



Ian Stewart Rural Innovation Award

Australia's primary industries have a strong tradition of being innovative and adaptive to new challenges. They have proven to be highly efficient and competitive in international markets. The outlook for the Australian primary industries sector is strong, with the world's demand for food rising, driven by population growth and calls for higher quality and greater variety of food, and biofuels. Long standing Dairy Farmers Farm Advisor Ian Stewart planted the seed for this event many years ago after he and his wife Judy visited a small farms field day in Western Australia. Ian believed that the day could focus on the innovation, energy and enthusiasm being injected into this arena of rural growth in North Queensland.

Necessity is the mother of invention, and "bush ingenuity" has long been part of Australian legend. This competition recognises the individual for their ingenuity and contribution to rural innovation.

Guidelines and Conditions of Entry

- This is a Rural Innovation Award, so all entries must have practical on-farm or general rural applications. Organisers reserve the right to reject any entry that does not meet this condition.
- A significant modification
- Entries close at **Noon 11th November**
- All entries must be brought to the 'Rural Innovations Paddock' at the Malanda Small Farms Field Day and be displayed ready for judging by 8am on Saturday November 12th 2016. Entries must remain on display until the end of the Field Day at 4pm
- To ensure the best chance for your entry, make sure that you bring along signs, banners, pictures, handouts -anything that helps describe your Invention/Innovation
 - Name of Innovation
 - Name of Innovator/s
 - Brief story behind the innovation – what it does, why is it needed, who helped, when did you have the idea, how long did it take to get it to this stage, and how do you intend to get your idea to market?
 - Contact information – do you need investors to get your idea to market?
- All entrants must make themselves available with their entry to be judged from 8am to midday on Saturday November 12th 2016.
- All competition entries will be introduced to the public after midday and winner/s announced.
- The innovation must be based on a new and original idea of the entrant, although assistance with development /production is acceptable. Entrants must warrant that they are the legal or authorised owner of the invention/innovation.
- It is NOT a requirement of this competition that entries be covered by a patent or patent application. A patent verifies the invention is unique, and establishes a clear title of ownership and it is the entrant's responsibility to understand the implications of public disclosure before the intellectual property rights have been secured. <http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/>
- Entrants may submit more than one invention however a separate application must be completed for each one
- It is the responsibility of entrants to arrange transport, accommodation and any demonstration equipment they may require. Please supply you own tables, chairs, and shelter.
Malanda Small Farms Field Day Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any entry which does not abide by the conditions or general spirit of the competition.
- Judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.