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## COMING SOON

### 2010 GEMG WORKSHOP

The 2010 GEMG Workshop will be held from 19th – 21st May. The registration form is now available from the GEMG website [www.gemg.org.au](http://www.gemg.org.au).

Once again we have kept with the comedian theme and booked Wendy Harmer as our guest speaker for the dinner.

Please contact the GEMG Secretary [secretary@gemg.org.au](mailto:secretary@gemg.org.au) for registration and workshop enquires.



### **BEST ABSTRACT ~ Dancia Dutry, Coffey**

*“Tim Winton describes Australians as veranda dwellers, seated on the white sandy coast facing out to sea, with our backs to the desert and our toes in the ocean.”*

*The history of the goldfields has painted a different picture for its residents. From the early days of the gold rush, through the Nickel booms to the development of the super pit, the industry and local residents have stepped off the veranda into difficult and challenging remote environments, found new ways of dealing with boom-bust industry cycles and created a community entrenched in history, tourism and spirit far from the coast.”*



### **2010 ECA SEMINAR SERIES: IS WA READY FOR URANIUM MINING?**

The Environmental Consultants Association (ECA) is presenting a series of three short seminars after work in March, April and May to assist environmental consultants better understand the uranium industry. The uranium industry in Australia is currently constrained by policy. This could change in the near future with increasing international demand for low-carbon energy options.

For more information please visit: [www.eca.org.au](http://www.eca.org.au) or contact Bec James on 0449 660 621



### **THE WINNING CAPTION**

In the last issue of the GEMG newsletter we ran a photo competition.

The winner of the best caption was Adam Rayner with:

*“Mum mum! I can see Freo losing again from up here!!!”*





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## SNEEK PEAK PRESENTATION

### **Aligning the Planets for Regulators for Life of Mine ~ Matt Holmes, Aquaterra**

*“Meeting regulator expectations for Life of Mine (LOM) environmental management has become an increasingly challenging task for mining companies as regulators continue to move the goal posts. As a key example of this, regulator expectations for minesite water management are becoming increasingly higher as water resources become more valuable for conservation and greater attention is given to water dependent ecosystems (e.g. riparian and phreatophytic vegetation, and stygofauna). As such, broad-scale hydrological and hydrogeological studies across the general area encompassing a proposed mining project are no longer considered enough by regulators to assess the potential impacts and apply “common to all projects” environmental management.”*

## **SODEXO REMOTE SITES IS AWARDED A GOLDEN GECKO**



In September 2009, Sodexo Remote Sites Resource Recovery Program received a Golden Gecko for Environmental Excellence. Sodexo Remote Sites entered the waste management initiative alongside major industry players, including Chevron and Woodside, for the award. The Golden Gecko is a prestigious award and is one of the highest environmental accolades given by the DMP in WA.

All money generated from the sale of materials is donated to Ruggies Recycling supporting Princess Margaret Hospital and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Sodexo's Resource Recovery Program has so far recycled over 1,000 tonnes of material donated over \$90,000.

Sodexo Remote Sites in conjunction with Ruggies Recycling are sponsoring this years GEMG Sundowner – Jacob Healy from Sodexo will also be speaking at the 2010 workshop on Environmental Waste Management.

## **THE “BEST MINING PHOTO” COMPETITION**

Enter your mining related photo and the best will win a prize.

Funny, serious or seriously funny – all offers welcome!

## **REMINDER TO JOIN US ON FACEBOOK**

You can now join the GEMG group on facebook. Search for GEMG under Facebook Groups.

Feel free to add photo's and participate in on-line discussions.