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This year our Pride of Australia Medal has recognised some very special Australians. These people have been recognised for their outstanding bravery, inspiration, heroism, care and compassion, courage, leadership, community and environmental contribution. Now you have a chance to choose the most deserving recipient from each of the state winners to receive the People's Choice Award – brought to you by Toyota Camry. Between today and Monday, October 8 you can choose a person from each of the ten categories. The medallist with the most votes will receive the People's Choice Award at the National Pride of Australia ceremony in October. Today we introduce the recipients for the Environment Medal. To vote go to www.prideofaustralia.com.au.

KIM HANDS

Kim has dedicated the past four years to stopping over 135,000 cane toads from entering the Kimberley, as the campaign manager for Stop the Toad Foundation. In 2010, the 32-year-old was instrumental in building a trial toad-proof fence at Emma Gorge in the El Questro Wilderness.



GILL BROWNHILL

Gill has poured her passion – and savings – into caring for injured wildlife. The energetic grandmother runs the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre which has cared for more than 20,000 birds, marsupials and reptiles since 1997. The centre is applauded by wildlife professionals who recognise its commitment to excellence.



This Sunday meet our Fair Go recipients, including George Fomba, who helps Liberian immigrants adjust to new surrounds.

TEHREE & HAMISH GORDON

Tehree and Hamish have taken in wounded wildlife at the Jirrahlinga Koala and Wildlife Sanctuary for decades. The two cared for hundreds of animals after Ash Wednesday, mortgaged their house to create a dingo sanctuary and in addition to this, they have also assisted 36 disadvantaged Victorians get back on their feet. Last year Hamish risked his life to rescue several koalas from a fire in the sanctuary's hospital.



DANIEL & WILLIAM CLARKE

Daniel suffers from cerebral palsy but it hasn't stopped him from striving to fulfil his dream of saving the habitat of the orang-utans of Borneo. His little brother William has joined Daniel on the crusade and together they have already raised \$600,000 on the way to a goal of \$1 million. They have lobbied politicians, appeared on TV and are working towards addressing the United Nations.

CHRIS PEBERDY

Chris volunteers his time catching snakes across Darwin, ensuring their safe removal and relocation. Passionate about our native wildlife and its crucial role in the ecosystem, Chris is on call 24-hours a day to assist residents with the removal of unwanted or injured reptiles. He is also a dedicated volunteer fire-fighter and wildlife campaigner.



BRUCE & WENDY ANDREW

Since moving to Tasmania over 20 years ago, husband and wife team Bruce and Wendy have worked tirelessly to keep Tasmania beautiful. They are the driving force behind the Tranmere/Clarence Plains Coastcare group, raising funds for working bees and regeneration projects while also raising awareness of coastcare issues in schools and other community groups.



DOROTHY LONGDEN

Dorothy has played an instrumental role in developing initiatives to help preserve South Australia's precious wildlife. In 2003, Dorothy opened the not-for-profit organisation – Granite Island Penguin Rehabilitation Centre. Since its opening, Dorothy has been responsible for nursing hundreds of penguins which would otherwise have been put down.

The choice is yours

Vote now for the most deserving recipient in each category. The medallist with the most votes will receive the Pride of Australia People's Choice Award along with \$10,000 cash and \$10,000 for their nominated charity brought to you by Toyota Camry, built by Australians for Australians.

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