whichever is the more practical.

The key criteria, all of which must be demonstrated are that the:

- award nominee is from the Capricorn community,
- project or work is improving, or has improved, the Central Queensland environment,
- main purpose of the work is, or was, not for personal financial gain, and
- work represents a high level of personal commitment.

Nominations that meet these criteria become short-listed nominations for the Committee to prioritise and identify the nomination they consider to be the worthiest of receiving the award. Ideally this will be reached through consensus, but if not, a ballot will be used to decide the award winner.

The following criteria may assist in the discussion and the ranking of the eligible nominations:

- novel or innovative idea,
- provided an environmental service to the public,
- engaged other people in the environmental work/project,
- assisted in the environmental education of others,
- restored habitat for local wildlife,
- increased the protection of native plants, animals or habitat, and/or
- enhanced the landscape amenity of an area.

Shortlisted nominations which were not successful in being selected for the Rheodytes Award are to be held and reconsidered in future award assessment processes.

## Policy review

This policy will require review after each of the first three awards have been decided to incorporate lessons learnt and new ideas generated during assessment.

## Revision history

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