

2016 – University Student Grants Scheme – winners

The Australian Wildlife Society's University Research Grants are scholarships offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities. Each year, ten grants of \$1,500 are awarded. Grants are available for research projects of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian wildlife; plant or animal. Grants may be used for the purchase of equipment and consumables, travel expenses related to field research, or attendance at conferences at which you are presenting your work.

The Australian Wildlife Society is delighted to announce the winners of the ten grants of \$1,500 each to honours or postgraduate students conducting research that will contribute to the conservation of Australian wildlife. The winners for 2016 are:

Hannah Bannister, The University of Adelaide

Project title: Identifying successful reintroduction techniques for brushtail possums (*Trichosurus vulpecula*) in a semi-arid environment.

Anicee Lombal, School of Biological Sciences, University of Tasmania

Project title: Re-establishment plan of Providence petrels (*Pterodroma solandri*) on Norfolk Island

Donald McKnight, James Cook University, Townsville

Project title: Do bacterial immune defences drive the recovery of threatened frog populations?

Gary Palmer, Griffith University

Project title: Seed predators in rainforests: What are they eating, and how are they influenced by forest fragmentation?

Lauren Roman, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), University of Tasmania

Project title: "We've had a gutful of this rubbish" Population-level effects of plastic ingestion in Australasian seabirds

Emily Roy-Dufresne, The University of Adelaide

Project title: Mapping the distribution of the European rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) in Australia using occurrence data from targeted and non-targeted field studies

Monique Smith, The University of Adelaide

Project title: Interactions between native and introduced grass species in the context of restoration of grassy habitats

Patrick Taggart, The University of Adelaide

Project title: Investigating correlates of *Toxoplasma gondii* infection to explain its higher seroprevalence on Kangaroo Island

Jack Tatler, The University of Adelaide

Project title: Spying on Dingoes in the desert - New insights into the behaviour energetics and resource selection of free ranging dingoes - *Canis lupus dingo*

Luke Tilley, The University of Adelaide

Project title: Potential impacts of Western Quolls (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) on in situ species at Arid Recovery