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Medal search starts

Nominations are now open for the prestigious GSDC Medal, which brings a \$12,000 grant package for an innovator or leader in natural resource management in the Great Southern.

The sterling silver medal and its associated grants are awarded by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) to recognise and advance good management of the region's natural resources.

Potential nominees include farmers, scientists, business people, community organisers or anyone else who shows exemplary practice in natural resource management.

Guidelines and forms for the nomination process are available on the GSDC website at www.gsdc.wa.gov.au.

Nominations close at 4.30pm on Wednesday 26 February.

Following the close of nominations, a medal assessment panel will develop a shortlist of three finalists, who will be interviewed in April and celebrated at a gala award presentation dinner in May.

Each finalist receives a certificate and a \$2000 grant towards their natural resource management work, and the winner receives the medal and a further grant of \$10,000.

For the first time, the GSDC Medal has a Twitter presence, at Twitter: @NRM_Medal, which will provide updates on the nomination and assessment process and the work of the winner and finalists.

Upcoming medal events such as field days and the presentation dinner will also be publicised via Twitter.

The immediate past winner of the GSDC Medal is John Moore, a weed scientist with the Department of Agriculture, and passionate Sydney golden wattle eradicator.



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Other recent winners include native plant agronomist Dr Geoff Woodall, community leader and malleefowl protector Susanne Dennings and Woodanilling farmer Russel Thomson.

The GSDC Medal is awarded every two years, and in alternate years the medallists' work is featured at a GSDC Medal field day.

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