

APPLICATION
& NOMINATION

2015 Form

CARBON FARMERS OF AUSTRALIA
PRESENTS



NATIONAL
carbon 2015
COCKY AWARDS

AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER

*Rewarding Outstanding Achievement
in Carbon Farming and Emissions Reduction*

OPEN TO ALL
LANDHOLDERS AND OTHERS
IN AUSTRALIA WHO ARE ACHIEVING
EXCELLENCE IN CARBON FARMING
TECHNIQUES AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION

See award categories inside!

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2015
THE COMMERCIAL CLUB
ALBURY NSW

PROUD TO BE PART OF



**national
carbon farming**
CONFERENCE & EXPO 2015



AWARD CATEGORIES

National Carbon Cocky Award
for Outstanding Achievement in
Soil Carbon Sequestration

National Carbon Cocky Award
for Outstanding Achievement in
**Increased Tree/Native
Vegetation Carbon Sequestration**

National Carbon Cocky Award
for Outstanding
Product of the Year

National Carbon Cocky Award
for Outstanding
Innovation or Invention

National Carbon Cocky Award
for Outstanding
Leadership

National Carbon Cocky Award
for Outstanding Achievement by a
**Primary Producer
in Emissions Reduction**

National Carbon Cocky Award for
Outstanding Achievement by a
**Non-Primary Producer
in Emissions Reduction**

National Carbon Cocky Award for
Outstanding Performance in
**Carbon Trading
Project Management**

**National Young
Carbon Cocky
of the Year Award**

**National Carbon
Cocky Rising
Star Award**

**National Carbon
Cocky of the
Year Award**



2015 Hall of Fame Induction

How to use this form

- ***You may apply yourself OR you may nominate another landholder or others***
- Select an Award category - *page 3 and page 4*
- Complete the whole Application Form - *page 3* OR the whole Nomination Form - *page 4*
- Prepare supporting documents
- Use the form checklists - *page 14*
- Submit your application

Your Application Form

This form is for YOU to apply for the Awards.

Want to nominate another Landholder or Others? Proceed to next page

Your Details as Applicant

Title Mr Mrs Ms

First Name/s _____ Surname _____

Full Name of Legal Land Owner (if different from above) _____

Legal Trading Name (if applicable) _____

Postal Address (of applicant) _____

Town/State _____ Postcode _____

Phone (A/H) _____ Phone (B/H) _____ Mobile _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Referee/s (optional) _____ Phone _____

Property Details

Property Name: _____

Distance/direction to property from nearest town (e.g. 15km south west of Bathurst): _____

Total size of property (ha): _____ Land Tenure (e.g. Freehold, Leasehold etc): _____

Lease Details: _____

Lot & DP Details _____

Parish _____ County _____ Local Government Area _____

Which award/s do you wish to apply for? (Please tick one or more):

- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Achievement in Soil Carbon Sequestration*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Achievement in Increased Tree/Native Vegetation Carbon Sequestration*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Product of the Year*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Innovation or Invention*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Leadership*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Achievement by a Primary Producer in Emissions Reduction*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Achievement by a Non - Primary Producer in Emissions Reduction*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Performance in Carbon Trading Project Management*

Winners of the following Awards will be also announced:

• National Carbon Cocky of the Year Award

- National Young Carbon Cocky of the Year Award
- National Carbon Cocky Rising Star Award
- Inductee to the Carbon Farming Hall of Fame 2015

Your **NOMINATION FORM**

This form is for you to nominate a LANDHOLDER or OTHERS for the Awards

***Carbon Farmers of Australia
will advise your Nominee of your Nomination
and
invite them to complete an Application Form***

Details of your chosen Nominee

Title Mr Mrs Ms

First Name/s _____ Surname _____

Name of Land Owner (if different from above) _____

Trading Name /Property Name _____

Postal Address (of nominee) _____

Town/State _____ Postcode _____

Phone (A/H) _____ Phone (B/H) _____ Mobile _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Which award/s do you wish to enter your Nominee in? (Please tick one or more):

- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Achievement in Soil Carbon Sequestration*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Achievement in Increased Tree/Native Vegetation Carbon Sequestration*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Product of the Year*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Innovation or Invention*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Leadership*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Achievement by a Primary Producer in Emissions Reduction*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Achievement by a Non - Primary Producer in Emissions Reduction*
- National Carbon Cocky Award for *Outstanding Performance in Carbon Trading Project Management*

Your details (as Nominator)

Title Mr Mrs Ms

First Name/s _____ Surname _____

Trading Name of Nominator (if applicable) _____

Postal Address (of Nominator) _____

Town/State _____ Postcode _____

Phone (A/H) _____ Phone (B/H) _____ Mobile _____

Fax _____ Email _____

How do the Awards work?

