

**2009 The Order of Australia Association  
Student Citizenship Awards Profile of Medal  
Winners**

**Artis, Katherine (Katie)**

Kirwan State High School, Thuringowa  
Chosen School Captain out of some 400 Year  
12 students  
Has represented her school at community  
functions such as Anzac Day and cultural  
events  
Active member of Interact Club (junior arm of  
Rotary)  
In a joint venture with Zonta Club has  
packaged birthing kits for Ethiopia  
Involved in Daffodil Day, International  
Women's Day, selling Deafness Badges, fund  
raising for Guide Dogs, Ronald McDonald  
House Charities in Townsville  
Recently named Soroptimists Young  
Community Service Woman of the Year 2009  
Competes in Lifesaving National Events,  
undertakes fund raising and participates in  
regular beach patrols  
Is an accomplished violinist, contributing at  
Arts Expos and Cultural Days  
Participates in sporting events and represents  
her school in Cross Country Championships



**Ayles, Sarah**

The Glennie School, Toowoomba  
Keen public speaker and debater as well as  
accomplished musician  
Is a volunteer for World Vision  
Has won prizes for leadership and teamwork  
Active fund raiser for the French Immersion  
program and initiated a tutoring program to  
help prepare future participants  
Contributes actively in the OptiMinds team  
challenges  
Is President and Committee captain for the  
Interact Club 2007-2009  
As part of Interact, she has organized Clean  
Up Australia Day, Salvation Army's Red Shield  
Appeal Doorknock, Make Poverty History's  
Face Up to Poverty Petition, World Greatest  
Shave event for the Leukaemia Foundation  
Initiated Mobile phone recycling, collection of  
winter clothes for the Salvation Army, Youth  
Event in Toowoomba  
Assisted with Blood Donations, Fund Raising  
for the Bush Ministry, the Fred Hollows  
Foundation, Amnesty International club at  
school



**Dyer, Alexandra**

Fairholme College, Toowoomba  
Active member of the Fairholme Interact Club  
Undertaken work for the Duke of Edinburgh Award  
Was a member of Amnesty International in 2007  
Contributes to many school activities and functions  
Participated in Relay for Life (Cancer Council), collector for Queensland Cancer Fund Door Knock, Endeavour Foundation Door Knock and Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal  
Worked for Leukaemia Foundation Shave-for-a-Cure, led her college community fund raising and long term support through community projects  
Member of the College's Broader Service committee which raises money to sponsor children



**Freemantle, Hannah May**

Flagstone State Community College, Jimboomba  
Chairperson of the Welfare Committee at Flagstone State Community College involving World Vision, Cleanup Australia Day, Relay for Life and RSPCA  
Hannah has built a strong relationship between World Vision and her school  
Organized the school's 40 Hour Famine contribution and became a World Vision Youth Ambassador  
Initiated her school's inclusion in the World Vision Global Leadership Conference at the Gold Coast  
Her efforts have led to about 1 in 5 student participation rate for World Vision  
Organized and participated in the school's Cleanup Australia Day 2009 effort with great success  
Hannah is team captain for the school's contingent participating in Relay for Life 2009 and helps to raise funds to make participation possible.  
She is working on a tree planting program and hopes to raise funds for RSPCA



**Gregory, Tamika**

Proserpine State High School, Proserpine  
Won title of Lions Youth of the Year for 2009 for Airlie Beach area and also Zone title  
Represented Australia at the annual Lions International Youth Camp at Camp Kanga (Proserpine) where she spent a week with students from 14 different countries  
Entered Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Awards and received Acknowledgement Certificate  
Selected as the Message of Goodwill bearer for the Whitsunday Region on Queensland's Q150 celebrations Steam Train  
Represented Proserpine region in the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program in Canberra  
Participates in door knock appeals such as Red Shield Appeal, Clean Up Australia Day, 40 hour famine, ANZAC Day services at dawn and ANZAC parades, Meals on Wheels and Fauna Rescue Services  
Is President of the Whitsunday Youth Affairs Committee for the local Council  
Visited local hospitals, nursing homes and respite centres during Easter and assisted with assembly of Birthing Kits to send to Africa



