

**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
QUEENSLAND BRANCH**



**THE 21st ANNUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
PRESENTATION**

2019

Parliament House, Brisbane

The Old Legislative Council Chamber
(The Red Chamber)

Friday, 20 September 2019

Commemorative plaques presented by

**His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC
Governor of Queensland**

Certificates of Community Service
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Commemorative Plaque and Certificate of Merit Recipients 2019

*Tenika Altena
Kiani Barker
Lillian Coghlan
Kristen Crasto
Hunter Hoodcamp
McKay Ieremia
Kirsten Lin
Romeo Lor
Grace Pfingst
Riley Vallance
Isabelle Walton
Lucy Woodbury*

*Moreton Bay College
Southport State High School
All Hallows' School
Somerset College
Annandale Christian College
Woodridge State High School
Cavendish Road State High School
Gordonvale State High School
Maroochydore State High School
Atherton State High School
Annandale Christian College
Kirwan State High School*



His Excellency with the 2019 award students – Back row from L-R – Grace Pfingst (Maroochydore State High School); Riley Vallance (Atherton State High School); Isabelle Walton (Annandale Christian College); His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland; Lucy Woodbury (Kirwan State High School); Tenika Altena (Moreton Bay College); Kristen Crasto (Somerset College); and Hunter Hoodcamp (Annandale Christian College). **Front row – from L-R** – Kirsten Lin (Cavendish Road State High School); McKay Ieremia (Woodridge State High School); Kiani Barker (Southport State High School) and Lillian Coghlan (All Hallows' School). **Absent** – Romeo Lor (Gordonvale State High School)

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Student Profiles



Tenika Altena
Moreton Bay College

College Captain

A determined and humble young woman, Tenika has given extensive time and effort to the service, cultural and academic areas of the College.

During her Senior years at the College, Tenika has assumed the roles of President of the Leo Club, Executive Member of the Student Representative Council and the College's Amnesty Group.

Tenika was bestowed with the Lions Youth of the Year Award for her significant support of the Balmoral Uniting Community Centre and Rosie's Friends on the Street.

Tenika has astutely balanced her academic and cocurricular endeavours with great success in both.

Her capacity to work successfully with staff, her Year 12 peers and younger students has been evidenced In Tenika's wonderful work in her role as Drewe House Worship and Service Captain.

Tenika, who has always embraced the chance to 'give back', directed the 2019 Year 7 play and supports the College's Public Speaking program.

Congratulations Tenika for being nominated for this award.



Kiani Barker
Southport State High School

School Vice Captain

Kiani is recognised for the energy, initiative and leadership she brings to the plethora of social service activities in which she is involved in the school.

These include not only Student Wellbeing initiatives, but also organization of and participation in arts, charity and sporting events within the school.

Within the broader community, Kiani is involved in *Student to Student Reading - Smith Family* as well as Beach Care and Rosie's Southport.

Kiani is a significant presence at the Southport Church of Christ, dedicating significant time to Kids Care at the Church, as well as facilitating the running of the church service every Sunday evening.

Of her many awards, the "ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award" in 2017 for the student who underpins the behaviours and attributes of leadership, teamwork, values, problem solving, resourcefulness, communication, cooperation and community involvement, best captures the wonderful contribution Kiani selflessly pursues – to "make difference".

Congratulations Kiani.

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Lillian Coghlan

All Hallows' School

Lillian is a student who balances her commitment to study with an extensive involvement in many social service activities.

These include involvement in visiting the elderly at Villa Maria, as well as helping Micah Meal Service, and Jimmy's and Eddie's Van Breakfast Services.

Lillian also participated in a project in Sri Lanka to provide local children with improved school facilities.

Having been involved for 3 years with Edmund Rice Camps, Lillian is now a leader in this programme and facilitates other teenagers wishing to give their time to assist.

Lillian acts in an admirable, diplomatic and respectful way, making her an excellent role model for other students.

Her academic achievements have led her to attend the University of Queensland Young Scholars' Camp and she is also involved in rowing and music.

Lillian is currently the All Hallows' School Band Captain.

Lillian is recognised as a responsible young woman of tremendous talent and integrity.

Congratulations Lillian.



Kristen Crasto

Somerset College

Kristen is an engaging, altruistic and enthusiastic young woman who consistently demonstrates empathy and concern for others at school and in the community.

As well as raising money for Australian farmers in Chinchilla, Kristen has participated in two indigenous service learning programmes, developing a deeper understanding of, and an empathy with aboriginal culture.