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
5.30pm Monday 15th JUNE 2015**

The National Carbon Cocky Awards are open to all landholders and others in Australia who are achieving excellence in Carbon Farming and Emissions Reduction techniques which deliver improved soil carbon sequestration and water management OR who have developed innovative techniques OR inventions to improve farm based carbon storage OR emissions reduction .

What is up for grabs?

- Personalised trophy for the Winner of each Award
- Products and/or services courtesy of Award Sponsor- for the Winner of each Award
- One complimentary ticket for each finalist attending the National Carbon Cocky Awards Gala Dinner

NATIONAL CARBON COCKY of THE YEAR Award

This Award will be presented to the primary producer or landholder who has demonstrated overall excellence in understanding, implementing and achieving outstanding results in the management of land based carbon storage and carbon emission reductions.

How do you apply yourself OR nominate another landholder?

Complete the Application Form (page 3 of this Application & Nomination document)

OR nominate another Landholder by completing the Nomination Form (page 4 of the Application & Nomination document).

Applicants may choose to nominate themselves in all or any of the eight Award Categories.

For assistance in completing your Application or Nomination form,
please call Jan on **02 6882 1425** or 0429 821 425

Applications

All applications submitted by landholders or businesses are required to demonstrate how they have met the judging criteria, or are working towards meeting the criteria. Please keep your submissions clear and concise. To be eligible you do not have to fulfil every criterion. These are listed as a guide. All nominations are welcome.

Assessment

A Carbon Farmers of Australia (CFA) representative will contact you regarding your application. Your application is then forwarded to an independent expert panel for assessment.

You will be assessed against a standard set of criteria to determine your potential to deliver improved soil carbon, water management OR your creativity in developing innovative techniques or inventions to improve farm based sequestration or emissions reduction OR assess the positive outcomes achieved as a result of the support and product your business delivers to landholders.

When will the Award Winners be announced?

- The judges will choose up to 5 Finalists for eight of the Awards with selection criteria. All Finalists will be invited to attend the National Carbon Cocky Gala Awards Dinner... to be held on Wednesday 8th July in Albury, as the social event of the Carbon Farming Conference & Expo 2015. Finalists of each Award will be presented with a Certificate on stage, and then the Winner of each Award will be announced and presented with a personalised trophy and product and/or services Gift Voucher courtesy of the Award Sponsor.
- The winners of the other four Awards will be selected from the total pool of applications received.

AWARD CATEGORIES & JUDGING CRITERIA

AWARD 1

National CARBON COCKY AWARD For Outstanding Achievement in SOIL CARBON SEQUESTRATION

This award will be presented to a primary producer or landholder involved in primary production who demonstrates a measured increase in soil carbon levels... and has adopted land management practices that are recognised to increase soil carbon.

Judging Criteria

To be eligible you do not have to fulfil every criterion. These are listed as a guide. All nominations are welcome.

1. The applicant has achieved successful adoption of innovative practices that are generally recognised to increase soil carbon levels and that deliver improved productivity, and demonstrate the principles that need to be used in land management to increase soil carbon levels
Eg: • Ground cover • Perenniality • Balanced nutrition • Soil management • Biodiversity... in pasture species and rotation of crops
2. The applicant can measure increases in soil carbon levels. OR demonstrate innovative practices OR activities that delivers improved productivity and commercial outcomes while at the same time is improving natural resource management. If possible attach records for judges' information
3. The applicant has implemented restoration of the productive capacity of the soil.
4. The applicant has demonstrated commitment to the long term health and performance of the soil.
5. The applicant has adopted a learning attitude towards biosequestration and biodiversity.

AWARD 1 SUMMARY (please attach supportive documentation, graphs or photos)

Ensure that you include the important issues you are addressing and the works and activities you are undertaking. This summary will be forwarded to the assessment panel for its determination.