**Hawley-Hales, Zara**

Caloundra State High School  
Female School Captain  
Acts as MC at parades  
Presents at whole of school parades for Anzac Parade  
Represents school at community events such as Community Anzac Parade March, Wreath Laying and Centaur Ceremony  
Participated in the Sakuragaoka International Study Tour with Japanese students as guide and mentor  
Participated in Sunshine Coast Youth Summit  
Involved in 40 hour famine for World Vision, acting as Famine Leader and undertaking organizational activities  
Is investigating a more active response to recycling management in the school and is active in many academic challenges within the school



**Logue, Sean**

St Luke’s Anglican School, Bundaberg  
Native of strife-torn Zimbabwe who experienced at an early age the intricacies and unfairness of life as seen in local orphanages and from frightening experiences  
Has collected for Leukaemia Foundation, Salvation Army and the Red Cross over the last eight years  
Won Christian Living Award in 2006, St Luke’s Medal for contributions to the school in 2007  
As captain of Sports Administration he has help to organize numerous sporting events, including the Bundaberg District Secondary Schools Sports Swimming Carnival  
President of the Interact Club of St Luke’s  
Organized fund raising for bush fire appeal, Red Shield Appeal, Clean-up Australia Day, Miliene Aged Care Facility and others  
Participates in 40 Hour famine, Anglican Church Parish Dinners and organized the school’s involvement in the Relay for Life weekend  
Uses experiences from the past to guide and motivate fellow students to support the community



**Matthews, William**

The Southport School, Southport  
Has strong drive to volunteer and to motivate others  
Is a member of the “Round Square International” organization in which the school participates  
“Round Square International” promotes personal development through service, adventure and international understanding linking schools around the world to assist in countries such as India, Kenya and Thailand  
Has been treasurer of “Round Square International”, editor of their newsletter  
Founding member and spokesperson for the school’s “Green Team”, has raised funds to sponsor prizes for litter prevention  
William’s efforts on the “Green Team” led to school being awarded the Queensland winner in this category at the Green and Healthy Schools Committee  
As 2009 Vice-Chairman of “Round Square Committee” he is negotiating another fund raising initiative through School Council  
In 2008 and 2009 he has organized dinners to raise awareness of ethnic harmony



### **McRae, Robert**

St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg

Robert has a long history of community service through the school

Activities include, Run for a Cure, Clean up Australia Day, Salvation Army Doorknock Appeal, Shave for a Cure, Relay for Life, Anzac Day Marches and wreath laying

Robert is also involved in Uniting Church Parish Dinner organization

Has performed with Senior Choir at Domestic Violence Meeting

Since 2006 Robert has been in the Bundaberg Surf Life Saving Club Cadet Programme including fund raising

Robert has been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme since 2007 and received the Bridge Award II, the Bronze Award and the Silver Award and now working towards the Gold Award

Participated in the 2009 Kokoda Youth Trek  
Performs major service to school as Captain of Service, President of Student Council, Middle School Leader, member of Interact Club, retirement village visits amongst others



### **Nishiguchi, Emi**

Southport State High School, Southport

Emi is part of the school's Future Shape Leaders Program where she attends workshops by guest speakers

Likes to help disadvantaged groups and seeks out opportunities to help society

Attended World Vision Youth Conference, participated and assisted in school's World Vision 40 hour famine program

Emi was the motivating force behind the schools efforts to sponsor an overseas child and organized a Valentine's Day fundraiser to meet this year's commitment

Worked with school chaplain to organize a breakfast program, a dance night and a talent quest

She is a mentor with the Smith Family, a volunteer with Angel's Kitchen

Emi also spends time every week with Angel's Kitchen patrons, chatting to them and brightening their day

Works with the school's Special Education Unit to assist children with disabilities

Emi received the Gold Coast International Women's Day Youth Leadership Award for 2009



**Peterson, Jessica**

Brisbane Girls Grammar School, Brisbane  
Jessica is one of two School Service Captains and is a member of the Student Executive Council requiring leadership, demonstration of initiative and organization of fundraisers such as 40 Hour Famine, Yalari Foundation, Ecumenical Coffee Brigade, Victorian Bushfire Appeal and Queensland Floods Appeal.  
Has run an awareness campaign for Hush for Homelessness, Pink Day at the School and the Mother Daughter Dinner as a breast cancer fundraiser

