

The Carnarvon  
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**ASPIRE2013**



## **ASPIRE2013 Science Scholarships**

Launched on 25 July by Prof Lyn Beazley AO FTSE - Chief Scientist of Western Australia

### **AWARD CATEGORIES**

There are three *ASPIRE2013* Science Scholarship categories. They include the following -

**ASPIRE2013 Merit Scholarship \$250** - For Year 10 students enrolling in one or more Year 11 & Year 12 matriculation units in science or mathematics, and enrolled in a Gascoyne school during 2014. The award is \$250 per annum for a duration of two years.

**ASPIRE2013 Encouragement Award \$500** - For Year 7 students who excel in their science or mathematic studies and will be enrolled in a Gascoyne school during 2014. The award is \$500, single payment.

**Dowling Giudici Bursary \$1,000** - For externally enrolled university students currently enrolled in a science, mathematics or engineering degree. The award is \$1,000, single payment.

**Application forms  
are available online at  
[www.carnarvonaspire.net](http://www.carnarvonaspire.net)**

### **Sponsorship Acknowledgment**

The *ASPIRE2013* partners of Dowling Giudici + Assoc., Horizon Power, Population Health (Gascoyne), are grateful for the financial contributions and support offered by the scholarship contributors including the Rotary Club of Carnarvon, Sea Change Apartments, Skippers Aviation, ThinkScope, Department of Commerce (Industry and Innovation).

The funds for *ASPIRE2013* Scholarships come from donations and fundraising including the **Science Week Quiz Night** on Fri 16 August.

### **Do you want to contribute to the ASPIRE Scholarship Program?**

Further financial contributions are welcome. Please direct your enquiries to the Scholarships Director on 0400 411 999.

### **Disclaimer Information**

Information in this document is correct at the time of publication. The right is reserved to change the terms and conditions of any of the scholarships. For the most up-to-date details always refer to the website at [www.carnarvonaspire.net](http://www.carnarvonaspire.net) The number of scholarships is limited and not all eligible applicants will receive an award. There will be no liability to the applicant or any other person for any loss or damage however caused and whether by negligence or oversight which may result directly or indirectly from the use of information in this document.

## What is a scholarship?

Offering scholarships is a way individuals or communities show support for excellence and perseverance in learning. They show respect and encouragement to students who aspire to knowledge and understanding.

Scholarships are a sum of money awarded to a student to assist them financially with their study. They are presented to applicants who show evidence of meeting requirements such as academic performance, work experience or community contributions, and persistent effort.

Scholarships have different closing dates and eligibility criteria. These must be checked carefully before completing the application form. Normally, there is also the requirement to provide additional documentation as proof of statements made in the application, for example a certified copy of academic record.

## Eligibility Criteria

Only students that are resident in the Gascoyne Region while studying are eligible to apply for the *ASPIRE2013* Science Scholarships. Conditions apply to the payment of the award amounts which will be issued at the commencement of the 2014 academic year.

## Who will assess the scholarship applications?

An independent panel of three assessors from outside the Gascoyne region will review the applications. They include Dr Trevor Ward, Ms Cecilia Connell and Ms Alex Grantham.

**Dr Trevor Ward** - Adjunct Professor in the Centre for Environmental Sustainability at the University of Technology Sydney. Dr Trevor Ward is an independent marine ecologist specialising in performance assessment systems for marine ecosystems and biodiversity. He has published more than 140 scientific journal papers, book chapters and research reports.

**Ms Cecilia McConnell** - Founding Partner at *ThinkScope*. Her expertise provides services in evaluation, policy and strategic planning services across Government, NFP and community sectors. Previously she was a Regional Director with the Department of Agriculture and Food. She has a science background in fluvial geomorphology and has worked in salinity research within Western Australia.

**Ms Alex Grantham** - Inaugural Director of *Commov*, specialising in regional development projects across Australia using network practices and facilitation techniques. Alex is a Communications graduate of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. She has worked extensively in community service and project management. Currently, Alex is in NSW pursuing regional development initiatives.

## General Conditions

The scholarships will be awarded on the ground of academic distinction. These awards are to fund a special academic purpose which will assist the student to enhance the quality of their science or maths learning. The *ASPIRE2013* partners reserve the right not to make an award or to award less than the applicant has requested.

**Application forms are available at each Gascoyne Shire Library-Resource Centre or online at [www.carnarvonaspire.net](http://www.carnarvonaspire.net)**

## Closing Date?

**12 Noon on Friday 23 August 2013**

## Application Requirements

1. A non-refundable application fee of \$20 applies to each application.
2. Applications, including supporting documents, are to be submitted as Word or PDF documents and **ONLY** lodged by email: [scholarships@carnarvonaspire.net](mailto:scholarships@carnarvonaspire.net)
3. The same Application is sufficient to be considered for all selected awards.
4. With the application include:
  - (a) a list of the PDF and/or Word documents that make up this application; (b) scans of your latest academic report or record which must be certified; and (c) an itemised budget of how the award money will be spent, where applicable.
5. For the Year 7 and Year 10 students only, please include:
  - (a) proof of your enrolment in a Gascoyne school; and (b) an academic reference from your school Principal or Science or Mathematics teacher.
6. For the external university students only, please include:
  - (a) proof of your enrolment for an external degree; and (b) two referees and request each referee to email a reference to the Scholarship Liaison Officer at the *ASPIRE2013* office at [scholarships@carnarvonaspire.net](mailto:scholarships@carnarvonaspire.net) **before** the closing date. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check that references have been sent and received in time. Referees' reports will be verified.
7. For university students undertaking research,
  - (a) list the possible benefits of your research to your local community or Gascoyne Region; and (b) Outline details of your research topic.
8. It is the Applicant or Applicants' Guardians responsibility to check and confirm, before the date and time of closing, that the emailed application has been received successfully at the *ASPIRE* office.

The decision of the *ASPIRE2013* Scholarships panel is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

## Scholarship Email Alert

Stay in touch with the latest scholarship information from *ASPIRE* by completing the online form at [www.carnarvonaspire.net/scholarships/](http://www.carnarvonaspire.net/scholarships/)

### About *ASPIRE2013*: The Carnarvon Astrofest, Science + Innovation Festival

This is the largest science themed festival held in the Gascoyne region and will headline Dr Karl on Sunday 8th September at the Carnarvon Civic Centre. It merges the efforts of the successful 'Carnarvon Astrofest' and the 'Carnarvon Science and Innovation Festival'.

The Science Scholarships Program is a stand-out initiative that supports the aspirations of students of all ages who are actively pursuing their interests and careers in science, maths or engineering studies.

### Upcoming *ASPIRE 2013* Events

***ASPIRE2013* Science Week Quiz Night** - 7pm Fri 16 August - Carnarvon Woolshed - The Science Scholarship fundraiser - Join in generously!

***ASPIRE2013* Festival** - 4-8pm Sun 8 September - Carnarvon Civic Centre

**Scholarship winners will be announced by  
Dr Karl on Sunday 8 September at the  
*ASPIRE2013* Festival, Carnarvon Civic Centre.**

