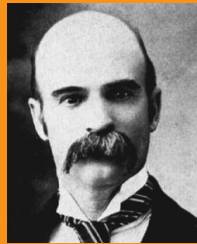




# FROGGATT AWARD 2018

The Froggatt Awards are named in honour of Australian entomologist Walter Froggatt, who, when the cane toad was released into Australia in the 1930s to control beetle infestations in the sugar cane industry, was a lone voice, lobbying the federal government to exercise caution.



At the time Walter wrote that 'this great toad, immune from enemies, omnivorous in its habits, and breeding all year round, may become as great a pest as the rabbit or cactus'.

His lobbying efforts were initially successful, but overturned in 1936, and cane toads were released throughout the sugar cane regions of Queensland.

The rest is history.

Now, invasive species have become one of the largest threats facing Australia's natural environment, but their continued arrival and spread is all too often neglected as a conservation issue.

It was this realisation in 2002 that spurred a number of committed environmentalists to create the Invasive Species Council.

The Froggatt awards are given to those who have made a major contribution to protecting Australia's native plants and animals, ecosystems and people from dangerous new invasive species.

## AWARD CATEGORY CONTROL & ERADICATION

Awarded to the **Tarrangower Cactus Control Group** for their energetic and innovative efforts at controlling and eliminating cactus from Victoria and beyond.

For 13 years the cactus warriors have implemented a collaborative, community-based approach to wheel cactus control. They have succeeded in mobilising landscape-wide control through training, land owner awareness raising, knowledge sharing, technological innovations and strategy development.

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