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## WA College of Agriculture Awards

**“Supporting Excellence of Education and Training”**

The purpose of these annual Awards is to recognize achievement and performance to launch the graduates into adulthood and independence.

By sponsoring an award to a deserving student you are reinforcing that their achievement is relevant and important. Farmsafe WA Alliance realises the importance of these Awards and endeavours to support the cause and assist the students and Colleges each year.

The 2010 Awards proved to be a major success as a higher level of financial support was forthcoming. This was made possible only due to the sponsorship provided by CSBP and WA Farmers. Both these sponsors provided sound financial backing towards the 2010 Awards and therefore each winning student was presented with a framed certificate of achievement, a show bag containing resources and gifts from both sponsors along with a cheque for a substantial amount.

**Congratulations to all the winning students!**

*Jeremy Kowald and Sarah Smith of WA College Denmark*

*Jacob Csohany of WA College Narrogin*

*Abigail Lindsay & Amy Cooling of WA College Bindoon*

*Jayden Chapman of WA College Harvey*

*Emma Robinson & Joshua Nelson of WA College Cunderdin*

*Jaimi Henderson of WA College Esperance*

*Shannan Parker & Anna Lowen of Kelmscott Senior High School*

## Farmsafe WA Alliance Safety Needs Survey

We are now coming to the final stages of our Safety Survey with findings expected prior to Christmas. Curtin University has kindly offered their help to conduct the final analysis on an in-kind basis to Farmsafe WA Alliance. We are extremely grateful for this generous support. Once this analysis is complete we intend to notify all our members and those who supported this Survey by completing the 320 questionnaires received.

We were fortunate to have the additional support of three sponsors who generously donated prizes for this campaign. Congratulations to our winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize** donated by Wanneroo Great Wall – Two Driza-Bone Bushmans' Jackets goes to Dr Thomas Popp of Rosedale, Narrogin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** donated by Good Earth Hotel Perth – Two nights overnight accommodation with full breakfast for two people goes to Darryl Richards of Quairading
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** donated by Mack1 Motorcycles - \$50 gift voucher goes to Sandy Pate of Lower Chittering

Thank you once again to our sponsors and to all those who took the time to complete the questionnaire and support our survey.



## Successful Funding Applications with Department of Health

Farmsafe WA Alliance has been successful in securing funding from the Department of Health to conduct four separate projects. All four projects, relating to Injury Prevention and Management, have to be implemented and evaluated this financial year so this will mean a very busy 7 month period ahead for the team.

The campaigns in question are:

- ◆ Addressing Emergency Care and Injury Management to be conducted in the South West Region
- ◆ Noise Injury Prevention and Management also to be conducted in the South West Region
- ◆ Developing Injury Prevention Programs for Farmers and Farm Workers aged over 55 to be conducted in the Wheatbelt Region
- ◆ Addressing Occupational Health and Safety Requirements on farms and farm properties to enhance understanding of responsibilities and legislative compliance to be conducted in the Wheatbelt Region

The most exciting elements of this financial support will enable Farmsafe WA Alliance to:

- ◆ Continue to reach our objectives which is protecting farming families and workers and improve business performance through better safety awareness and practices
- ◆ Extend our reach within the rural community
- ◆ Raise the awareness and lift the profile of the organisation to a much higher level
- ◆ Foster existing relationships within our network, a vital component for successful community development

Farmsafe WA Alliance is extremely grateful for this support from the Department of Health and appreciates this major opportunity to effectively improve the health and safety of the agricultural community in Western Australia.



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Health**  
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## Safe Play Areas on Farms Campaign

### Child Safety Forum 2010

Kidsafe WA and Royal Life Saving WA partnered once again in the second part of this year to deliver a series of child safety forums in the Great Southern Region.

A large number of playgroups, Telecentres, Family support groups and Community Centres were visited and given a joint presentation on how to keep our children safe on the roads, around water, at home and around rural properties.

Due to the lack of financial resources at this time, Farmsafe WA Alliance was not able to be directly involved in this campaign. However, through the generous support of Kidsafe WA and Royal Life Saving WA the Farmsafe WA resources for child safety on farms were distributed at each forum.

Farmsafe WA Alliance would like to thank our Alliance members for their ongoing support.

