

# New graduates join the team

**TWELVE** recruits have graduated from the Department of Conservation and Land Management's Graduate Recruit Training Program.

They took part in a 12-week program, at Dwellingup, where they learned about land management practices including skill development in fauna management, four wheel driving, planning and designing recreational areas and liaison with the community.

The graduates are: Alice Reveley (Jurien Bay), Pauline Southgate (Kensington), Brad Rushforth (Shark Bay), Paul Tholen (Yanchep), Damion Kuret (Albany), Christine Rumley (Bunbury), Andrew Rumley (Bunbury), Anthony Raudino (Bunbury), Kylie Ryan (Fremantle), Leigh Sage (Bunbury), Laurina Bullen (Kensington) and Kim Kershaw (Narrogin).

All have been appointed to posi-

tions throughout Western Australia.

Graduate Leigh Sage, who is now a dieback interpreter working from the Bunbury regional office for Forest Management Branch, won the Executive Director's Merit Award.

"It means so much to me to receive such recognition working for the organization I've aimed to be part of for so long," Leigh said.

"Especially as part of such a wonderful training program that has set me up on my chosen career path and given me a great group of life long friends -any one of which could have won this award."

A total of 259 young people applied to take part in this year's training program.

The selection criteria were rigorous, based on skill, attitude and even suitability to work alone in remote areas.

Each of these short courses has national accreditation and recognition.

The graduation ceremony was part of the Department's general awards ceremony to reward excellence in the organisation.

Winners included district managers, nature conservation officers, scientists and operations officers.

Award winners:

- Keynes Memorial Award (the most outstanding graduate recruit) - Pauline Southgate.
- Executive Director's Merit Award - Leigh Sage.
- Executive Director's Scholarship - Ken Howes.
- Dr George Malajczuk Sciences Scholarship - Stephen White.
- Seamus Mulholland Leadership Scholarship - Andrew Hill.
- The June Craig Award - Ingrid Hunt, Tammie Reid, Dr Margaret Byrne, Cheryl Cowell, Laura Beck.
- Lane-Poole Memorial Trust Award winner - Ian Dumbrell.



*Pictured, left to right, were Paul Tholen, Christine Rumley, Anthony Raudino, Peter Hill, Pauline Southgate, Brad Rushforth, Acting Executive Director Keiran McNamara, Leigh Sage, Environment and Heritage Minister Judy Edwards, Damion Kuret, Kylie Ryan, Alan Byrne, Kim Kershaw and Aaron Rumley. Photo by Ernie McLintock.*

