

## 2010 - University Student Grants Scheme - winners

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia is delighted to announce the winners of the ten grants of \$1,000 each to honours or postgraduate students conducting research that will contribute to the conservation of Australian wildlife. The winners for 2010 are:

**Bronwyn Fancourt** - School of Zoology, University of Tasmania.

**Project** - “Spatial and temporal variation in declining eastern quoll (*Dasyurus viverrinus*) populations in Tasmania”

**Chrystal Mantyka-Pringle** - School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Management Centre for Spatial Environmental Research (CSER), University of Queensland.

**Project** - “Decision making for conserving freshwater biodiversity under climate change and land-use change”

**Helen Waudby** - School of Natural & Built Environments, University of South Australia.

**Project** - “The role of cracking clay soils in maintaining fauna and flora biodiversity in the arid rangelands of South Australia”

**Joanna Burgar** - Murdoch University.

**Project** - “Bat succession in restored Bauxite mine sites of the Jarrah Forest”

**Katherine Selwood** - Fenner School of Environment and Society, ANU College of Medicine, Biology & Environment, Australian National University, Canberra.

**Project** - “Reptile and beetle communities in a fragmented landscape: does emigration increase extinction risk?” **Note: Unfortunately Katherine has had to withdraw from the Grants Scheme.**

**Martin Breed** - University of Adelaide.

**Project** - “Developing best practice approaches for restoring River Murray forest ecosystems that are resilient to climate change”

**Sophie Arnall** - School of Animal Biology (M092), University of Western Australia.

**Project** - “Ecoenergetics of the Western swamp tortoise: modelling the translocation viability of Australia’s rarest reptile”

**Tracey Moore** - Centre of Excellence for Climate Change, Woodland and Forest Health, School of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, Murdoch University.

**Project** - “Is the decline in health of *Eucalyptus wandoo* impacting wildlife?”

**Ruchira Somaweera** - School of Biological Sciences, University of Sydney.

**Project** - “Assessing the level of impact of cane toads on Australian freshwater crocodiles”

**Erica Todd** - School of Marine and Tropical Biology, James Cook University, Townsville.

**Project** - “Assessing the long-term impacts of river regulation on ecologically diverse Australian freshwater turtles”