

Michael Norman

Michael Norman from the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum (JCCCF) was the winner of the Outstanding Coastal Leadership award. The judging panel particularly commended Michael on his ability to inspire and engage a high level of interest and involvement throughout the broader community. Michael has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the coastal and marine environment, provided an advocacy role and inspired and assisted others to contribute to coastal planning and management.

The JCCCF is a multifaceted community volunteer coast care organisation, active in on-ground revegetation projects and in campaigning on a broad spectrum of environmental issues in

the City of Joondalup. The group was formed in 2000 and Michael Norman was a founding member and chairman for the last four years. JCCCF has played a key role in dune stabilisation and successfully implemented the Sorrento dune rehabilitation project.

Michael has organised intensive weeding and planting projects and installed signage to inform beach users of the work in progress. He has encouraged involvement of local organisations including Sacred Heart College, Sorrento Primary School, Whitfords Rotary Club, Friends of Warwick Bushland, AQWA and Australian Conservation Volunteers. Michael has conducted site tours for the mayor of the City of Joondalup and the Federal Minister for the Environment, Senator Ian Campbell.



Michael's daughter Melanie, an environmental scientist, nominated him for the Outstanding Coastal Leadership award.

"I was thrilled to win the award and very impressed with the magnificent hand-crafted glass trophy!" Michael said.

Roebuck Bay Working Group

Roebuck Bay Working Group won the Outstanding Community Group Effort award in 2007 for their significant contribution to the improvement of the local coastal and marine environment; group effort in achieving a common goal and assisting in capacity building of participants; sense of ownership of the coast by the local community; environmental and cultural awareness; and successfully completing one or more projects and its identified objectives.

The Roebuck Bay Working Group is an active and growing community group in Broome working to achieve sustainable management of Roebuck Bay. The group, formed in 2004, is a collaboration of traditional owners and indigenous representatives, government agencies, industry groups, community organisations and local government.

The judging panel congratulate the Roebuck Bay Working Group for their considerable progress in achieving their goals of building local capacity to care for the natural and cultural heritage of Roebuck Bay in Broome. The panel

recognises the strong commitment to community involvement and especially indigenous engagement.



Tangaroa Blue Ocean Care Society

Tangaroa Blue Ocean Care Society representative, Wally Smith, was proud to attend the fourth State Coastal Conference and awards night in Denmark.

"During the coastal forum and conference the dedication, commitment and achievements of all coast care groups became very evident," Wally said.

"To be able to accept the special commendation award for Outstanding

Community Group Effort on behalf of our group was very encouraging and helped fuel some further intense networking which has already generated some important benefits."

The judging panel were impressed by Tangaroa Blue Ocean Care Society's South West Marine Debris Project, targeting marine debris along the cape-to-cape coastline. Although site specific, this program has far-reaching influences even outside Australia.

For more than four years this non-profit marine conservation organisation has worked on ways of reducing the amount of marine debris in our oceans.

"In the last year we have been supported by hundreds of volunteers, government agencies, industry and through funding from Coastwest, Keep Australia Beautiful Council and the South West Catchments Council."

Since 2004 more than 600 volunteers have removed more than 130 000 pieces of marine debris from the south-west coastline.

