

Ambrose Crawford's Pioneering work at Lumley Park, Alstonville recognised

On Saturday 22 September 2018 SERA (Society of Ecological Regenerators Australasia) conference participants, and the extended family of Ambrose Crawford, commemorated that Lumley Park Alstonville is the oldest ecological restoration project in Australia, probably the world.

Ambrose started the project in 1935 and, with the help of others, established "A Preserve for Native Trees".

Ballina Greens MLA, Tamara Smith, presented the framed commemorative award to Ambrose's grandson, Stan Dudgeon. Fittingly the event took place under the rainforest trees in Lumley Park.

Conference participants then walked through the Park and finally proceeded to other local rainforests at Victoria Park and Brockley.

Ambrose's home, "Olivene", is still standing in Wardell Road, Alstonville, lovingly restored and preserved for the community by the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society.