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APPLICATIONS FOR \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP BEING ACCEPTED

Applications are now being accepted for the Western Catchment Management Authority's 2009 Russel Harland Memorial Scholarship.

Western CMA General Manager, Daryl Green, says the Scholarship is awarded each year to a university student from NSW who displays strong personal, community and educational commitment to rural or regional areas and particularly the Western Catchment.

"Students should be undertaking their first degree and returning for their second (or higher) year of study in the areas of agriculture, natural resources, Indigenous or cultural heritage studies, communication or business," Mr Green said.

"Under the terms of the scholarship, the successful applicant receives \$5,000 per year for up to three years. They complete at least four weeks paid employment for the Western CMA each year.

"Once he or she has completed their studies, they will be contracted to work with the Western CMA for at least one year, at a location to be negotiated," Mr Green said.

An application form is available at www.western.cma.nsw.gov.au and applications will be accepted until March 20, 2009.

The Russel Harland Memorial Scholarship has been supporting students for the past three years.

Jemma Odewahn received the Scholarship for 2008 and is currently studying Environmental Science at the Albury-Wodonga campus of Charles Sturt University. Jemma started her first work placement with the Western CMA today and will be based at the Cobar office until late December.

The 2007 recipient, Jenny Sandow, continued working towards completing a Bachelor of Environmental Studies at Adelaide University and undertook a number of work placements for the Western CMA during her university holidays.

Matt Goulton, who received the inaugural scholarship in 2006, completed his degree in Applied Science in Parks, Recreation and Heritage Areas from Charles Sturt University and earlier this year began full-time work as the Western CMA's Community Support Officer in the Walgett office.

The scholarship is named in memory of Russel Harland, a stalwart of natural resources management in the Western Catchment, who passed away suddenly at the age of 44 in November, 2002.

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Captions:

Jemma Odewahn, the 2008 recipient, will undertake her first work-placement from the **Cobar** Western CMA office during November-December.

Jenny Sandow of **Milparinka** was the 2007 recipient.

Matt Goulton, the 2006 recipient, is photographed while undertaking cacti mapping in the **Broken Hill** area. Matt has spent 2008 working full-time at the Western CMA's **Walgett** office.