AWARD 2

National CARBON COCKY AWARD For Outstanding Achievement in INCREASED TREE / NATIVE VEGETATION CARBON SEQUESTRATION

This award will be presented to a primary producer, landholder or group involved in major vegetation improvement who demonstrates a measured increase in tree carbon levels and restored native vegetation... and has adopted land management practices to ensure carbon levels will be built and maintained.

Judging Criteria

To be eligible you do not have to fulfil every criterion. These are listed as a guide. All nominations are welcome.

1. The applicant can measure increases in tree carbon levels or has implemented planning processes or projects to increase tree carbon levels. If possible attach records for judges' information.
2. The applicant has implemented planning processes or projects to achieve restoration of native vegetation and the productive capacity of the land.
3. The applicant has demonstrated commitment to the long term health and performance of natural resources including trees.
4. The applicant has adopted a learning attitude towards natural resource management and shown leadership in encouraging the farming community to engage with natural resource improvements.

AWARD 2 SUMMARY (please attach supportive documentation, graphs or photos)

Ensure that you include the important issues you are addressing and the works and activities you are undertaking. This summary will be forwarded to the assessment panel for its determination.

AWARD 3

National CARBON COCKY AWARD For Outstanding PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

This award will be presented to a business or organisation who has developed a product and/or processes to improve natural resource management and/or land based carbon storage or emissions reduction.

Judging Criteria

To be eligible you do not have to fulfil every criterion. These are listed as a guide. All nominations are welcome.

1. The applicant has successfully developed a product or a service/process that delivers improved productivity and commercial outcomes in farm operations, improves natural resource management and or reduces emissions. This can be demonstrated by:
 - i. Development of products and/or services not previously applied to primary production;
 - ii. Delivering products and/or services for primary production that were previously only being researched;
 - iii. Developing products and/or services that will improve productivity and natural resource management outcomes.
 - iv. Inventing or pioneering new products and/or services which could increase soil carbon levels and/or emissions reduction.
2. The applicant has shared their discoveries with the agricultural community.
3. The applicant is committed to supporting land and other sectors to achieving long term health of the soil, increasing soil sequestration and/or reducing emissions.

AWARD 3 SUMMARY (please attach supportive documentation, graphs or photos)

Ensure that you include the important issues you are addressing and the works and activities you are undertaking. This summary will be forwarded to the assessment panel for its determination.

AWARD 4
National CARBON COCKY AWARD
For Outstanding
INNOVATION OR INVENTION

This award will be presented to a primary producer or landholder involved in primary production **add in** who implements innovative practices or an invention to improve natural resource management and land based carbon storage.

Judging Criteria

To be eligible you do not have to fulfil every criterion. These are listed as a guide. All nominations are welcome.

1. The applicant has successfully adopted innovative practices or activities that delivers improved productivity and commercial outcomes while at the same time is improving natural resource management
2. The applicant has implemented innovative practices that will improve productivity outcomes in t farm operations. This can be demonstrated by:
 - v. Use of techniques not previously applied in their geographic area to primary production;
 - vi. Application of practices in primary production that were previously only being researched;
 - vii. Developing techniques that will improve productivity and natural resource management outcomes.
 - viii. Inventing or pioneering new techniques and practices which could increase soil carbon levels and soil health.
3. The applicant has shared their discoveries with the agricultural community.
4. The applicant demonstrates a commitment to the long term health and performance of the soil.
5. The applicant has adopted a learning attitude towards biosequestration and biodiversity..... co-operating with nature... understanding the landscape and practising and managing agriculture ecological systems on their land.

AWARD 4 SUMMARY (please attach supportive documentation, graphs or photos)

Ensure that you include the important issues you are addressing and the works and activities you are undertaking. This summary will be forwarded to the assessment panel for its determination.

AWARD 5

National CARBON COCKY AWARD
For Outstanding
LEADERSHIP

This award will be presented to a primary producer or landholder involved in primary production who demonstrates a learning attitude and sharing their knowledge of sustainable farming practices and increased land based carbon storage.

Judging Criteria

To be eligible you do not have to fulfil every criterion. These are listed as a guide. All nominations are welcome.

