

## QFF REEF AWARDS

*Recognise exemplary efforts to improve farming practices contributing to improving quality of water entering the GBR.*

*Since 2008, agricultural industry groups, regional natural resource management bodies, rural land managers and the Australian Government have been working together to implement enhanced land management practices that improve the quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef Lagoon. The 2017 Reef Alliance Awards will recognise and celebrate the achievements and efforts of outstanding individuals who have participated in the Australian Government Reef Programme and/or Reef Trust Initiative.*

### SIX CATEGORIES

- **Reef Nutrient Management Award**– *Recognises individual or farming enterprise’s exemplary efforts in improving farming practices to improve water quality through the reduction of nutrients.*
- **Reef Sediment Management Award**– *Recognises an individual or farming enterprise’s exemplary efforts in improving farming practices to improve water quality through the reduction of sediments.*
- **Reef Pesticide Management Award**– *Recognises an individual or farming enterprise’s exemplary efforts in improving farming practices to improve water quality through the reduction of pesticides.*
- **Reef Conservation Award**– *Recognises an individual or farming enterprise’s exemplary efforts in implementing rehabilitation and or restoration projects to improve the environment and quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef.*
- **Reef Extension Officer’s Award**–*Recognises an extension officer’s exemplary efforts in working with landholder/s to improve their farming practices contributing to improving the quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef.*
- **The Prince of Wales Environment Leadership - Reef Sustainability Award** –*Recognizes an individual or group’s exemplary efforts above and beyond the call of duty to raise awareness, foster knowledge-sharing, and engage local communities in sustainable natural resource management to protect and preserve the Great Barrier Reef.*

### REEF NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT AWARD - JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Tell us how you have improved your farming practices to improve water quality through the reduction of **nutrients**. Please include details of activities, any innovative or best management practices. (300 words).
2. How have the change’s you have implemented benefited you personally (e.g. cost savings, improved products, more free time, increased profits, quality of life)? Please provide examples. (300 words).
3. How have you shared your learning’s and experiences with other groups and landholders in your area? Include things like participation at field days, workshops etc. (300 words).

### **REEF SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT AWARD - JUDGING CRITERIA**

1. Tell us how you have improved your farming practices to improve water quality through the reduction of **sediment**. Please include details of activities, any innovative or best management practices. (300 words).
2. How have the change's you have implemented benefited you personally (e.g. cost savings, improved products, more free time, increased profits, quality of life)? Please provide examples. (300 words).
3. How have you shared your learning's and experiences with other groups and landholders in your area? Include things like participation at field days, workshops etc. (300 words).

### **REEF PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT AWARD - JUDGING CRITERIA**

1. Tell us how you have improved your farming practices to improve water quality through the reduction of **pesticides**. Please include details of activities, any innovative or best management practices. (300 words).
2. How have the change's you have implemented benefited you personally (e.g. cost savings, improved products, more free time, increased profits, quality of life)? Please provide examples. (300 words).
3. How have you shared your learning's and experiences with other groups and landholders in your area? Include things like participation at field days, workshops etc. (300 words).

### **REEF CONSERVATION AWARD - JUDGING CRITERIA**

1. Tell us how you have implemented rehabilitation and or restoration projects to improve the environment and quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef. Please include details of activities, any innovative methods used. (300 words).
2. How have the change's you have implemented benefited you personally (e.g. cost savings, improved products, more free time, increased profits, quality of life)? Please provide examples. (300 words).
3. How have you shared your learning's and experiences implementing on -ground projects with other groups and landholders in your area? Include things like participation at field days, workshops etc. (300 words).

### **REEF EXTENSION OFFICER'S AWARD - JUDGING CRITERIA**

1. Tell us of an achievement that you are proud of where your work with a landholder/s to improve their farming practices has had a significant impact on reducing paddock losses, contributing to improving the quality of water entering the receiving waters of the Great Barrier Reef. (300 words).
2. How have you shared your learning's and experiences with other extension officer's in your region and others? What is one of the key things you have learnt through this process? (300 words).

### **THE PRINCE OF WALES ENVIRONMENT LEADERSHIP - REEF SUSTAINABILITY AWARD - CRITERIA**

Describe your combined efforts and achievements in nutrient, sediment and pesticide management and conservation (integrated approach to reef impact), how you may have increased wider community and farmer awareness and participation, how some of your work has the potential to be scaled or how you have collaborated/partnered to generate collective impact.