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ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS PROGRAM RECOGNISED AT LANDCARE AWARDS

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia's (RGA) Environmental Champions Program has been recognised at the Murrumbidgee Regional Landcare Awards held in Wagga Wagga on Wednesday.

The program, which is one of the RGA's flagship programs to coordinate improved environmental management and stewardship, was awarded the Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award.

RGA President, Les Gordon, said he is delighted that the value of the Environmental Champions Program has been recognised.

"The Environmental Champions Program has been running for 12 years and connects environmental performance with better farm business performance, through a five level achievement program," Mr Gordon said.

"This award is a great achievement for the RGA team and honours the contribution and commitment the RGA and the participating rice farmers have made to improving environmental outcomes."

Part of the award is an invitation for a delegate to attend the 2013 Landcare and Catchment Management Forum in Newcastle on 3-5 September 2013.

"The Environmental Champions Program is an important program and we are continuously engaging with growers, industry and partner organisations such as Landcare to review how the program is delivered to ensure it remains relevant into the future," Mr Gordon said.

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