1. Inspirational leadership in the education and advocacy of carbon farming in Australia.
2. Deliver a positive pathway to achieve best farm practice and increased land based carbon storage.
3. Facilitation of partnerships between farmers, industry, NRM regional bodies, Landcare, government and communities... sharing knowledge on carbon farming science management and/or policy.
4. Making a positive contribution by giving time and energy to mentor and provide encouragement to others.
5. Developing successful enterprises or opportunities to build stronger farming communities
6. Formed partnerships, sought advice and worked with others to promote soil health as a worthwhile focus for any farmer.
7. Demonstrating by their actions a sense of responsibility for promoting the role of soil carbon in sustainable agriculture.
8. Earn recognition and respect from peers for their contribution and knowledge.

AWARD 5 SUMMARY (please attach supportive documentation, graphs or photos)

Ensure that you include the important issues you are addressing and the works and activities you are undertaking. This summary will be forwarded to the assessment panel for its determination.

AWARD 6

***National CARBON COCKY AWARD*
For Outstanding Achievement by a
PRIMARY PRODUCER IN EMISSIONS REDUCTION**

This award will be presented to a primary producer of farmer whose farm management practices demonstrate a reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases.

Judging Criteria

To be eligible you do not have to fulfil every criterion. These are listed as a guide. All nominations are welcome.

1. Develop a whole of farm Green House Gases emissions profile.
2. Adapt new technologies and practices that reduce Green House Gases emissions
3. Demonstrate commitment to long term reduction in Green House Gases emissions.

AWARD 6 SUMMARY (please attach supportive documentation, graphs or photos)

Ensure that you include the important issues you are addressing and the works and activities you are undertaking. This summary will be forwarded to the assessment panel for its determination.

AWARD 7

National CARBON COCKY AWARD
For Outstanding Achievement by a
NON PRIMARY PRODUCER IN EMISSIONS REDUCTION

This award will be presented to a primary industry service provider who has demonstrated good practices in the reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases.

Judging Criteria

To be eligible you do not have to fulfil every criterion. These are listed as a guide. All nominations are welcome.

1. Adapt new technologies and practices that reduce Green House Gases emissions
2. Install and monitor new systems that reduce Green House Gases emissions
3. Develop positive environment product/s of benefit to the soil and/or improve environmental management
4. Demonstrate commitment to long term reduction in Green House Gases emissions in the agriculture industry

AWARD 7 SUMMARY (please attach supportive documentation, graphs or photos)

Ensure that you include the important issues you are addressing and the works and activities you are undertaking. This summary will be forwarded to the assessment panel for its determination.

AWARD 8

National CARBON COCKY AWARD
For Outstanding Performance in
CARBON TRADING PROJECT MANAGEMENT

This award will be presented to an Individual or Company who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to deliver accepted Projects under Australian Climate Policy, which benefits Rural and Regional Australia and achieves Sequestration or Emissions Reduction.

Judging Criteria

To be eligible you do not have to fulfil every criterion. These are listed as a guide. All nominations are welcome.

1. Have developed one or more projects which have been accepted into an Australian Government carbon trading policy (CFI, ERF or other)
2. Shown industry commitment or leadership by their actions.
3. Demonstrate commitment to long term mentoring/monitoring of Farmers who have committed to the Projects.

AWARD 8 SUMMARY (please attach supportive documentation, graphs or photos)

Ensure that you include the important issues you are addressing and the works and activities you are undertaking. This summary will be forwarded to the assessment panel for its determination.

Your Award Application *CHECK LIST*

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WHICH AWARD CATEGORIES ARE YOU ENTERING?

- Outstanding Achievement in Soil Carbon Sequestration
- Outstanding Achievement in Tree/Native Vegetation Carbon Sequestration
- Outstanding Product of the Year
- Outstanding Innovation or Invention
- Outstanding Leadership
- Outstanding Achievement by a Primary Producer in Emissions Reduction
- Outstanding Achievement by a Non-Primary Producer in Emissions Reduction
- Outstanding Performance in Carbon Trading Project Management

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National Carbon Cocky Rising Star Award
Inductee to the Carbon Farming Hall of Fame 2014

1. Check that your application is complete
2. Attach your supporting documentation, graphs or photos
3. Post to National Carbon Cocky Awards 2015 PO Box 640 DUBBO. NSW 2830
4. or Email to jan@carbonfarmersofaustralia.com.au
5. or Fax to 02 6882 0504

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