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**Winner of the 2010 Terry J. Hillman Honours Educational Prize
Announced**

Mr Slade Allen-Ankins will today (Friday 30 April) be presented with a cheque for \$3000 as the recipient of the 2010 *Terry J. Hillman Honours Educational Prize*, administered by The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre (MDFRC) in Wodonga.

The Honours Education Prize is named after Dr Terry Hillman, a former Director of the MDFRC, and the Educational Prize has been established to honour the contribution that Dr Hillman has made to freshwater ecology in the Albury-Wodonga region. This is the sixth year that the Educational Prize has been awarded and the Committee that assessed the five applications, was unanimous in awarding the Educational Prize to Slade.

Slade completed his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and Ecology at La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga campus last year, and was invited in December 2009 to undertake Honours in the Department of Environmental Management and Ecology at La Trobe University.

Slade will conduct the research component of his Honours degree at the MDFRC, where he will investigate the effect of turbidity on the feeding behavior of juvenile Murray cod. His Honours project forms part of a larger research program, led by Dr Rick Stoffels of MDFRC, aimed at determining the effect of turbidity on fish community structure in lowland rivers (funded by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority).

Slade will be supervised by Dr Stoffels of MDFRC and Dr Peter Pridmore of La Trobe University.

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Interviews and Pictures

The Media are invited to come to The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre (University Drive, Wodonga) at **10.00am** on **Friday 30 April 2010** to conduct interviews and/or photo opportunities with the recipient, Slade Allen-Ankins, together with Dr Terry Hillman, former Director of MDFRC.

The MDFRC is located in Building 8, closest to University Drive (with a yellow façade near the entrance door) – car parking available at the back of the building.

Please contact Rhonda Sinclair (MDFRC Knowledge and Communication Manager) on 0400 235 394 for any additional information.