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**Rural Community Achiever competition offers \$2000  
grant for community project**

As part of the Perth Royal Show competition program, The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia is calling for nominations to the 2008 Rural Community Achiever Award.

The winner of the competition will receive \$2000 and a community project nominated by the Rural Community Achiever will also receive \$2000.

Competition coordinator Lyn Piper said that The RAS had changed the name of the competition and given a greater focus to the community projects with which nominees were involved.

"The competition's new name Rural Community Achiever better reflects what the award is all about and The RAS believes that assisting the winner's community project is a valuable way of acknowledging the importance of regional WA's community spirit," she said.

"The RAS is committed to supporting regional WA and this competition is an important way of recognising individual effort and community programs," she said.

Mrs Piper, an RAS councillor, said regional communities remained robust because of the strong social, work, sport and volunteer based networks.

The competition is now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year.

Men's health advocate Julian Krieg of York was the 2007 winner.

According to Mrs Piper, nominees may have a high profile project that progresses the whole region or be someone assisting in the running of clubs and associations that keep rural societies together.

"We are interested in people who are volunteers or those who have given extra time and energy over and above their paid duties.

Nominations close 5pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008. For further information please contact Amanda McLennan at The Royal Agricultural Society of WA by phone on (08) 6263 3131 or email [amclennan@raswa.org.au](mailto:amclennan@raswa.org.au).

The winner will be announced on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2008

The 2008 Perth Royal Show is on from 27th September to 4th October.

