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ONE MONTH LEFT TO APPLY FOR \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Only one month remains for university students to apply for the Western Catchment Management Authority's \$5,000 Russel Harland Memorial Scholarship.

Western CMA Chair, Rory Treweeke, says applications will be accepted until March 20.

"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," Mr Treweeke said.

"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.

"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 Treweeke said.

An application form and more information about the scholarship is available at www.western.cma.nsw.gov.au

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 undertook a work-placement at the Western CMA's Cobar Office during the summer holidays.

The 2007 recipient, Jenny Sandow, is completing her honours year of 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. He is now employed as the Western CMA's Community Support Officer in the Broken Hill office after transferring from the Walgett office where he worked in 2008.

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, undertook her first work-placement at the **Cobar** Western CMA office during November-December 2008.

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

Matt Goulton, the 2006 recipient, is employed as the Community Support Officer at the Western CMA's **Broken Hill** office.

