

## The judging panel and process, to date...

Bundaberg Lions Club is again grateful to our 2016 judging panel - Stacey Tindel of the National Australia Bank, David Batty and Wayne Bauer.

Stacey is a "multiple time" Youth of the Year judge; she balances a busy family life with work at NAB and emerging responsibilities with Bargara Little Athletics and other community support activities.

Wayne has previously been a Youth of the Year judge, at Club and Region level events; this is David's first time as a Youth of the Year judge. Both David and Wayne are experienced Bundaberg corporate sector members, have active community participation roles and, as fathers of successful adult children, are passionate about encouraging young people to "grow" their leadership skills.

A sincere thank you to Stacey, David and Wayne for their wisdom and guidance, from the Bundaberg Lions Club.

The judging task has been a particularly challenging one this year. A field of six high-calibre Bundaberg High entrants, with diverse strengths and interests, has certainly complicated the judges' deliberations!

Our six contestants entered the Youth of the Year Program via written applications that detailed their academic, sporting and cultural achievements, along with details of community activity participation.

On Saturday 13 February the judges and contestants met, with each contestant individually interviewed in an informal setting.

On the basis of the applications and related interviews **80**, of the event's **110**, points were awarded. Specifically, the 80 points were awarded for:

Leadership	Sporting	Citizenship/ Community	Academic	General Knowledge	Personality
15 points	10 points	10 points	10 points	20 points	15 points

Tonight's public speaking portion of the program will see the remaining 30 points awarded (see below) to determine an overall winner for this round.

Impromptu questions <i>(2 "unseen" questions with 2 mins to respond)</i>	Prepared speech <i>(5 minutes on "own choice" topic)</i>	Presentation
5 pts ea - 10 points total	15 points	5 points

From tonight's Club final an **overall winner** will be selected to compete at the Zone judging to be held at Kepnock SHS on 12 March. A **public speaking winner** will also be identified tonight.

This year, Bundaberg's Hinkler Lions Club will proudly host the 2016 State Final of Youth of the Year, on Saturday 23 April at Rowers on the River.

## Australia's oldest OAM and former publican

The connection between the Lions Club of Bundaberg and Alma originated when we chose the Melbourne Hotel for our dinner meetings, where Alma was the Licensee and the Hostess extraordinaire. It was 1967 and continued through into the 1980's when Alma gave up the License.

In that time, Alma did not just make sure we had a place to meet, eat and quench our thirst once a fortnight, but she became involved with us and the Lions Ladies auxiliary in whatever projects where she could be of help. Raising funds for the Therapy Centre when that was built and the very successful Fashion Fantasia that our Ladies had as their project for many years, just to name a few.



Ms Alma Ing, former Melbourne Hotel Licensee

So much so, Alma was granted Honorary member of the Lions Ladies Auxiliary and listed in our annual membership diary ever since and was recognized as such at our 50th Anniversary in February 2015.

Alma also gave of her time to many other community organizations, namely the Red Cross, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Apostolic Church and to the Meals on Wheels until she was well into her Eighties.

Alma is a gracious Lady, who spent so many year helping others in her quiet but generous manner, mostly unknown to many of the recipients and certainly has earned the recognition in being awarded the Order of Australia medal,

### Setting a good example for younger Australians

Mrs Ing's son Alan said his mother worked hard in the first few years to make the hotel a welcoming place. "She transformed it from a blood-bath hotel into an upmarket hotel in Bundaberg," Mr Ing said. "In fact, it became the hotel with the biggest licence fee of any of the hotels in Bundaberg so it was quite plush.

"She did a remarkable job."

He said his mother set a tremendous example for young Australians.

"She treats everyone as equals, she doesn't stand any nonsense, she likes the truth," he said.

"She's, in fact, a god-fearing woman and she's very fair-minded.

"She's always been very kind to everyone."

Mrs Ing said she felt lucky to be an Australian, and urged young people to honour their country.

"Be true to Australia. Be true to your land in which you live in," she said.

"Be very honest and work hard, play hard and pray hard."

## Youth of the Year Quest

The Lions Youth of the Year Program is a combined Lions project that is run across Australia and Papua New Guinea. For nineteen years the National Australia Bank has co-sponsored Youth of the Year. This enduring partnership's success is evident in the quality of young people who participate, at all levels.

### Aims

Lions Youth of the Year is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in our youth, at the age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education, and provides students with the incentive to pay greater attention to the general qualities, so vital in developing our youths into first class citizens.

The qualities sought; apart from academic attainments are those of leadership, personality, sportsmanship, public speaking and good citizenship. The students meet in fellowship, have the opportunity of open discussion, exchange of ideas, and meet professional people of a community service Club organisation.

