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GLEN TURNER SCHOLARSHIP

Environment Minister Rob Stokes today announced the creation of the Glen Turner Scholarship, in honour of the dedicated Office of Environment and Heritage employee who was killed in July 2014.

Mr Stokes said the new scholarship at the University of Newcastle will be awarded to a student in the field of natural resource management, which could include a bachelor degree in science, environmental science or a related field.

“Glen Turner was a champion of the regional way of life and dedicated to the protection of the environment,” Mr Stokes said.

“We have created the Glen Turner Scholarship in conjunction with Glen’s family and the University of Newcastle to assist a student who displays the values Glen exhibited.

“The scholarship will cover tuition fees for the successful candidate for the full duration of their course and ensure Glen Turner’s legacy continues to inspire the next generations of natural resource managers.

“As a tribute to Glen Turner’s background the scholarship is designed to support a student from the bush or a low socio-economic background.”

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said that by dedicating this scholarship in Glen Turner’s memory, we hope to continue to celebrate his commitment to looking after the environment.

“In his community and in his working life, Glen’s outlook and enthusiasm were infectious. NSW needs more dedicated public servants like Mr Turner,” Mr Anderson said.

Glen’s partner Alison McKenzie said on behalf of Glen’s family that they were pleased the scholarship applications were now open.

“Glen was all about supporting the underdog, having ideas and advancing the cause of the environment. Education and supporting young people were very important to him.

“Glen’s uni days were some of his happiest times, when he forged lifelong friendships and gained knowledge in his chosen field.
“We are so proud that a student in a field that he loved, at the university that he respected will find it a little easier to start their career with a scholarship which bears his name,” Ms McKenzie said.

Mr Turner attended the University of Newcastle from 1982 – 1985.

The Glen Turner Scholarship is offered through the University of Newcastle and details are available at: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/scholarships. Applications close on 15 March 2015.