

THE PUNNET TRAY

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Calling for nominations for:

The NSW Buerckner & Stephenson Local Government Weed Professional Awards & NSW Weed Industry Award

The Weed Society of New South Wales is calling for nominations for the NSW Buerckner & Stephenson Local Government Weed Professional Awards and the NSW Weed Industry Award which acknowledge the work of Weed Professionals and their outstanding contribution towards protecting NSW from the impacts of weeds.

The awards will be presented at the 19th NSW Biennial Weeds Conference, held in Armidale from 16 to 19 October 2017. **Closing date for nominations 30 June 2017.**

The 2017 Awards

The **Buerckner Award** for outstanding contribution to the on-ground control of weeds in NSW.

The **Stephenson Award** for outstanding contribution to planning and coordinating weed management programs in NSW.

The **NSW Weed Industry Award** for outstanding contributions from a weed professional to planning and coordinating weed management programs in NSW.

Nomination forms for each Award will be available from April 2017 from The Weeds Society of New South Wales Inc. website at <http://nswweedsoc.org.au> or Conference website <http://conferencecompany.com.au/weedsconference/>

Read through the eligibility criteria for the awards to ensure your nomination meets the criteria, decide on the award category and complete the appropriate nomination form. Make sure all sections of the nomination form are completed and contact details for the nominee and the person nominating are included in the application. Please note, the person nominating may be contacted during the judging process. **Need help email: khignell@lakemac.nsw.gov.au**

Prizes & conditions for 2017 Awardees

The winners of these awards will each receive a presentation medal and a perpetual trophy to enjoy for the next two years. For the NSW Buerckner & Stephenson Awards, the Weed Society of NSW and the NSW Weeds Officers Association have each generously donated \$500.00 to each winner to be used towards travel costs to attend the 20th NSW Biennial Weeds Conference in 2019 or the 21st Australasian Weeds Conference in Sydney in 2018. For the NSW Weed Industry Award, the Weed Society of NSW has donated \$500.00 to the winner to be used towards travel costs to attend the 20th NSW Biennial Weeds Conference in 2019 or the 21st Australasian Weeds Conference in Sydney in 2018.

To claim the \$500 prize of the donating Society, the winner must be a current financial member of the donating Society (NSW Weeds Officers Association or The Weed Society of New South Wales Inc.), and continuously been a financial member for more than one year. The total prize to each winner is \$1,000 if the winners are a member of both organisations. Winner must gain their employer's approval to attend the conference and, if the employer does not grant approval, the money may be used towards training costs.



**These Awards proudly supported by
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Hudson pear, *Cylindropuntia rosea*, is an invasive cactus of central Mexican origin which poses a threat to Australian agricultural enterprises, biodiversity conservation and human and animal health. A weed with the potential to colonise large areas of inland Australia. Image: Royce Holtkamp.

19th NSW Weeds Conference, Armidale



- **Registrations Open** 16 April, 2017
- **Early Bird Registration Closes** 1 September, 2017
- **Registrations Close** 9 October, 2017
- **Conference Dates** 16-19 October, 2017
- **Welcome Reception** 16 October, 2017
- **Conference Dinner** 18 October 2017

Conference Website:

<http://conferencecompany.com.au/weedsconference/>



2017 Society Details

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