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**THE 15TH ANNUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS
CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION
2013**

Parliament House, Brisbane
The Old Legislative Council Chamber
(The Red Chamber)

Friday, 20 September 2013

Commemorative plaques presented by
The Honourable Justice Margaret A. McMurdo AC,
President, Court of Appeal,
Supreme Court of Queensland.

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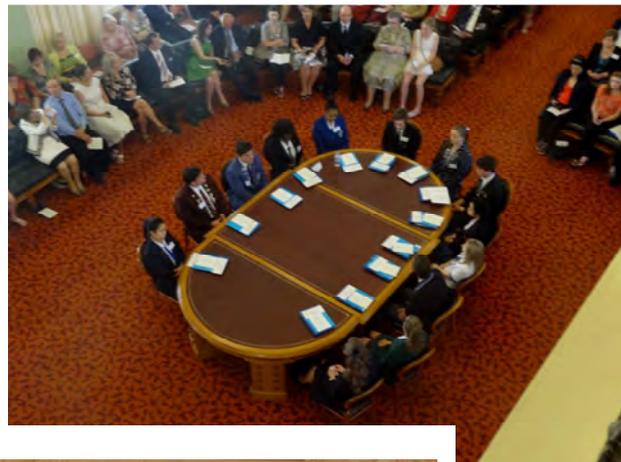




The 2013 Secondary Schools Citizenship Award recipients united as one in citizenship at the Presentation at Parliament House, Brisbane – **Back row** L to R – **Andrew McLean** (Gladstone State High School); **Ashley Ogilvie** (Maroochydore State High School); **Alistair Edmonds** (Brisbane Grammar School). **Front Row** L to R – **Julia Honnef** (Gordonvale State High School); **Michelle Liu** (Kirwan State High School); **Roslyn Dalton** (Palm Beach Currumbin State High School); **Dakota-Lily Morris** (All Saints Anglican School); **Shania Dolan** (Pacific Pines State High School); **The Honourable Justice Margaret McMurdo AC** (Guest of Honour); **Chloe Yap** (Brisbane Girls Grammar School); **Omnia Suleman** (Yeronga State High School); **Tionne Seden** (Cairns State High School); **Mitchell Tonino** (St Joseph's Nudgee College); **Jesse Trecco-Alexander** (Ingham State High School). **Absent** Georgia Folker (Maroochydore State High School) in Cambodia doing humanitarian work.



Mr Steve Kirkman, Teacher, Maroochydore State High School, receiving the award for Georgia Folker, on her behalf



The winning students seated at the historic main table of the Old Legislative Council Chamber at Parliament House, Brisbane

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Student Profiles



Roslyn Dalton

Palm Beach Currumbin State High School

School Vice Captain

Roslyn's involvement in school and community life is wide and varied. At Palm Beach Currumbin State High School, she has played a key role in the school's Leo Club, receiving the highest level of acknowledgment for over 150 hours of community service. Roslyn is also a member of the Tomewin Rural Fire Brigade and Scouts Australia. She contributes significantly to both these groups. This year, Roslyn's fine character has been recognised by her school with the awarding to her of the prestigious role of School Vice Captain, a responsibility that she has undertaken with great diligence.



Shania Dolan

Pacific Pines State High School

School Captain

As the leader of the Senior Student Leadership Team at Pacific Pines State High School, Shania has exemplified the best aspects of leadership through her willingness to assist other students in her spare time. This has included a variety of activities within the school's Special Education Department. Outside school, Shania has provided a fine example of citizenship through her involvement in a diverse range of events from the Cancer Council's 'Relay for Life' to the 'Clean Up the Waterways' project. In a testimonial as to her character, Shania's school principal describes her as 'mature, responsible and trustworthy'.

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Alistair Edmonds
Brisbane Grammar School

School Prefect

For the past 5 years, Alistair has been a dedicated member of his school's Service Committee. This has seen him engage in a variety of pursuits including nursing home visits, the 40 hour famine and the World Vision Global Leadership Convention. Alistair has also worked extensively in the Homework Club – a group dedicated to providing tutelage to primary school students from disadvantaged backgrounds. With this high level of dedication and sense of responsibility, it is no surprise that Alistair is described by his nominator as a strong, well-balanced and thoughtful person.