As captain of the Marketing Committee, Kristen leads a large group of students and helps organise two major festivals at the school.

In the broader community Kristen fundraises with the Burleigh Heads /Catholic Parish to raise money for a school in Timor. She is also part of the Gold Coast Junior Council.

Kristen devotes time, with others, dancing for the elderly at nursing homes. In Kristen's words *"It is an amazing feeling to entertain the elderly, to converse, to learn more about them and ultimately to brighten their day"*.

We congratulate Kristen on receiving this award.

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Hunter Hoodcamp

Annandale Christian College

College Captain

In his role as College Captain, Hunter has had immeasurable impact, demonstrating innovation such as establishing a games room for which he gives up his lunchtime to engage with marginalised students.

He regularly meets with the Year 1 students involved in mentoring, reading, playing games etc.

Not only does Hunter volunteer to help on a regular basis within the school, he mentors students in sound engineering and photography – all in his own time.

Post the February Townsville floods this year, Hunter led two of his peers, spending several days cleaning up and clearing mud and grime from flood affected homes.

He has also been active in organising and serving pancake breakfasts to primary students at Rasmussen State Primary School.

He is vital in rallying other students to volunteer, and offers easy solutions to any protests they may make as to why they cannot help. Hunter makes a difference!



McKay Ieremia

Woodridge State High School

McKay is a highly accomplished school leader who is polite, respectful and helpful.

He focuses on commitment to the celebration of all people who are part of the Woodridge State High School community.

His leadership in Harmony Day, anti-bullying initiatives, mentoring of junior students are examples of this.

McKay is very much involved in his local Church, and youth initiatives, both assisting and taking a lead role as a Youth Leader.

He visits the hospital on Saturdays, feeds the homeless in the city on Sunday afternoons, and has volunteered to support the Logan City Council holidays activities for students.

McKay is an inspiration to many students around him, particularly the Maori and Pacific Island students. He leads by example, and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

McKay is honest, respectful, shows humility and compassion beyond his years – always without any desire for recognition or praise.

A well-deserved honour, McKay.

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The additional person with Kirsten and His Excellency, the Governor, is Mr Richard Usher, the Principal of Cavendish Road State High School (right)

Kirsten Lin

Cavendish Road State High School

Kirsten joined the school community from South Africa and her passion has been in supporting other International students.

As International Student Ambassador, Kirsten is responsible for helping to support new international and exchange students upon their arrival in our country and at her school.

Her personal knowledge of living in another country with different cultural expectations and experiences has enabled her to offer empathetic support to others.

Furthermore, Kirsten is a strong advocate for recognising and celebrating cultural diversity in the school and consistently demonstrates the qualities of an admirable leader, always willing to take charge and put plans into action.

She also carries out these roles in an approachable, fair and friendly manner, and is always inclusive of everyone.

Kirsten is a valuable member of her church community, volunteering to attend church camps to support and work with other young people.

What a legacy!
Congratulations Kirsten.

Romeo Lor (right) was unable to attend the Presentation so Mr John Hardy OAM, a member of the OAA Qld Branch from Tolga in North Queensland received the award on Romeo's behalf (photo below).

The photo to the right is Romeo at Gordonvale State High School after receiving his award from Mr Hardy, after the Presentation, in October 2019.



Romeo Lor

Gordonvale State High School

School Vice Captain

Romeo is a young person who has a sense of purpose, and a desire to give back to all around him.

This year he was instrumental in leading students to arrange the World's Greatest Shave, as well as the National Day of Action against Bullying.

He has also been integral the development of a peer mentor programme to be implemented in 2020, which will see Grade 12 students support Year 7 students.

Beyond the school, Romeo has volunteered his time helping Cairns West Rotary fundraising.

He has also contributed at the UN Youth Conference in Cairns and in Melbourne. Romeo was selected to be a member of the Ministerial Student Advisory Council in Brisbane.

As school Vice-Captain, Romeo volunteers to support his peers across a range of activities, including the Interact Club, the Book Club and the organisation of the Biggest Morning Tea.

Romeo has demonstrated exemplary leadership, and richly deserves this award.

Congratulations Romeo

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Grace Pfingst

Maroochydore State High School

Student Council Vice President

Grace is a bright, conscientious, honest and reliable student, able to encourage others to serve their community not only through words, but also by example.

As the School's 2019 Student Council Vice-President, Grace has involved herself in leadership roles in Anzac Day services, 40 Hour Famine and School Clean Up Australia Day activities.