Youth of the Year is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. A high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement is sought in its potential winners. By emphasising these qualities, it hopes to provide outstanding role models for the youth of Australia and an overall increase in the confidence of young men and women.

Lions Youth of the Year is an excellent means of assisting Australia's youth and promoting the essential role of leadership development and community service organisations in maintaining Australia's high standard of living.

### The Process

The main activities involved in the running of Lions Youth of the Year include initial promotion in schools and local communities; judging of candidates; selection and announcement of the national winner; arrangements for the winner's overseas travel and attendance at an International Youth Camp and other finalists travel throughout Australia.

Youth of the Year begins with student recruitment in one year and culminates in the final judging and announcement of national winners at the Multiple District Convention, usually in May of the following year.

### Prizes / Awards

Prizes will be awarded to contestants at all levels throughout the Youth of the Year. Lions Australia will award all National Finalists, including the National winner, an organised group tour to a Lions International Youth Camp at Rotorua, New Zealand, followed by a group tour to the National Winner's home state, a total of 16 days' duration during the summer holidays. Each state winner will also receive \$500 spending money.

The National Winner receives an overseas trip to a destination of choice to the value of \$4,000 plus \$1,000 spending money. The Public Speaking winner receives a trip to a destination of choice to the value of \$2,000 plus \$500 spending money. Certificates of recognition are awarded at all levels of judging for the overall heat winner and the public speaking winner.

## The contestants, some highlights!

**Sarah ANDREWS:** Sarah is 16 years old and a 2016 Bundaberg SHS School Captain; she was a member of the Student Representative Council in 2015 and has participated in school swimming and athletics carnivals, as well as helping to organise the 2015 Colour Run, Relay for Life and Biggest Morning Tea. 2015 academic results - English - A, Mathematics B - A, Chemistry - B, Ancient History - A, Legal Studies - A, Business Studies - A.

**Samantha BAINBRIDGE:** Sam is 16 years old and a 2016 Bundaberg SHS School Captain; she was Vice Captain of the U-16 Sunshine Coast Uni Rep Basketball team in 2014 and in 2015 won gold medals in the "mixed double" and "mixed quad" sculls at the Bundaberg Rowing Regatta. In 2015 Sam successfully passed English, Mathematics B, Biology, Chemistry, Health & Physical Ed and Ancient History.

**Georgia DAVIE:** Georgia is 16 years old, was a 2015 member of the Student Representative Council and is Secretary of the Senior Representative Council. She has been a member of the school concert band since 2014 and is currently first clarinettist. Georgia has participated in Brisbane music and music theatre workshops and performed widely in eisteddfods, concerts and wide-ranging cultural events. Her 2015 academic results include VHA's in English, Mathematics B, Biology, Ancient History, Drama and Clarinet. She received an Academic Excellence Award in 2015 and topped Mathematics B, Music and Drama.

**Vanessa EDWARDS:** Nessa is 16 years old and is Secretary of the Senior representative Council. She has organised a Bundaberg SHS team in the Cane to Coral event to honour the memory of her father Peter Edwards, is a key performer in the school's String Ensemble and has supported Year 7's as they enter high school. Nessa has won an Australian Defence Force award and a citizenship award, as well as supporting many community events. She is studying English, Mathematics B, Biology, Modern History, Music and Legal Studies and was awarded an Academic Excellence award and "topped" Legal Studies.

**Clay GRIMES:** Clay is 16 years old and a 2016 Bundaberg SHS School Captain; he has been a member of the Student Representative Council from 2014 - 2016. In 2014 Clay was Captain of Brothers U-15 Rugby League team and Co-captain of the Bundaberg SHS U-15 RL team. He has extensive representative experience in Rugby League and has refereed Touch Football at Local Association, Regional, State and National level. Clay has participated in ANZAC services and at the end of 2015 achieved VHA's in Ancient History and Mathematics B, HA's in English and Information Processing & Technology and a SA in Physics. He won an Academic Excellence award in 2015 and "topped" Information Processing & Technology.

**Abigail RICHARDS:** Abi is 16 years old and has been a Student Representative Council member in 2014 and 2015. She was a Colour Run leader in 2015, took a lead role in the school's musical "Alladin" in 2014 as well as singing in the school choir. Abi is a successful freestyle swimmer at inter-school level and in 2015 was awarded "Best and Fairest" for inter-school Netball. She was a Qld representative touch footballer in 2014 and achieved VHA's in English and Ancient History, along with HA's in Mathematics A, Biology, Health & Physical Education and Drama.