Georgia was in Cambodia doing humanitarian work for her school, so she was unable to attend the Parliament House Presentation. Her award was presented to her by Geoff Cowles OAM, Qld Branch Secretary, at Maroochydore State High School on 14 October 2013.

Georgia Folker
Maroochydore State High School

School Captain

The Principal of Georgia's school describes her as 'a dedicated and outstanding student leader'. She has used these leadership skills to benefit her school community through her willingness to organise important ceremonial events such as the ANZAC Day ceremony as well as events focused beyond the school. Clean-Up Australia Day is just one example. However, Georgia's greatest passion appears to be helping the underprivileged and poverty stricken children of Cambodia. In this regard, she has not only raised aid funds in Australia, but has also travelled to Cambodia to teach English, assist in re-thatching houses and planting rice crops.

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Julia Honnef
Gordonvale State High School

School Vice Captain

Selflessness is one essential element of Julia's character. This is revealed through her enthusiastic engagement in school events that foster a greater sense of community and, beyond the school gate, by her active engagement in many activities such as the Cairns Headspace Committee. This group assists the region's youth with a range of issues including mental health. Staff and students at Gordonvale State High School find Julia to be someone who is able to build strong, effective and loyal working relationships. As a result, the school is richer for her leadership.



Michelle Liu
Kirwan State High School

School Captain

Michelle is devoted to every task put before her whether it is at school or in the community. At Kirwan, she has worked assiduously to help create a green and healthy school environment. She has also sought to raise the awareness of the student body to a variety of health issues including breast cancer. Music is another passion for Michelle and she has used her level of excellence in this field of endeavour to bring joy to her fellow students and to the general community.

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Andrew McLean
Gladstone State High School

School Captain

Andrew has utilized his leadership position at his school to great effect. He has organised a myriad of events aimed at bringing greater social cohesiveness among the students. These activities have ranged from the 'Free Hugs Day' to the school's 'Mass Picnic Lunch'. Andrew co-founded the Gladstone Captains' Alliance this year which involves school leaders across the district working together to unite youth and share ideas to benefit the community, both locally and globally. St Jude's School in Tanzania has been one of the beneficiaries of this program. It is no wonder that his school would describe Andrew as 'an exceptional young man who demonstrates all the characteristics one would like to see in all youth of today'.



Dakota-Lily Morris
All Saints Anglican School,

School Captain

In each of the past 3 years, Dakota-Lily has received a Gold Award from her school for completing over 50 hours of community service. This has involved work inside the school such as tree planting and baking over 1500 cupcakes as a fund-raiser for charity. Dakota-Lily has also given generously of her time to assist students at Mudgeeraba Special School. Last year, she took part in an expedition to Tanzania to perform humanitarian work and volunteer labour to improve an orphanage. As a person, Dakota-Lily is described by her school as one of outstanding character and high moral code.

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Ashley Ogilvie

Maroochydore State High School

House Captain

Four years ago, Ashley began a journey of discovery to build a program that would empower children to believe that they could make a positive difference to a world in which they live. Called 'Planet Us', it has been a long and, at times, difficult process but with the assistance of his younger sister Ailish, he has made it an enormous success. To date, over \$41,000 has been raised through 'Planet Us' for a range of local and international causes. Despite the dedication needed to achieve such outcomes, Ashley has maintained an impressive academic record. A bright future should await this young man whose sense of community awareness has been expressed in such practical, positive terms.



Tionne Seden

Cairns State High School

Indigenous Senior Leader

Tionne provides wonderful modelling to her fellow students. Not only does she possess exceptional skills in all academic areas, she is also highly motivated and talented in performing arts. Her recent keynote address to local school principals and dignitaries drew high praise from the Queensland Minister for Education who was present at the meeting. Her sense of civic responsibility is evident in every aspect of her life. When this is combined with her strong connection and belief in her indigenous heritage, we have a remarkable young woman of great potential.

