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2010 SECONDARY SCHOOLS CITIZENSHIP  
AWARDS PRESENTATION

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

**Monday, 13 September  
2010**

Gold Medallions presented by  
Justice Margaret McMurdo AC

Certificates of Community Service  
presented by  
Dina Browne AO, Awards Convener

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**Our Gold Medallion winners for 2010**

## 2010 Gold Medallion Winners – Student Profiles



**Samantha Campbell –  
Gin Gin State High School**

### **Samantha Campbell**

**Gin Gin State High School**

A natural leader who enjoys helping others

Outstanding academic achiever including Dux and Australian Defence Force Leadership Awards recipient

Extracurricular activities include volley ball team captain, senior debating team, soccer team member, Westpac maths competition, junior debating team coach, maths team challenge, after school sporting coaching

Community activities include Quota International Public Speaking, 24 hr technology challenge HPV ride (human powered vehicle technology challenge), Anzac Day Parade, Gaeta Landcare Progress Association

Samantha is a junior member of the Kolonga rural fire brigade and has filled numerous roles, including Secretary/Treasurer for 3 years

Activities in the Rural Fire Brigade included active fire fighting, directing fire crews during the October 2009 Gaeta fires, cooking for fire crews, organizing trivia nights to raise funds and coordinating water supplies to fire units

Recently chosen Young Ambassador for the Bundaberg Regional Council and as a crew member on board Australia's national sail training ship the **Young Endeavour**



**Clinton Cave  
Cairns State High School**

### **Clinton Cave**

**Cairns State High School**

Uses his skills in music and sport to provide leadership and community service

Performed at functions such as 40<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Prime Ministers Forum, Q150 "Music for Life" concert, ANZAC Day ceremonies for some 6 years, Education Queensland "Fan Fare" Festival, Cairns Choral Society musicals and many others

Produced and recorded the winning song for "Drink Wise" community campaign

Leader of modern recording techniques featuring his own work and that of others

Team Captain of Trinity Anglican School Swimming Club

Assisted in fund raising activities to send swimming team to championships, "Relay for Life" event in Cairns

Speaking and performing at Rotary Club of Cairns and at retirement villages

Swimming educator for regional youth

Multi-year winner of 1.5 km Green Island Ocean Swim and first champion swimmer for all five years of high school in 93 year history of school

## Gold Medallion Winners – Student Profiles – continued



**Bradley Cole**  
Isis District State High School.

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**Isis District State High School**

School Captain.

Received Australian Defence Forces Awards for Leadership and Teamwork in 2008 and 2009.

Science Ambassador at Isis District State High School on behalf of The University of Queensland

Participates in community functions such as ANZAC Day marches, Regional Council events.

Is member of school orchestra playing at community events.

Helped to re-establish a local youth council and is representative of the new Childers Youth Council.

Assists in fundraising activities including the Cancer Council "Relay for Life" event, at P&C functions at the Childers Show.

Active in the Little Athletics Club, tennis club, croquet club.

Active member of the Uniting Church and Wesleyan Youth Group, church musical group which plays at church and community functions.



**Laura Leighton, Mareeba State High School**

### **Laura Leighton**

**Mareeba State High School**

Science Ambassador at Mareeba State High School on behalf of The University of Queensland.

President of Speakers Anonymous, Mareeba State High School's public speaking club.

Active in environmental projects such as installation of solar panels on school buildings and participating in environmental events such as Earth Hour and Schools Tree Day. Appointed to Qld Youth Environment Council for four year term to advise Government ministers with youth perspective on environmental policies

Treasurer of the Music and Entertainment Committee and organizes student attendance at events such as ANZAC Day and Multicultural Festivals

Is an experienced musical performer and song-writer working with others including with students who have disabilities

Member of School's Interact Club, participated in Relay for Life, Rotary field days, Rotary Community Events, Rodeo Processions, Long Tan Day, Pink Ribbon Day, Seniors Morning teas, Eisteddfods and numerous other events

Volunteer supervisor for the website WikiAnswers to help keep the website relevant, clean and free of advertising.

Laura is a Category Supervisor for WikiAnswers, a bronze contributor, & mentor for new website supervisors

Participated in BioFutures program, University of Qld Young Scholars program & National Youth Science Forum consequent upon which the Chief Scientist of Australia invited her to become a Youth Science Ambassador

## Gold medallion winners – Student profiles -continued



Melanie McCutchan, Pimlico State High School

### Melanie McCutchan

**Pimlico State High School**

Active in fund raising for charity groups such as Tay Ninh Centre for Visually Impaired Children in Vietnam, TEARS Foundation (assisting bereaved families) and Surf Lifesaving, Heart Foundation.