A child drowning prevention campaign is to be screened this summer on regional TV networks across Australia. The campaign is being conducted by the Australian Centre for Agricultural Health and Safety (ACAHS, University of Sydney) and is funded by the Australian Government. The Project has been guided by a reference group involving the RLSSA, Kidsafe, Kids Alive and Farmsafe Australia.

Farm dams are high risk drowning location for toddlers on farms. The Safe Play Areas on Farms TV Campaign, will promote securely fenced house yards or safe play areas on farms and rural properties. Safe play areas are a key under fives and rural drowning prevention solution endorsed by RLSSA, Kidsafe and the Australian Water Safety Strategy. Safe play areas on farms are also a key injury prevention solution for other forms of child injury, such as vehicle and machinery run over.

The face of the television advertising campaign will be Felicity Urquhart, 2010 female country music artist of the year and will be screened on the Golden West in WA.

Safe play area resources are available for farm families from the Farmsafe website or on request

Visit [www.farmsafewa.org](http://www.farmsafewa.org) or [www.farmsafe.org](http://www.farmsafe.org) or call us for further details on 9359 4118

### Please support Farmsafe WA Alliance

The income we receive through our members' annual subscriptions is vitally important to us. Your contributions will help us to effectively continue our work.

We are always keen to recruit more members, both corporate and individuals.

Visit our website, email us or call into our office on 9359 4118 for more information. We would be happy to hear from you.

Membership of our community based organisation Farmsafe WA Alliance supports the need to make agriculture a safer industry for the future. Please visit our website [www.farmsafewa.org](http://www.farmsafewa.org) and see how you can become a member.



## Farmsafe WA Alliance Staff Update

Alisa Lim has just moved from Tasmania where she worked as a Project/Contract Manager in the facility maintenance section of the Department of Education. She has also worked at TAFE Tasmania, providing educational programs to students such as fire services, horticulture, butchery, bakery and conservation. In addition, Alisa has worked at Horseland, Hobart and done a year at a cattle station in Queensland.

Alisa is currently studying for her Master of Business Administration and Master of Project Management by correspondence and hopes to successfully complete during 2010.

Alisa joined Farmsafe WA just three weeks ago and is really enjoying her role as Project Officer with particular emphasis on the four related projects recently funded by the Department of Health, all to be implemented and completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Alisa is looking forward to ensuring these projects are a complete success.

Monika Kegel and Alicia Hughes, the two Curtin University students who have recently completed their 100 hour Professional Practice Placement at Farmsafe WA Alliance will work alongside Alisa on these forthcoming projects.

Comments from EO, Sheila Payne.

"I am very pleased to be able to offer both Monika and Alicia fixed term employment and overjoyed they have accepted the challenge especially at this important time for the organisation. Monika and Alicia will work alongside Alisa as Projects Assistants for the next 7 month period. I am confident that we have secured a highly motivated, dedicated and skilled team to ensure that all four projects exceed our expectations."



## Christmas Greetings and Opening Hours



*Farmsafe WA Alliance committee and staff wish all its' member, supporters and associates a very  
Happy and Safe Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

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*Christmas to New Year business hours:  
Closed from Friday 4.30pm 24th December.  
Reopening on Tuesday 4th January 2011.*

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### Work Safety Awards winners lead the way in safety

The four winners of the prestigious 2010 Work Safety Awards Western Australia were announced recently.

Park Engineers, Salmat Pty Ltd, Pia Carter from the Department of Fisheries in Broome and Danny Norton from Sinclair Knight Merz are the winners of the three award categories and will now be entered into the national Safe Work Australia Awards.

WorkSafe WA Commissioner Nina Lyhne said today the four winners were terrific examples of the many excellent workplace innovations and occupational safety and health systems being developed in WA.

“These awards provide the opportunity for innovative Western Australians to gain national recognition for their achievements,” Ms Lyhne said.

“They recognise outstanding occupational safety and health management, solutions and innovation in both public and private sector workplaces in WA that reduce the risk of work-related injury and disease.

“Awards such as these are all about encouraging best practice in safety and health, and the winners are leading the way by making a significant contribution to making WA workplaces safer.”

Winners of the national Safe Work Australia Awards will be announced early in March 2011.

