

**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
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**THE 20TH ANNUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
PRESENTATION
2018**

Parliament House, Brisbane

The Old Legislative Council Chamber
(The Red Chamber)

Friday, 21 September 2018

Commemorative plaques presented by

**Her Honour Catherine Holmes
Chief Justice of Queensland**

Certificates of Community Service
presented by

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Commemorative Plaque and Certificate of Merit Recipients 2018

Madeleine Bishop

William Blair

Rebecca Bright

Bridget Hegerty

Soraya Houghton

Kody Jorgensen

Darcy Larkin

Shenetty Makoti

Joshua Theakston

Sotari Turley

Samara Welbourne

Jessica Wilson

Moreton Bay College

Cavendish Road State High School

Noosa District State High School

SCOTS PGC College

Gordonvale State High School

Maroochydore State High School

Proserpine State High School

Mareeba State High School

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Palm Beach Currumbin State High

Mountain Creek State High School

Southport State High School



Our award winning students with Her Honour – Standing from L to R – Soraya Houghton (Gordonvale State High School); Darcy Larkin (Proserpine State High School); Kody Jorgensen (Maroochydore State High School); Joshua Theakston (Mareeba State High School); Sotari Turley (Palm Beach Currumbin State High); Her Honour Catherine Holmes, Chief Justice of Queensland; Samara Welbourne (Mountain Creek State High School); William Blair (Cavendish Road State High School); and Madeleine Bishop (Moreton Bay College).

Kneeling from L to R - Shenetty Makoti (Mareeba State High School); Jessica Wilson (Southport State High School); Rebecca Bright (Noosa District State High School); and Bridget Hegerty (SCOTS PGC College).

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Student Profiles



Madeleine Bishop
Moreton Bay College

College Captain

A mature and thoughtful young woman, Madeleine has given extensive effort to the sporting, service, cultural and academic areas of her school as well as giving her time and energy to a broad range of co-curricular activities including swimming, music and public speaking.

She has worked tirelessly within her role of College Captain to be an integral force in launching the school's new Pastoral Care Framework, taking on this challenge with courage and hope.

In addition, she is the president of the Leo Club, and received a Create Change Achievement Award from the University of Queensland.

At Moreton Bay College, Madeleine is widely acknowledged as a young woman who is highly motivated and thrives on challenging herself and contributing to her community in positive ways.

Congratulations Madeleine on being nominated for this award.



William Blair
Cavendish Road State High School

School Captain

Generosity of spirit, William has been untiring in his pursuit to inspire and promote excellence to the Indigenous student community of Cavendish Road State High School.

He identifies as a proud Cobble Cobble man and, this year, became the school's first male Indigenous School Captain.

Connecting with community is strong for William and, at his school, his focus is on improving student wellbeing through being available to assist with homework and assignments during lunch; listening to student concerns and initiating policy change through the school administration.

This connection of community extends to regularly volunteering at his former primary school through their school fetes, celebrations and ANZAC Day parades.

A highly regarded member of the school's STEM academy, William's dedication is unsurpassed and he aspires to work for an Indigenous health organisation with the aim of leading the future of improving the health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Rebecca Bright
Nossa District State High School

School Captain

Rebecca is a rising talent with excellent public speaking skills; skilfully plays the flute and oboe; and participated for the past four years at the Brisbane Writer's Festival.

And literally rising, Rebecca challenges herself...think aerial strength and flexibility sequences with silk ribbons.

Demonstrating great leadership skills, Rebecca is compassionate and caring in her volunteering roles including hosting the school's Chinese and Taiwanese Homestay Exchange programs; organising whole-school fundraising and demonstrating meticulous skills in organising the Student Council.

Her school describes her as "an exceptional student and role model for her peers who is selfless and compassionate."

We congratulate Rebecca on receiving one of the twelve Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards for 2018.



Bridget Hegerty
SCOTS PGC College
College Prefect

SCOTS PGC College wrote in their nomination about Bridget "*it is a privilege to be swept along by the time of servant leadership Bridget generates*" and it's easy to understand fully that statement when you consider this young lady puts others first, garners support to help her publicise worthy causes and to organise collections rights across the College.

A gifted equestrian, Bridget has shown selflessness by sacrificing her own preparation in an event (and losing points for her own performance) to help and guide a less experienced team member in the same event.

Her charity work involves collecting items for local families in crisis; taking part in an inaugural school visit to several remote villages in the Solomon Islands and now taking the lead in ongoing support for village schools.

