

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Spotlight on science**

Penguins, whitebait, weeds and woodlands will be under the microscope at the Great Southern Great Science conference on Friday 10 August.

Great Southern Great Science, supported by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) since its inception in 2010, presents a broad survey of scientific endeavour in the Great Southern.

The 2012 conference, run by the Great Southern Science Council through the Centre of Excellence in Natural Resource Management (CENRM), will be held at the Albany Entertainment Centre Kalyenup Studio from 8.30am.

Topics under discussion include the recent rescue of northern rockhopper penguins in Denmark, early detection and diagnosis of cancer in rural areas, herbicide resistance, social aspects of dieback control, and carbon-funded restoration of native woodlands.

Presentations feature representatives from the WA Museum, Rural Clinical School, CENRM, South Coast NRM, Department of Agriculture and Food, and Threshold Environmental Pty Ltd.

GSDC Board Chairperson Peter Rundle said the conference was always informative and inspiring .

“Research undertaken in the Great Southern is making significant contributions to Australia’s scientific knowledge,” Mr Rundle said.

“Great Southern Great Science brings the fine work of regional researchers to public attention.

“It is particularly pleasing that high school students play a role at the conferences, presenting their own research and being inspired by hearing about scientific enquiry taking place in their own region, which can only augur well for the future of science in the Great Southern,” Mr Rundle said.

Great Southern Great Science is also supported by South Coast NRM, Department of Water, Department of Environment and Conservation, and the WA Museum.



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Tickets for Great Southern Great Science are available from the Albany Entertainment Centre.

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