“Each of the category winners of the 2010 Work Safety WA Awards is a very worthy winner, and each now has the opportunity for their achievements to be recognised across Australia,” Ms Lyhne said.

### Worksafe Update—Working Safely in Hot Conditions



With summer approaching, now is a good time to consider the risks associated with working in hot condition. It is easy to under estimate the risks of heat stress and employers and workers should start thinking now about minimizing the risk of over heating.

In Western Australia , the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 requires employers to provide and maintain, as far as reasonable practical, a working environment in which workers are not exposed to hazard, including illness from working in heat. Workers are also required to take reasonable care to ensure their safety and health at work.

Heat stress is the total heat burden to which the body is subjected by both external and internal factors. The body must balance the heat transferred into the body, heat generated in the body and heat coming out of the body.

Heat illness occurs when the body cannot dispense the heat burden

sufficiently for normal functioning to be maintained.

Heat illness covers a range of medical conditions which include:

- heat stroke – a life threatening condition that requires immediate first aid and medical attention;
- fainting;
- heat exhaustion;
- heat cramps;
- rashes (also called ‘prickly heat’); and
- heat fatigue.



Signs of heat illness include feeling sick, nauseous, dizzy or weak. Clumsiness, collapse and convulsions can also be the result of heat illness and workers with these signs need to seek immediate medical attention. Working in hot conditions may aggravate pre-existing illnesses and conditions.

A bulletin providing practical advise for employers and workers of heat illness, related health and safety problems and advise, and measurements to prevent or minimise the likelihood of heat illness is available free of charge by calling Worksafe’s publication office on **(08) 9327 8775** and can also be downloaded from

**[www.worksafe.wa.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.wa.gov.au)**

# Being Seen Being Safe with High Visibility Vests

Lindsay Smoker, Corrigin farmer and Treasurer of Farmsafe WA Alliance provided these photos.

The Being Seen, Being Safe campaign has enabled a huge distribution of high visibility vests within and around the Corrigin community.

The photos clearly demonstrate the importance and effectiveness of wearing high visibility clothing whilst at work.



"If you can save one life a year" commented Lindsay "that will be a very good year".

Lindsay is also involved in the Corrigin Farm Improvement Group, received a large supply of high visibility vests for the local farming community.

The sponsor behind this great initiative was CBH Group who provided the funds for the production of these vests. A big Thank you CBH Group for your on-going support in helping to prevent injury in our rural community.



## Farmsafe WA Alliance appreciates continued support from:

Government of Western Australia  
Department of Health

CSBP

Countryman

Department of Agriculture and Food  
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PBF AUSTRALIA  
Membership Injury Prevention

ICCCWA  
Injury Control Council of Western Australia

Curtin  
University of Technology

WAFARMERS  
THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FARMERS FEDERATION

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## OH & S and legal implications

### 1. Induction training is law

Provide **induction training** to staff in your safe chemical procedures.

### 2. Risk Assessments are law

Written **risk assessment** of health risks for each hazardous substance stored and used.

### 3. Records you must keep

**10 records** you need to keep by law.

### 4. Law about labels & MSDSs

**Mandatory use statements** on labels are legally binding. You need to keep **up to date MSDSs** for each hazardous substance stored and used and have available for staff to read.

### 5. New DG Code

Changes in legal requirements for **transport, storage and handling of Dangerous Goods**.

### 6. Pesticides regulations

Proposed **national chemical use legislation** - changes coming soon. WA's Contaminated Sites Act – **finest of up to \$250,000** for contamination of land.

## Keep your environment safe

### 7. Clean up your act

**drumMUSTER** and **ChemClear**. Correct chemical storage and handling requirements.

### 8. Improve your efficacy

**Save money** with better efficacy. **New droplet size standards** are **legally binding**. Accurate calibration with our **free Hardi Calculator**.

**Delta T** to identify best spraying conditions.

**Nozzle selection** – your checklist. **Tank mixing** the latest recommendations.

### 9. Animal chemical changes

**MANY** changes in last 2 years affecting you.

### 10. Resistance – what's new?

Changes to **mode of action groups**. Practical steps to improve your **resistance strategies**.

“92% who attended accreditation courses and 83% on accreditation courses said they were likely to make changes in work practices as a result of training ... to storage and handling, risk management, legal issues, record keeping.”

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