

# CRCA 2008 Excellence in Innovation Awards

A highlight of the Conference was the presentation, by Senator Carr, of the CRC Awards for Excellence in Innovation. This marks the tenth year of the awards, which recognise outstanding examples of the transfer of research results, knowledge, processes and technology from the researcher to the research user and in so doing help deliver innovation for Australia. The 2008 winners chosen for application and use of research included: the CRC for Molecular Plant Breeding, the CRC for Greenhouse Gas Technologies, and the CRC for Oral Health Science. The Education award for innovation in education, training and outreach activities went to the CRC for Sustainable Resource Processing.

## 2008 Awards went to:

**CRC for Molecular Plant Breeding** for their 'Cross Outcome Prediction' Project. The cross prediction technology developed by the CRC allows breeders to reduce the time required for plant breeding and is now used routinely by many of the largest Australian breeding programs, delivering significant cost savings to breeders.

**CRC for Greenhouse Gas Technologies** for 'The CO2CRC Otway Project'. The Otway project of the CO2CRC is an Australian first and a world-leading greenhouse gas technology demonstration project, which will geologically store 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> at a depth of 2km in western Victoria. CO2CRC has taken the concept of carbon capture and storage in Australia from a fringe idea to one that is now a vital component of government and industry greenhouse policy nationally and internationally.

**CRC for Oral Health Science** for 'Tooth Mousse Plus' Project. Tooth Mousse Plus is the world's first commercially available product to improve the effectiveness of topically-applied fluoride for teeth and gums and is now recommended to patients by dentists in 35 countries.

**CRC for Sustainable Resource Processing** for innovation in education, training and public outreach activities for their Teacher Professional Development Program. Their program is an effective tool in addressing the decline in the number of young people studying the physical sciences.

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Left to Right: Mr Ken Seymour (Extractive Metallurgy, Murdoch University), Dr Dan Churach (Education Manager, CSRP) and Dr Nicholas Welham (University of Ballarat) with their award for leading the CSRP Teacher Program. Photo courtesy of CSRP.