Participates in Discos, quizzes, Clean Up Australia Day, Leukaemia Foundation Shave for a Cure, Valentine's Day, Cancer Council Relay for Life. Marches in ANZAC parades and lays wreaths, performs in school choir, band and dance concerts for school.

Assists with community sporting events through registering, promoting, advertising and officiating, Skin Cancer Action Week.

Supports international bonding through annual billets for People to People Organisation.

Active in surf life saving including educating the public about surf awareness, the flags and sun protection, many hours on surf patrol and has numerous qualifications in rescue, first aid, resuscitation and defibrillation.

Member of Pimlico Concert Band and Choir performing at nursing homes, shopping centres and malls, Sydney Opera House for International Festival of Music

Studied at a Swiss school for nine weeks as part of an exchange program

Received the Pierre de Coubertin Award 2010 for good sportsmanship and enthusiasm in a variety of sports as well as receiving numerous awards for academic excellence



Emma Mooney, Pimlico State High School

### Emma Mooney

**Pimlico State High School**

Active in many aspects of music as a performer in orchestras, ensembles and choirs

Participates in charity events

Is the Student Council President in which capacity she has to participate and represent the school in many community events

Fund raising activities such as Shave for a Cure for the Leukaemia Foundation, TEAR Australia, Smiles Program run through World Vision, Visually Impaired School in Vietnam

Received the Australian Defence Force Ling Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award in 2009

Met the Prime Minister and his Cabinet at the Community Cabinet in 2009

Coaches netball team

Volunteers for Clean up Australia, tree planting by City Council, door knock for Red Cross, Leukaemia Foundation, Heart Foundation, serving food at Australia Day Ceremonies

Member of Young Labour and assists with running an election office during local elections.

## Gold medallion winners – Student profiles -continued



**Andrew Perryman**  
Beerwah State High School

### **Andrew Perryman** Beerwah State High School

Demonstrates excellent leadership through activities which inspire and support his peers, younger students and teachers.

School Captain for 2010 in which role he represents the school in many areas.

His projects attracted positive media coverage and resulted in activities for local primary schools and significant funding for the School of St Jude in Africa.

Is a member of the Queensland Youth Orchestra Wind Symphony, performs for local community groups, retirement villages and was selected as concertmaster for the Musically Outstanding Students Program Wind Orchestra.

Mentors music students throughout the state as well as at Beerwah State High School.

As a highly driven student Andrew loves to make a difference and acts as tutor in maths and science for peers and younger students.

Active in The University of Queensland Science Ambassador Program, participates in Clean Up Australia Days, Land for Wildlife and The Duke of Edinburgh Award



**Courtney Rohde**  
Toolooa State High School, Gladstone

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School Captain

Uniting Church Student Youth Leader and flute section leader, primary school music workshop tutor.

Active in Scouts and officiated as unit secretary and unit chairperson.

Active public speaker, participates in sports events, church youth groups.

Fundraising for AIDS, Cystic Fibrosis, 40 hour famine, Deafness Foundation, Cancer Council, Autism.

Conservation Volunteer, school representative at ANZAC ceremonies.

Member of Amnesty International group  
Awarded the RSL/Bond University Grant for Community Leadership and Civic Participation and Volunteering in Fiji, also Defence Force Team Leadership Award.

Involvement with civic work for Queens Scout Award.

Member of Kareeba Venturer Scout Group participating as regional representative for the Venturer Youth Scout Council through meetings via online hook-ups

## Gold medallion winners – Student profiles -continued

### **Kira Thomas**

#### **Coolum State High School**

Vice President of Student Council

Has spoken on Bushfire Innovative Technology Project at Parliament House sponsored by a BP Award for Innovative Studies

Active in Toastmasters

Volunteers for fundraising activities for charities such as Cancer Door Knock Appeal, Red Cross Door Knock Appeal

Member of Noosa Youth Council

Through School Chaplaincy she is President for World Vision Coolum High Chapter thus being involved with 40 hour famine, White Face Day, KissPovertyGoodbye, MakePovertyHistory

Attended Global Leadership Convention and has keen interest in wellbeing of people who are worse off

Involved in United Nations Youth Camp in 2009



**Kira Thomas**  
**Coolum State High School**

## Picture Gallery – 2010



## 2010 Picture Gallery – continued

