

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Search starts for medal nominees**

Leaders, innovators and experienced practitioners of natural resource management are eligible for the 2016 award of the Great Southern's prestigious GSDC Medal.

Nominations for the 2016 GSDC Medal opened on Monday 2 November and will close on Wednesday 17 February 2016.

Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) Chairman Peter Rundle said the winner of the award would receive a sterling silver medal and a total of \$12,000 in grant support for his or her NRM work.

"The GSDC Medal was first awarded in 2002, and we are now calling for nominations for the twelfth recipient," Mr Rundle said.

"I encourage anyone connected to natural resource management in the Great Southern to consider nominating someone who stands out in their field and deserves recognition and support for their work.

"Nominees can come from any kind of resource management activity, including agriculture, research, business, education, environmental care or related endeavours," Mr Rundle said.

The GSDC Medal is awarded every second year. The 2014 winner was south coast innovator and environmental educator Gary Muir. Past winners include farmers, environmental leaders and scientists.

Nomination forms are available on the GSDC Medal page of [www.gsdc.wa.gov.au](http://www.gsdc.wa.gov.au) or by phoning the GSDC on 9821 3211.

Upon the close of nominations, an independent judging panel selects and assesses three finalists. Each finalist receives a \$2,000 grant to support his or her NRM activities.

The 2016 GSDC Medal winner will be announced at a function on Friday 27 May 2016.

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