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2009 NATIONAL RIVERPRIZE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Four outstanding river management projects have been announced as finalists in the prestigious International Riverfoundation National Riverprize. Proudly supported by the Australian Federal Government under its Water for the Future plan, Riverprize is this year worth \$200,000.

The four finalists, selected for their outstanding efforts to restore waterways:

1. Oxley Creek, Queensland – submitted by a community group that has established outstanding industry partnerships in order to protect the catchment of Oxley Creek from pollution and degradation;
2. Great Ocean Road estuaries, Victoria – submitted by the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, which leads an initiative to ensure the protection and sustainable development of the Great Ocean Road estuaries;
3. Potterwalkagee Creek, Victoria – submitted by Mallee Catchment Management Authority for protecting the environmental values of Potterwalkagee Creek, an anabranch of the Murray River; and
4. Wilson Inlet, Western Australia – submitted by the Catchment Committee for the collaborative effort to reduce the nutrient input into the inlet.

National Riverprize Judging Panel Chair, Mrs Leith Bouilly, says it is a close race, with very little disparity between scores.

The winner of the 2009 National Riverprize will be announced at a gala award presentation dinner on Tuesday 22 September, 2009, at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, during the 12th International Riversymposium (21-24 September, 2009).

International Riverfoundation is a proud partner of the International Riversymposium – a vibrant four day international event that brings together key players in river management from a wide range of science, education, governmental, NGO and business backgrounds from around the world to share and discuss the latest developments in river, lake and wetlands management.

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