

# 2011 KOOKABURRA AWARDS

**Saturday 5 November 2011, at the Barwon Edge Boathouse, Newtown Geelong**

Ralph Angelico, Parks Victoria Gembrook Office, who has been the Friends of Kurth Kiln Contact Ranger for ten years, nominated the Group for the "Kookaburra Community Partnership Award".

- The Kookaburra Awards recognise and honour individuals and groups who have made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the Victorian park system.
- Raise awareness of the extent and importance of community involvement in the Victorian park system.
- Encourage community involvement in the future development and conservation and use of the park system.



Awards are presented every second year to Parks Victoria volunteers and Community groups in recognition and thanks for their commitment to the overall health of Victoria's parks. Their work is essential to the management of our precious natural resources, with tree planting, education programs and projects, conservation work and assisting with general park maintenance. Noel Harvey, Parks Victoria Board Member, and Donna Petrovich MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Environment, announced the winning individuals and groups who have made an

outstanding contribution to the Victorian park system. Ms Petrovich said the nominations and awards were a great way to acknowledge the many volunteers who contribute their time and expertise across the park estates managed by Parks Victoria.

Ian Walker, Director Healthy Parks at Parks Victoria, in his address mentioned, that the "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" motto has now been accepted world wide. Ian also said, that the many volunteer hours, over 190,000 in the past year, are invaluable in maintaining and improving the Parks.

The Friends of Kurth Kiln were Runners-Up in the Kookaburra Community Partnership Award category: "**For Conservation, Preservation and Educational Activities at Kurth Kiln Regional Park**". The ceremony was followed by a photo session, a delicious lunch and opportunities to exchange ideas and thoughts amongst the various groups.

At the Kurth Kiln November meeting our Nomination Certificate and the Trophy were given to Ralph Angelico and Andy Musgrove for display at the Parks Victoria Gembrook Office. The Community Partnership Runner-up certificate is mounted inside the Big Shed.



The Friends of Kurth Kiln sincerely thank Ralph Angelico and Parks Victoria Gembrook Office for nominating our group, and the Parks Victoria Award Committee for including the Friends of Kurth Kiln in their considerations.