A founder of the Oaktree Committee at Brisbane Girls Grammar, a youth run international aid and development organization to promote equal education opportunity for all young people across the world

Her efforts at present are directed towards raising awareness of the Generation of Leaders Discovered campaign in South Africa which is a HIV peer teaching scheme in twelve of the most affected countries

Outside of school Jessica has been involved with the Frangipani Dreams charity, Oaktree Foundation tutoring, World Vision, UNYA Youth Assembly and the Hammarskjold Shield Security Council Competition

Community service for the RBWCH (hospital) has been undertaken

She is a member of the School Interact Club and the Second Chance Committee

Jessica is also active in sports such as swimming, waterpolo, touch football as well as in Senior Drama Productions



**Pennini, Mark**

Maroochydore State High School, Maroochydore

Mark is School Captain

Has undertaken several fundraising events for the Cancer Council, MS Society, Relay for Life, Leukaemia Foundation, 40 Hour Famine and Rotary

Is introducing the Duke of Edinburgh Awards into the Middle School and has penned a school song "Onward Maroochydore" to help lift school pride

Mark is Youth and Media Liaison Officer for the Australian Republican Movement Sunshine Coast Forum where he actively engages the community

He works towards more youth involvement in the movement seeing his role as "defeating the political apathy of Generation Y"

As an alumnus of his primary school, The Kuluin School, he provides a link from his high school to the primary school on a regular basis and helps develop suitable collaborative initiatives

Mark is an enthusiastic member of the MS Society, organizing and promoting readathons at his high school

He is the recipient of many awards such as Buderim Lions Club youth of the year winner 2009, Maroochydore Returned Serviceman's League Sub Branch Bursary Award, Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award, High Distinction in National Geographic Channel Australian Geographic Competition and Star Student Reporter in School Newspaper Awards 2007



**Smith, Sam**

Caloundra State High School, Caloundra  
Current Caloundra State High School Sports Captain

Actively involved in Anzac Day and Community Parades, Working Bees, 40 Hour Famine, assisting community groups during Trek to Fiji and fundraising for cancer

Is organizing charity swims to help children with problems

Sam is actively involved with the Dicky Beach Surf Lifesaving Club since 2004

In surf life saving he has contributed over 200 voluntary patrol hours, and has gained numerous qualifications including surf rescue, first aid, advanced resuscitation and defibrillation

Gained a Memorial Award for Outstanding Youth in the Club

Has taken on a number of leadership roles for younger members of the club and is a Junior Patrol Captain for the Dicky Beach Surf Lifesaving Club



**Zatta, Jacob**

Ingham State High School, Ingham

Jacob is seen as an academic achiever who meets music, sport and spiritual obligations whilst demonstrating responsibility to his leadership and community roles

Leads the school's Music and Chaplaincy Committees

Has been involved for last five years in ANZAC and Remembrance Day Commemorative Services, World Day of Prayer services

Organizes prayer groups musical performances, chess competitions

As a Senior he was selected in the State Honours Ensemble Program and attended the National Youth Science Forum

Jacob utilizes his musical gift to enhance the lives of many in the community through service clubs, special events for the elderly and disadvantaged, nursing homes and carols by candle light

As a devout Christian he caters to all denominations including Combined Churches events

His goal is a career in physics and engineering





**Gold Medallion and Certificate of Merit Recipients with the Honourable Margaret McMurdo AC**

The Order of Australia Association (Queensland Branch) wishes to especially thank the following persons for their roles in making the 2009 Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards an outstanding success.

Convener: Professor Klaus Bremhorst AM

Judges: Ms Sally Freney St Laurence's College  
Dr Bruce Cook OAM Ret Principal, The Southport School  
Ms Dina Browne AO National Chairman OAA

Presenter: Hon Justice Margaret McMurdo AC, President of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland.

The Honorable John Mickel MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and State Member for Logan for approving the use of the Old Legislative Council Chambers, Parliament House, Brisbane as the venue for the awards ceremony.