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**THE 16TH ANNUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS
CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION**

2014

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

Friday, 19 September 2014

Commemorative plaques presented by
His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC
Governor of Queensland

Certificates of Community Service
presented by
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Compered by Gary Thorpe OAM (from Radio 4MBS)

Music by Brisbane Grammar School Senior String Quartet

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Our outstanding award winning Queensland students share a moment with His Excellency in the Old Legislative Council Chamber of Parliament House, Brisbane on Friday 19 September. Back row **Dylan Ganepola**, Anglican Church Grammar School. 2nd row from L to R **Vaiuta Faletui**, Mabel Park State High School; **Apajok Bior**, St Ursula's College, Toowoomba; **Emma Clinnick**, Cleveland Districts State High School; **Sean Tran**, Brisbane Grammar School; **His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC**, Governor of Queensland; **Mary Parker**, Pimlico State High School; **Rebecca Iselin**, Heights College, Rockhampton; **Hannah Gregory**, Gladstone State High School. Front row, kneeling from L to R – **Bradley Moore**, Kirwan State High School; **Jarrad Greentree**, Noosa District State High School; and **Emily Lunney**, St Mary's College, Ipswich. [Anna McArthur-Dowty, Brisbane Girls Grammar School – absent]



Award winners seated around the ornate historic centre table of the Old Legislative Council Chamber of Parliament House.



His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland addressing the gathering.

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Student Profiles



Apajok Bior

St Ursula's College, Toowoomba

Of the many ways in which Apajok has contributed to College life, the most noticeable has been her commitment to the other Sudanese students at her school.

During last year, she brought the younger Sudanese girls together to form Sisters of Southern Sudan.

This group meets weekly to support one another, to become involved in charitable activities, to raise the profile of the Sudanese in our society and to discuss ways in which support might be provided to organisations that work to assist displaced people in South Sudan.

This program has been an outstanding success and, today, Apajok Bior is recognised for her initiative, leadership and commitment to making her school a more cohesive, accepting and inclusive place.



Emma Clinnick

Cleveland District State High School

House Captain

The foundation to Emma's commitment to the school community and to the world outside the school came with her involvement in the school chaplaincy tour to Vanuatu in 2012.

This experience, where she helped build a new kindergarten for underprivileged children, developed within her a passion to reach out to peoples in other impoverished situations.

She has subsequently raised funds for, and travelled to, Tonga and to Belize to engage in building and teaching projects.

When asked about the impact of these commitments upon her, she replied, "I would do it again in a 'heartbeat'!"

Congratulations, Emma, on your persistent and selfless involvement in enhancing the life opportunities of fellow human beings.

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Vaiuta Faletui
Mabel Park State High School

School Captain

In the submission by her school, Vaiuta was described as 'a model student, citizen and peer who demonstrates exemplary leadership on a daily basis'.

At Mabel Park High, she has used her musical skills to become both a teacher and mentor for students in the junior and senior vocal groups and this is but one example of her level of engagement with fellow students.

Outside school, Vaiuta has been heavily involved in promoting Logan as a positive, united and safe city.

She was one of the ten founding members of the One Hope community vocal group, a youth vocal collective supported by the Logan City Council to be a positive voice of unity and hope for the City of Logan.

Through her leadership in this area, Vaiuta has become a vital part of raising awareness and changing the perspective and opinions of Logan.

Vaiuta's strong sense of social responsibility has resulted in her being a most deserving recipient of a Senior Secondary Schools Citizenship Award for 2014.



Dylan Ganepola
Anglican Church Grammar School

House Vice Captain

Dylan's involvement in school life has been rich and diverse – from basketball to choral groups and mentoring of younger students.

He has also made a very considerable contribution to Churchie's community service program.

Dylan was involved in organising students to support fund-raising events such as the Mater Little Miracles Fun Run and the Leukaemia Foundation's Shave for a Cure.

Of particular note has been Dylan's leadership in a scheme whereby he and fellow students assist at the Dutton Park School Special Education unit on a weekly basis.

In addition, he has been a live-in carer for a disabled child at the Sony Foundation Vacation camp.

In summary, this is a very selfless young man, much of whose time has been devoted to the betterment of others.

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Jarrad Greentree

Noosa District State High School

School Vice Captain

When the Judging Panel reviewed the nomination on behalf of Jarrad Greentree, panel members were greatly impressed by the depth of this student's involvement in his school and in life beyond the school gates.

Of particular significance was his contribution to surf life saving.

Not only has Jarrad given over 200 hours to beach patrolling, he has also thrown himself into a variety of lifesaving leadership roles.

These have included training young lifesavers in CPR and rescue techniques as well as water safety lessons for the youngest participants, the Nippers.

This is a wonderful young man with the potential to make a really great contribution to society in the future.



Hannah Gregory

Gladstone State High School

Student Executive Team Member

During her secondary school years, Hannah has developed a passionate involvement in school activities and this level of commitment has seen her become highly regarded by staff and peers.

From fundraising for local charities to working as a volunteer in the Philippines, Hannah's enthusiasm has known no bounds.

Hannah is an extremely dedicated and hardworking individual who takes initiative to see change happen for the better, both within the local and global community.

Therefore, it was no wonder that Hannah's Year 12 coordinator described her in these words: 'Her outstanding work ethic is complemented by her impeccable behaviour and manners'.

Today, we congratulate Hannah Gregory on receiving a Secondary School Citizenship Award for 2014.

