

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Experts show winning work**

Two winning approaches to management of the Great Southern's natural resources were on show at the inaugural GSDC Medal field day on Tuesday 13 August.

Native plant agronomist Dr Geoff Woodall and weed expert John Moore demonstrated and explained their work at the field day and luncheon, which was opened by Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) Deputy Chairman Kim Barrow.

Dr Woodall and Mr Moore are the most recent winners of the Medal for Excellence in Natural Resource Management.

Mr Moore was awarded the 2011 GSDC Medal for his work on controlling invasive weeds in the Great Southern.

At the field day, held at the Department of Agriculture and Food in Albany, Mr Moore demonstrated the Herbicopter remote controlled spraying unit that can treat weed infestations in inaccessible areas, a project that he developed with the assistance of the grant that accompanied his medal win.

Dr Woodall, the 2010 GSDC Medal winner, showed the CommVeg Series II seeding machine with adaptations for sowing native plant crops, the development of which was aided by the grant awarded with his medal win.

GSDC Board Chairman Peter Rundle said the field day was an opportunity for people interested in natural resource management to keep up with developments.

"Innovative work is taking place in the region and many people are interested in finding out about it," Mr Rundle said.

"Winners of the GSDC Medal are acknowledged leaders in natural resource management and their presentations are inspiring and educational for the field day audience," Mr Rundle said.

The field day was the first event of the revamped GSDC Medal schedule, under which the prestigious award will be made every second year.



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In alternate years, the recipients of previous awards will feature at an informal lunch event where their work in natural resource management will be highlighted.

The 2013 field day and luncheon event was also supported by WA Museum Albany and the Department of Agriculture and Food.

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