Inspired by the work of the Smith Family, Grace has volunteered many hours as a reading tutor, as a participant in the iTrack and Work Inspirations programmes.

She continues volunteering to deliver Christmas hampers each year.

Grace also involves herself with volunteer work with other schools, helping their fundraising endeavours.

Her love of music has enabled her to guide and support others by tutoring and leading them in their band ensembles.

Grace is a young woman who values humanity, and has demonstrated significant capacity to make a positive difference in the world.

Congratulations Grace.



Riley Vallance

Atherton State High School

School Captain

At the school level, Riley is pivotal in the setting up of any activity involving performances at the school.

He coordinates and provides music at all school events, while mentoring a student with disability, teaching him the skills in relation to sound and lighting for events.

Within the broader Atherton community, Riley has been a volunteer at the community library, teaching robotics to primary school students.

He has been involved in the development of the Tablelands Youth Strategy, presenting the final document to the Mayor and Council.

As a fully qualified sailing instructor, Riley volunteers his weekends at Tinaroo Sailing Club, teaching nationally accredited courses.

As well as being School Captain, Riley holds the positions of Sailing Team Captain and School Band co-captain.

Riley's organisational skills are such that he maintains excellent grades across his academic subjects in addition to devoting time to many worthy causes.

Congratulations Riley.

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Isabelle Walton
Annandale Christian College
College Captain

Isabelle exemplifies the virtue of good citizenship. She has devoted herself to sustained and selfless voluntary service.

To enhance the outcomes of the Year 12 – Year 1 Buddy Programme, Isabelle initiated building relationships between Year 11's and the Prep students once a week.

The positive impact is indeed evident.

Isabelle, in her role as Kids in Christ leader, has developed mentoring programmes encouraging other young students.

Recognising the presence of some marginalised students in the playground during lunch breaks, Isabelle has been instrumental in implementing a Games Room for these students.

She also plays a vital role in working with a team of students providing pancake breakfasts at Rasmussen State Primary School.

Beyond her involvement in church activities, Isabelle is involved in ensembles and other arts activities, including teaching piano and violin.

Isabelle shows humility and is teachable, always wanting to refine and develop her leadership skills.

Congratulations Isabelle.



Lucy Woodbury
Kirwan State High School

Lucy is an outstanding young woman who is committed to achieving excellence in all of her endeavours, a role model for her peers and younger students.

Lucy has collaborated with students and staff to lead the annual *Cut for a Cure* day to raise funds for brain cancer research, as well as co-leading the inaugural *Colour Run* to fundraise for *The Cure starts Now* Foundation.

Lucy elected to participate in Kirwan High's inaugural Service Learning trip to PNG on board the *Youth With a Mission Medical Ship*.

At the conclusion of 2 weeks, during which Lucy was involved in leadership and development activities, she embarked on a Medical Outreach experience for 4 days, teaching a number of health care classes in remote PNG communities.

At the national level, Lucy has ridden BMX and donates her own time to coach and mentor aspiring riders.

Lucy possesses an incredible ability to balance her volunteer work with her study and sporting commitments.

Congratulations Lucy.

The Association thanks Daryl Hanly OAM, a member of the Judging Panel, for kindly producing these student profiles.

PHOTO GALLERY – EXTRA



The Order of Australia Association Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards were inaugurated in 1999 by the Queensland Branch of the Association. The Awards are designed to foster pride in Australian citizenship and are presented to those secondary school students in Queensland who have demonstrated outstanding service to their schools and to their communities.



The seven students selected to receive their Certificates of Community Service at the Presentation from Mr Tim Fairfax AC, the Awards Sponsor – **from L to R** – Ethan Waugh (Brisbane Boys' College); Olivia Rankine (Northside Christian College); Josh Culross (Sandgate District State High School); Mr Tim Fairfax AC (Awards Sponsor); Miranda Callum (Centenary State High School); Madison Saunders (Clayfield College); Bailey Aslander (Redeemer Lutheran College); and Nicole Cufflin (Alexandra Hills State High School).

Odds and Ends – Clockwise from Top centre

1. Winning students at centre table of Old Legislative Council Chamber.
2. A view of the Old Legislative Council Chamber from the public gallery.
3. Mrs Dina Browne AO, a member of the Judging Panel, reading the student citations.
4. A special presentation to His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, to commemorate his 5 years in office. Presented by Associate Professor John Harden AM, Qld Branch Chairman.
5. Musical Interlude from The All Hallows' School String Quartet.



This highlights package has been produced by
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