

Environmental Volunteer Celebration

28 February 2016 at Burrinja in Upwey

On Sunday February 28 the annual Environmental Volunteer Celebration was held at Burrinja in Upwey. Six members of the Friends of Kurth Kiln attended

Yarra Ranges Council was represented by three Councillors - the Mayor Cr Callanan, Cr Cox, Cr Clarke and seven Parks and Environment staff who wanted to show their appreciation of the work and dedication of the environmental volunteers.

The master of ceremonies was Rod Quantock with over 115 environmental volunteers representing 40 groups attended. Rod mentioned that Yarra Ranges is extremely lucky to have a large and active group of people helping to protect the environment.

Rod had the audience in stitches as he went around the groups and attendees and highlighted the wonderful efforts they put in to caring for our environment and local reserves. As well as verbal recognition each participant received a gift of an indigenous plant and some yummy coffee and tea.

Award winner for 2016 included:

Environmentalist of the Year - Jenny Saulwick;

Ken McIntosh Memorial Award for the Young Environmental Achiever - Jasmine Andrews

Best Friend Award (Victorian Environmental Friends Network) - Morris Maxwell

The Friends of Kurth Kiln thank the Yarra Ranges for the enjoyable afternoon and early evening and the opportunity to catch up with other groups.