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Rebecca Iselin
Height's College, Rockhampton

College Captain

One of Rebecca's many strengths is her ability to interact with students across a wide range of ages.

She has used this talent to meet weekly with girls in Junior Secondary where she provides sound advice and wonderful mentoring.

In addition, Rebecca has volunteered a week of her vacation each year to assist in the conduct of a camp for primary students.

She is also a significant contributor to life outside of school and often can be found helping the elderly at two local aged care facilities.

Remarkably, Rebecca finds the time to make this high level of commitment to community work in addition to all the duties and expectations that she carries as College Captain.



Emily Lunney
St Mary's College, Ipswich

College Captain

Emily's readiness to involve herself in outreach programs such as her work for children with cancer and her willingness to read to the elderly at the Ipswich Hostel has had a profound influence not only upon those with whom she interacts in this way but also upon the lives of fellow students at St Mary's College.

In this respect she is a marvellous role model for her peers.

Emily's sense of community commitment has extended far beyond her home town as evidenced by her involvement in the College's inaugural trip to Cambodia where she taught English in a school, visited villages and worked with the Sisters of Mercy to build houses.

Emily is a caring, sensitive and committed young woman of great potential.

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Anna was unable to attend the Presentation because she was leaving for France on a school exchange program that day. **As such there is no photo of Anna.** This photo is Mrs Lynne Mungomery, Director of Service, Brisbane Girls Grammar School, receiving the award on Anna's behalf.

Anna McArthur-Dowty **Brisbane Girls Grammar School**

Anna possessed a vision.

It was to raise, with her fellow students of Brisbane Girls Grammar School, an awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' culture and the issues they face.

Through determination and persistence, she was able to gain approval to establish the Uralla Club at Brisbane Girls Grammar.

Now, an active organisation with the school, it facilitated ways in which students might be able to contribute to 'Closing the Gap' for First Nations people.

When not busy with the Uralla Club, Anna is working for the Second Chance Committee to support homeless women.

It is an inspiration to meet such a compassionate, community minded young person as Anna McArthur -Dowty.



Bradley Moore **Klirwan State High School**

School Captain

Over the time of his secondary schooling, Bradley has managed to ensure not only excellent outcomes for himself but also for many others in the community.

His passion and commitment to improving the lives of other people in the community saw him recently selected to represent Australia at the International Youth Forum in Missouri USA.

When not involved in charity work, Bradley is fully immersed in school life.

Leading by example in theatre and sport, he has influenced many other students to become involved in such healthy recreational pursuits.

Bradley has a genuine passion to improve the lives of others in our local, national and international community.

Consequently, we congratulate this inspiring young citizen on receipt of this Award.

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Mary Parker

Pimlico State High School

Student Council President

Mary is renowned for giving 100 percent to every challenge that is placed before her.

Under her leadership this year, the focus has been on community engagement.

Mary has used her outstanding commitment to the arts to engender a greater sense of community within Pimlico High School.

She has represented her school in the Young Diplomat and UN Youth competitions, receiving the James Cook University's award of Young Diplomat of the Year.

Outside of school, Mary's passion for surf lifesaving and her talents in leadership have seen her organising a range of camps, training courses and award ceremonies for younger club members across Queensland.

Mary shows every indication of being a great asset to society now and in the future.



Sean Tran

Brisbane Grammar School

As a member of his school's voluntary Service Committee, Sean has been a dedicated worker with a wholehearted commitment to assisting various community organizations.

In fact, in his school's nomination of Sean, it stated that his contributions have been instrumental in the success of all aspects of the work of the Service Committee in recent years.

Sean is a regular visitor to a nearby aged care facility where he plays piano and assists the elderly.

He also tutors children on a weekly basis at a local primary school as part of a program between Brisbane Grammar and disadvantaged youngsters.

His commitment to younger students is evidenced at his own school where he is an official mentor for boys in years 5 to 7.

Not content with that, Sean has been actively involved in Compassion Vietnam.

Described by his school as a 'strong, well-balanced and thoughtful person', this young man possesses the qualities to be a wonderful contributor to whatever community commitments he undertakes in the future.

PHOTO GALLERY EXTRA



Geoff Cowles OAM, Awards Coordinator and OAAQ Secretary (right) is pleased to meet Jacqueline Holland, a Certificate of Community Service recipient from Cavendish Road State High School where he was a former student in 1964 and 1965.



The nine students selected to receive their Certificates of Community Service at the Presentation from award sponsor Peter Honeycombe, Honeycombe Property Group – Back row from L to R – **Nicholas Seery** (Rivermount College); **Nathan Kenny** (Redeemer Lutheran College); **Michael Adams** (Yeronga State High School); **Owen Fowler** (Pacific Pines State High School); **Peter Honeycombe** (sponsor); **Eilish Alexander** (Cannon Hill Anglican College); **Jacqueline Holland** (Cavendish Road State High School); **Mitchell Polglase** (Redeemer Lutheran College). Front row L-R **Tahlia Smith** (Indooroopilly State High School); **Ashley Doughty** (Alexandra Hills State High School).



Dr Alan Campbell, Principal, Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) delivers the Response on behalf of all Schools



Music was provided by the Brisbane Grammar School Senior String Quartet



Emily Lunney, St Mary's College, Ipswich with Ian Berry MP, State Member for Ipswich at the afternoon tea after the presentation



At the Afternoon tea following the Presentation – from L-R – Ray Young OAM, Convener, Central Qld Regional Group, OAAQ; His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland and Geoff Cowles OAM, OAAQ Secretary and Awards Coordinator