

## POST GRADUATES

### Sylvia Zukowski

#### Integration program scholarship recipient

The recipient of the Institute's first scholarship on offer for its integration programs is Sylvia Zukowski.

"Through my integrated PhD scholarship I will combine ecology and sociology to examine developing better decision making processes for sustainable fishery management. Currently very few scholarships tackle these two disciplines together in a PhD project and I believe it is vital to integrate them in order to produce a combined knowledge which is very necessary for future Natural Resource Management", says Sylvia, 29, who started her PhD under supervisors Prof Allan Curtis and Assoc Prof Robyn Watts in May, 2007.

Sylvia's PhD comes under the Institute's 'Sustainable Management of Environmental Assets' integration program which is led by Assoc Prof Robyn Watts. Her research project will focus on the ecological and social implications in the decision making and management of threatened freshwater icon species such as crayfish, catfish and cod.

Sylvia her undergraduate studies, a Bachelor of Science, at Flinders University in Adelaide. After completing her Honours at the University of Adelaide looking at the ecology of gastropods species (snails) and river regulation in the Murray system, she worked for a year as a wetlands officer with Wetland Care Australia at Renmark, SA.

She then worked for six years at the Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre in Mildura as an aquatic ecologist/community scientist before moving to the MDFRC in Wodonga.

Sylvia says her work with community groups and natural resource managers, as well as in freshwater ecology, has given her an excellent source of background experience which will be highly beneficial in her PhD.



*Ms Sylvia Zukowski*

#### Albury-Wodonga Campus

PO Box 789

Elizabeth Mitchell Drive, Thurgoona

ALBURY NSW 2640

Australia

TEL +61 2 6051 9992

FAX +61 2 6051 9797

EMAIL [ilws@csu.edu.au](mailto:ilws@csu.edu.au)

#### Contact:

Sylvia Zukowski

CSU Albury-Wodonga (Thurgoona)

[szukowski@csu.edu.au](mailto:szukowski@csu.edu.au)

ph : 0260 519 865