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Medal honour for Katanning environment champion



GSDC Medal recipient Bev Lockley with Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan.

Katanning environmental change agent Bev Lockley was honoured on Friday 11 June when she was named the fourteenth recipient of the prestigious GSDC Medal.

Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan presented the award at a dinner that highlighted the virtues of Great Southern produce.

Ms Lockley's contributions to managing the region's natural resources include a long record of volunteer work for Katanning Landcare and Katanning Environmental.



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She was instrumental in the opening of the Katanning Environmental Nursery and has been a leader in the development of the Friends of Piesse Park, which is developing an environmental education centre at Piesse Lake.

Along with the award of the sterling silver GSDC Medal, Ms Lockley will receive a \$5,000 grant from the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) to support further activities in landcare and environmental awareness.

GSDC Chair Bruce Manning said the award was well deserved.

“Bev Lockley has championed environmental care in Katanning with relentless energy and enthusiasm,” Mr Manning said.

“Her positive ideas and hard work have significantly strengthened the landcare movement and developed environmental awareness in the community.”

Three finalists were shortlisted for the award. The other finalists are hydrologist Ruhi Ferdowsian, and consultants and educators Steve and Geraldine Janicke. Finalists receive a \$1,000 grant to support further activities in their fields.

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