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Omnia Suleman

Yeronga State High School

School Council President

In her role as School Council President, Omnia has led her school community with high levels of initiative, energy and a marvellous use of her infectious personality. The result has been a number of extremely successful fundraising events. Furthermore, Omnia contributes significantly to Interact Youth Rotary and willingly helps as a School Visitor Guide, Tuckshop Volunteer and Social Network Leader. In the wider community, she participates in a program to assist Sudanese families with English translations as well as working one night per week, helping to feed homeless people in the Kangaroo Point area. In every respect, Omnia is an example of excellence in citizenship.



Mitchell Tonino

St Joseph's Nudgee College

College Prefect

The nomination from Mitchell's college describes him as 'a thorough gentleman... extremely reliable and responsible (and with)an exceptional level of respect and care for all people with whom he interacts'. These attributes are most evident through the multitude of ways in which he has sought to improve the welfare of not only fellow students at Nudgee College but also of people in the community at large. This commitment has included working for the Zillmere Homework Group and the Aspley Caravan Park's Hope Centre. In addition, Mitchell is the Edmund Rice Advocacy leader and a member of the Social Justice Committee at his school. The result is that he is truly a person of integrity, honesty and compassion.

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Jesse Trecco-Alexander
Ingham State High School

School Captain

Jesse displays the best elements of servant leadership in that he sees his role as school captain being simply to serve others. This has seen him enthusiastically support large numbers of school activities, many of which may have been of minimal personal interest to him. It is this selflessness that has helped Jesse to be so highly regarded within the school body of Ingham State High School and across the Herbert River area. In fact, he is passionate about the locality in which he resides and this has seen him involved in many civic and community groups. He is therefore most worthy of recognition beyond his immediate region.



Chloe Yap
Brisbane Girls Grammar School

House Captain

At Brisbane Girls Grammar School, Chloe has been the instigator and driver of the re-introduction of the recycling initiative at the school. Through her vision for the project and her skills in promoting the concept across the school community, she has been able to change the attitudes of students to the issue. This is but one of the many ways in which Chloe has revealed a deep sense of social responsibility. She has also been involved in the revegetating of a creek at Fig Tree Pocket and given generously of her time to the Wonderfactory at the Royal Children's Hospital. Assistance to homeless has been provided by Chloe through her membership of the Second Chance Committee. We are delighted, therefore, that Chloe's efforts are recognised with a Secondary Schools Citizenship Award.

PHOTO GALLERY EXTRA



Terry Heath, Principal, Yeronga State High School delivering the Response speech on behalf of all schools. Seated on stage from L to R – Professor Tony Webber AM., Qld Branch Chairman; The Honourable Justice Margaret McMurdo AC and Peter Honeycombe, sponsor



The Ormiston College Chamber Orchestra performing from the Public Gallery



The Honourable Justice Margaret McMurdo AC addressing the gathering



The eleven students selected to receive their Certificates of Community Service at the Presentation – from L to R – **Marina Di Sipio** (St Rita's College); **Isabelle Richards** (Ormiston College); **Mitchell Caulfield** (Padua College); **Rachel Ingram** (Mt St Michael's College); **Micaela Diaz** (Ormiston College); **The Honourable Justice Margaret McMurdo AC** (guest of honour); **Peter Honeycombe** (sponsor); **Clea Denham** (Brisbane State High School); **Jayson Turnbull** (Cannon Hill Anglican College); **Elizabeth Ryan** (All Hallows' School); **Sabrina Schreiber** (Lourdes Hill College); **Claire Woodwell** (Aviation High School); Anna-Christina Davila (St Peter's Lutheran College)



Award winner Jesse Treco-Alexander (Ingham State High School) with Curtis Pitt MP, Member for Mulgrave at the Afternoon Tea following the Presentation.

This highlights package has been produced by Geoff Cowles OAM Queensland Branch Secretary and Awards Coordinator -September 2013