



Winner Carol Hanlon (left) with Perth Lord Mayor Lisa Scaife.

\$50,000 at a breakfast in the Perth Town Hall. The scholarships have been awarded annually since 1999 by the bureau, the program being expanded this year to include metropolitan Perth's five universities – Curtin, Edith Cowan, Murdoch, Notre Dame and UWA. A City of Perth-sponsored

scholarship worth \$10,000 and open to representatives of not-for-profit organisations in WA was won by Carol Hanlon, the founder and CEO of the Textile Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre and founding manager of the Belmont business enterprise centre. She plans to use her scholarship to

attend the 2nd International Conference of Fashion Incubators in the US this year where she will explore the potential for Perth to host the conference in 2011

A total of 10 scholarships, each worth \$3000, were presented to two applicants from each of the five universities...

Curtin University of Technology: Dr Zhonghua Sun, senior lecturer in medical imaging, Department of Imaging & Applied Physics; and Dr Caroline Fleay, lecturer in the Faculty of Humanities.

Edith Cowan University: Associate Professor Adam Usseiran, director of the Australian National Networked TeleTest Facility within the School of Engineering; and Dr Trevor Cullen, head of journalism at the School of Communications & Arts.

Murdoch University: Associate Professor Laneo Pang, School of Information Technology; and Dudley Newman, adjunct research lecturer with the School of Biological Science & Biotechnology.

University of Notre Dame Australia: Rashmi Watson, senior lecturer at the School of Education and professional development co-ordinator (teaching and learning); and Associate Professor Richard Barlach, associate dean (teaching) at the School of Education.

University of Western Australia: Professor Anya Waite, deputy-head of the School of Environmental Engineering; and Dr Paul Maginn,

program co-ordinator for urban planning in the School of Earth & Environment.

Perth Convention Bureau managing director Christine McLean says the scholarship winners are hoping to secure conventions that will deliver more than \$50 million in direct delegate expenditure to the state.

So far the program has so been responsible for generating convention business worth an estimated \$46.33 million to the WA economy.

"This is a win-win initiative that benefits everyone," says McLean. "We've been delighted with the response to our initiative this year to specifically offer two scholarships to each university."

Visitor numbers double for expo

Visitors more than doubled for the latest Australasian Oil & Gas Expo at Perth Convention Centre, held over three days.

It was the largest petroleum exhibition ever held in the Southern Hemisphere.

"Our visitor numbers were especially pleasing – up more than 100 per cent. This demonstrates that despite the economic downturn, interest in the oil and gas industry is still strong," says exhibition director Bill Hare of Diversified Exhibitions.

He says there were 7784 visits compared with 3699 the previous show, while space sales increased by 90 per cent to 5796sq.m. Exhibitor numbers