



## Media Release

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**Wildlife Queensland Bayside Branch** Cicada Awards – *Wildlife Film and Animation Excellence Award* winners were announced today.

Wildlife Queensland Bayside Branch was looking across the Redlands for little films with a big heart and they found them.

Mr. Simon Baltais State President for Wildlife Queensland said, “The Bayside Branch was looking for film or animation that helped educate people about our wildlife and flora. These films would nourish or inspire, touch the spirit, make us wonder, laugh or shed a tear. Such a film would show how we can help and provide hope for wildlife.”

“In this the inaugural Cicada Awards we were very impressed with the level of competition and enthusiasm; it made a tough job for our judges headed up by Cr Debra Henry from Redland City Council”, said Mr. Baltais.

Mr. Baltais said, “It is important to note that this year’s Cicada Awards honours long time Redlands resident Bob Douglas a gentleman, educator and environmental advocate.”

The winners of the best film went to Tatjana Trotter (17) and Paris Ormerod (17) from Alexandra Hills State High School. Tatjana and Paris produced a wonderful documentary about our mangroves. Second prize went to Ronin Bell-Brooks, Anastacia-Sky Celona-March and Mitchel King from Bay View State School for their innovative animation about how to make our backyard safe for koalas. Third prize was shared between Olivia O'Connor and Alessia Napolitano from Bay View State School and Lexy and Leah Lever from St Rita’s Catholic Primary School. Best koala film went to Vogue Tanglao, Kiara Carbone, Kate von Euw and Yasmin Sequeria from St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School and best film about streams, rivers and wetlands went to Zoe Mauerhan, Elysia Brookhouse and Tanaya Clark also from St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School.

Wildlife Queensland Bayside was so impressed with the enthusiasm and energy in Redland students that they will run a new competition in 2012.



Left to right (Back row) Cr Debra Henry (representing the judges), the best film winners Tatjana Trotter (17) and Paris Ormerod (17).

Left to right (front row) Zoe Mauerhan, Leah Lever (8) and Lexy Lever (10), Kiara Carbone (10) and Kate von Euw (10)



Nathan Burley (teacher Bay View State School), Cr Debra Henry (representing the judges) and Simon Baltais (Wildlife Queensland)

Students (Left to Right): Third prize winners Alessia Napolitano and Olivia O'Connor, Second prize winners Ronin Bell-Brooks, Anastacia-Sky Celona-March and Mitchel King all from Bay View State School.

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