

## Dusty toil rewarded

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The Lillecrapp family used to shovel the dust out of their Todmorden station homestead near Oodnadatta when the dust storms arrived in the mid-1960s.

Three decades later the station is a model property after yesterday winning the Ibis Award, the State's most prestigious environmental commendation for land management.

The award and \$5000 for winning the State and pastoral zone section was presented to Mr Douglas Lillecrapp and his father Mr Gordon Lillecrapp at the South Australian Farmers Federation conference in Adelaide yesterday. The station is about the 10th largest in the State, measuring about 100km from east to west and 60km from north to south.

"We used to have horrific dust storms when I was a child," Mrs Mary-Anne McMichael, a daughter of Mrs Lillecrapp, recalled yesterday.

The judges said they were particularly impressed by the sensitive relationship between cattle management and the highly dynamic and fragile ecosystem on the property.