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Biennial honour for NRM leaders

A review of the Great Southern's most prestigious natural resource management award has recommended a change to a biennial presentation.

From 2002 to 2011, the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) conducted an annual search for the region's most innovative and inspiring natural resource manager.

The winner received the GSDC Medal for Excellence in Natural Resource Management, comprising a sterling silver medal and a \$10,000 grant to further his or her work in natural resource management.

Past winners include farmers, scientists and community leaders.

A review in 2012 examined the timing and nomination procedures for the award and recommended conducting the process every two years.

In the alternate years, an informal luncheon will be held to showcase the work of the previous recipient.

Due to the timing of the review, the next GSDC Medal will be awarded in 2014.

A luncheon on 13 August 2013 will honour 2011 GSDC Medal recipient John Moore and showcase his work in weed control, along with the native food crop research of 2010 winner Geoff Woodall.

Details of the nomination process for the 2014 award will be posted on the GSDC website later this year at www.gsdc.wa.gov.au.

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