



ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION (QLD BRANCH)

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2007

GOLD MEDALLION AND CERTIFICATE OF MERIT



The 2007 awardees are shown above with the Hon Justice Margaret McMurdo AC and committee member, Paul Stevenson OAM.

Alistair Bell – Christian Outreach College, Toowoomba

Head Prefect and College Sports Captain. Fund raises for “Mozambique Outreach. High Distinctions in Australian Maths, Science and English competitions. Prize winner in the Qld English Teacher’s literary competition. Silver Award in Duke of Edinburgh Program. Swimmer - won 2 Gold and 1 silver medals in Australian Age swimming Championships in Perth in 2006, earned a place in the Tran Tasman series, Qld Age Champion for 2006/7 at the Qld Age and Open championships, recipient of a Qld Towel Award.

Caitlin Bester - Mirani State High School

School Cultural Captain, Raises money for cancer research (through School’s “Relay for Life”), for Early Childhood studies resources, for “Open Wide” Youth Festival, for Mackay “Make a wish” Foundation and others. Journalist and photographer for school magazine and conducts writing workshops for students. Backstage crew member for school in

Australia Rock Eisteddfod. Awards include the Nebo 2007 Young citizen award, the Australian Defence Force 2006 Leadership and Team work award.

Philip Chan – Brisbane State High School

Prefect, Youngest member ever of Student Representative Council (SRC) helping raise money for several charities. Awarded the SRC Junior Service award for his work with the Bulletin and the ANZAC Student Commemoration service. Leader in the School's "40 hour Famine" for past 2 years, helping to elevate his school to the highest fundraiser in Qld. Active volunteer and fund raiser for numerous charities. Achieved Gold in the Duke of Edinburgh Program. Received many awards the most recent being the Quest Young star community award 2007 and the Australian Government's Youth recognition award 2006. Member of the CSIRO Student research scheme and the Young Scientist Australia Association.

William Chan – Brisbane Boys College

Prefect, member of the Student Representative Council, founder of Senior Gift committee, interschool Christian Fellowship Senior leader and also school news editor. Excels in music. College Robotics Captain and a member of the Australian team in the finals. Fund raises for Qld Cancer fund, "40 hour Famine Appeal, Salvation Army, United Nations Youth Association and others. Writer and volunteer reporter for various newspapers and has won prizes for graphic and web-based design. Gained a distinction in various national competitions including the Rotary Interact award 2006, the Quest Young star community award 2006.

Tin Goodwin – Mackay North State High School

School Captain and Student Council Executive member. Active in various fund-raising programs including "Head Shave for a cure" (Leukaemia Foundation). Provides information and support to the families of fallen soldiers- took part in the "Spirit of ANZAC Commemoration Tour" 2006 and personally interviewed on ABC's Australian Story program. Member of the school's Marching band, school choir, Mackay Junior Choral group and Mackay's Tri Service Band. Flight sergeant for Australian Air force cadets. First prize for Mackay District in Apex public speaking competition, hosted the 2007 District Education Qld showcase awards and Mackay's 2007 Festival of Fashion.

Leah Hays – Ferny Grove State High School

School Captain. President of the Green Team (an environmental and social justice group), Founder of the school lunchtime "FG Radio Station". Member of the senior choir and member of Guitar Ensemble. Volunteers for many extracurricular activities including sponsoring a child in Thailand, "40 hour famine", Oxfam and others. She assists with various events and activities including indigenous performances at the Woodford Folk Festival, events at the Tyalgum Classical Music Festival and little athletics.

Sarah Livingstone - Hervey Bay State School

School President and Senior Leader. Member of Student Council and active in many school based fund-raising activities including "Shave for a cure", "Jeans for genes", "Red nose day". A volunteer who devotes a considerable amount of her extracurricular time assisting with "Riding for the disabled" - is undertaking training to complete her level 0 coaching certificate. Represented Hervey Bay as a Youth Member of Parliament in 2006 and 2007 – elected Minister of Science Innovation and Technology and Deputy Premier. Promotes awareness of Youth Services in the Central Qld area through her role in the Central Qld Action Group.

Michael Liu – Kirwan State High School

Considered by teachers to be academically brilliant and an exceptionally talented musician. Associate Diploma in violin from Trinity College London, leads the Schools String Orchestra and a community-based string quartet, soloist at many community functions. Finalist at the 2007 Qld Musical Festival's "Score it" and won Senior State composer. Speaks proficient mandarin and Cantonese but also excels in debating and public speaking due to excellent English communication skills. Nominated to attend the National Youth Science Seminar in Canberra in 2008. Active volunteer in Kirwan's Interact Club, the Heart Foundation, Qld Cancer Council and others. Member of the Thuringowa City Youth Council, organises rock concerts, festivals and assists with other celebratory events.

Mark Lord - Rockhampton State High School

School Captain and Head Prefect. A frequent ambassador for his school at local events in Rockhampton. Lead performer in school musicals, fund raisers and cultural competitions. Captain of Senior debating team and was involved in Rockhampton Law week and represented his school in the Bond University Mooting competition. Selected to attend Youth Forum in Canberra and elected to the YMCA Youth Parliament in 2007, as Hon member for Fitzroy. Has published his own works of poetry and achieved various literary awards.

Mia Lumley – Trinity Anglican College

An all-round humanitarian – an advocate, a fundraiser, a volunteer and a conservationist. Has made a significant contribution to many conservation activities in North Queensland and her work has been recognised with the 2006 Cassowary Award for conservation activities in the wet tropics Heritage area. Her fundraising activities include Guide Dogs for the blind, deafness foundation, cancer research and others. A recipient of the Qld Young Volunteer awards. Participated in the YMCAs Youth Parliament in 2006 as member for Cairns. She is especially active with refugees, including refugee students and newly arrived refugees in Cairns. She supports and visits orphanages in Sri Lanka and Bali.

Eliza McDougall – The Scots PGC College

A Youth ambassador for her school and the Warwick region, including supporting homeless people. Raised funds for a poor Balinese school which she subsequently visited to distribute stationery, books and maps. Received a Mayoral award for her contribution to the Warwick Rodeo procession. Is part of a small, elite management team that is overseeing the ongoing construction of an environmentally sustainable house as a tourist attraction for the Warwick district.

Mikaela Shorter – Isis District State High School

Girl's School Captain and excels in both academic and sporting domains. Executive member of Student Council and active on school committees. Also active in many fund raising activities, involved with many Isis Shire Council projects and activities and is involved in environmental projects and activities. Was a member of the Futsal (indoor soccer) Australian team that toured the UK in 2006. Participated in many National (school) competitions including those for geography, science, chemistry, mathematics and English. A Senior School Debating State finalist. A radio show co-host. Performs at a local theatre restaurant.