

## Elliott Newspaper Group Honours Scholarship 2011



*The Elliott Newspaper Group, in conjunction with the Murray Darling Environmental Foundation and The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre, will be providing an Honours student scholarship in 2011.*

*The scholarship supports current Honours level students conducting research into issues important to the sustainability of river systems within the Murray-Darling Basin.*

*The scholarship is valued at \$4700 to fund both the research (\$2200) and the student (\$2500).*

### **Background Information:**

Since 2004, the Elliott Newspaper Group has been the generous provider of this scholarship.

The Murray Darling Environmental Foundation administers the funds as part of their vision to encourage projects aimed at assisting the rehabilitation and sustainable management of land and water resources across the Murray-Darling Basin.

The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre (MDFRC) aims to undertake research to facilitate the sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems. Our vision is healthy productive aquatic ecosystems that are managed in a sustainable manner.

The mission of the MDFRC is to generate the scientific knowledge required to enable the sustainable management of water and associated environmental resources of the Murray-Darling Basin. We do this through the generation, synthesis and communication of scientific knowledge.

The MDFRC are proud to be involved in the selection of the recipient for this annual Elliott Newspaper Group Honours Scholarship.

For more information on the Murray Darling Association visit [www.mda.asn.au](http://www.mda.asn.au)

For more information on The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre visit [www.mdfrc.org.au](http://www.mdfrc.org.au)

**Purpose of the Scholarship:**

To foster research that addresses environmental management issues relevant to the rivers of the Murray-Darling Basin and the associated wetland and floodplain environments.

**Number of Scholarships:**

One scholarship will be awarded each year.

**Eligibility:**

All students undertaking honours in 2011 (starting in either first or second semester) whose project is relevant to the purpose of the scholarship.

**Terms and Conditions:**

- Upon completion of their honours project, successful applicants are required to lodge a bound copy of their (accepted) thesis with The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre. Applicants are also required to deliver a seminar to the MDFRC at the completion of their project.
  
- Applicants will forfeit the scholarship and will be obliged to repay the portion of the stipend for the semester in question under the following circumstances:
  - a) Failure to complete all requirements for award of the Honours degree
  - b) Failure to pass all assessment tasks required for award of the Honours degree
  
- The Applicant will also be required to make themselves available to journalists from the Elliott Newspaper Group, so that articles can be published on the research being undertaken.
  
- The successful applicant must acknowledge sponsorship of the Elliott Newspaper Group and the contribution of the Murray Darling Environmental Foundation and The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre in all publicity and reports.

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## Application Form



### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given names: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Contact address: \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

At which University are you enrolled? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your Supervisor/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the recipient of any other scholarships towards your honours project?

**PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR HONOURS PROJECT AND HOW IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE SUSTAINABILITY OF RIVERS WITHIN THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN (Max 2 Page).**

**Post or email your application to:**

**Michelle Kavanagh**

**The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre**

**PO Box 3428**

**Mildura Vic 3502**

**[m.kavanagh@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:m.kavanagh@latrobe.edu.au)**

Envelopes must be clearly marked "Elliott Newspaper Group Honours Scholarship"

**CLOSING DATE: Monday 15 August 2011**