

## Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group Newsletter No. 25

Binalong  
Landcare Meeting  
19/2/01  
Guest speaker:  
Dr. Mark  
Longsdale  
Topic: The two  
sides of GMO's  
(Genetically  
Modified  
Organism)

### Points of interest

- Greening the Grainbelt application form return 9/2/01
- Chemcert & refresher courses
- St. Johns Wort
- Database
- Bird Survey
- ChemCollect – collection of unwanted farm chemicals Harden anticipated Thursday 5 April.
- Farm planning

### Database

The 1999 data for wheat and canola is still being analyzed by Charles Kidd, hopefully a report will be mailed prior to sowing next year.

We are hoping to be far more efficient with the 2000 data and a form will be mailed to wheat and canola growers early in the new year and your earliest response will ensure quicker analysis

## NHT Funding – Greening the Grainbelt

### Natural Heritage Trust FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR 2001/02

Funding for the National Heritage Trust has been announced. Your Committee thinks that it would be appropriate to apply for a large scale fencing project again this year. The guide lines are very stringent and the applicants *must* carry out the works that they agree to by joining this project. This project will be funded with public money, the activities funded will be inspected at some stage in 2002. See attached documents if you would like to participate in this project, these forms must be completed and returned to me by **9 FEBRUARY, 2001, late applications will not be accepted**, your earliest return of the form would be greatly appreciated.

To have HMLG support for any other project that you wish to put forward for NHT funding, separate to GtG, the application must be tabled at the HMLG meeting on 15/02/01, Commercial Hotel, Harden 8pm

Please contact me for application forms should you wish to apply for money under a separate project or form available at <http://www.nht.gov.au/whats-new.html>



Congratulations to winners of  
the 2000 HMLG Landcare Award  
John Flanery & Sons



### Bird Survey

It has been suggested that HMLG get involved with the Bird Atlas survey project.

There are several different survey methods, with the 2-ha search being designed to monitor the birds populations. You will need to choose a site of about 2-ha area and record the birds seen and heard within the area during 20 minutes. A habitat form can be completed which will allow us to relate the birds recorded to the habitat. If monthly or seasonal visits can be made to the site then the changes in birds distributions can be investigated over time. You will be able to request your data as well as other data in your area or in similar habitats etc

If you would like to be involved please contact me.

*Wishing all a very merry Christmas and Prosperous 2001. If you know someone who would like to join HMLG application forms are now available in all rural outlets.*