Bridget is truly an alchemist of time whereby she turns normal moments into opportunities to serve others and make a positive difference

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Soraya Houghton
Gordonvale State High School

Senior Social Captain

Soraya is a fantastic contributor to the wider school community with volunteer involvement with organisations such as St Vincent de Paul where she volunteers weekly for two hours after school and the RSL where she has served breakfast for service men and women at the Dawn Service.

She is an outstanding contributor to co-curricular life where, as Interact Club President, led a highly motivated team to collect and assemble 100 stationery boxes for distribution to third world countries as part of the Christmas Child project.

In addition, Soraya works tirelessly with school staff to event manage a number of leading school fundraisers and community events where has been exemplary in her pursuit to achieving positive outcomes for her school.

Consequently, Soraya has provided an amazing example of social service and engagement with the community for her fellow students at Gordonvale State High School.



Kody Jorgensen
Maroochydore State High School

School Captain

Service to his community is paramount for Kody Jorgensen.

He is a young man who has been recognised for his tireless work outside of the school by receiving the Queensland Leo of the Year Award for 2018.

Kody has been instrumental in the organisation and coordination of the fundraising activities within the school and working with the Chaplain creating products to raise money and rallying the community to support Cyclone Debbie victims.

With a strong work ethic and as an outstanding role model, Kody willingly shares his experiences to assist younger students during their subject selection process.

Described by his school as someone who "*epitomises what it means to be a great ambassador*", Kody is destined to continue to make a difference.

We congratulate Kody on receiving one of the twelve Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards for 2018.

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Darcy Larkin

Proserpine State High School

School Captain

A definition of a genuine person is one who is true to themselves in the way that they think, feel and portray themselves and their intentions are pure of heart and this is exactly the term used by staff at Proserpine State High School to describe Darcy Larkin.

Darcy's participation in social service activities at his school include his willingness to always lend a hand to organise and prepare student council activities; be an active member of the social cultural committee; play a lead role in the school version of "Footloose"; enjoy being a qualified tennis coach and volunteering at the school uniform shop for the last four years.

Therefore it is with total confidence that his school concluded its nomination on his behalf with the words: *"Darcy is a well-rounded young man who puts others needs first and exhibiting true citizenship in our school and community simply by being himself."*



Shenetty Makoti

Mareeba State High School

School inter-year Leader

Shenetty is a steady all-rounder – a talented netball player; writer and poet; and a runner-up in the Cairns Junior Newsreader Competition.

She has career aspirations of being a nurse and has volunteered at two local hospitals during the school holidays and was a breath of fresh air to both patients and staff.

Since 2015, Shenetty has received the school's Cultural and Community Service Award and her service includes volunteering at Lifeline Atherton.

Shenetty has shown great leadership skills during her time at Mareeba State High School and has been heavily involved in fundraising for a family; established school in Zimbabwe by organising a pop-up shop in the main street of Atherton and running raffles to send resources for the 250 primary school children.

Her school states in their nomination of Shenetty – *"Her strongest belief is that education is the best gift any child can have."*

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Joshua Theakston
Mareeba State High School
School Captain

Everything runs smoothly when Joshua is around – he is a highly gifted Master of Ceremonies – an important person for tying everything together so any event runs smoothly!

These local events include the ANZAC Day service, a family fun day and two days at the District Athletics Carnival – no mean task to keep the audience entertained and the event rolling along.

Academically, he has been the recipient for the past five years of the Overall Academic Achievement Awards and Dux for the past two years.

As a young sportsman, he is a qualified swimming coach and assists at the town's swimming club by coaching young swimmers up to 12 years of age as well as conducting Learn to Swim classes for children as young as three.

Joshua takes real pleasure in helping others and exemplifies the school motto of 'Non Nobis Solum' – not for oneself alone.



Sotari Turley
Palm Beach - Currumbin State High
International Student Captain

For the past two years, Sotari has been a member of the school's Leo Club which, under her presidency this year, has increased its membership tenfold.

A passionate advocate for community involvement, Sotari has led the club to successful fundraising and subsequent donations to many local charities including the Southport Domestic Violence Shelter and Gold Coast Homeless Youth.

As the International Student Captain, she acts as both a homestay and buddy for overseas students during study tours within the school – a role which recognises her service and dedication.

A gifted academic and film maker, Sotari received first prize at the Palm Beach Currumbin Region Film Festival.

We congratulate this remarkable young woman for her dedication to the betterment of others and delighted she is a recipient of the Secondary Schools Citizenship Award.

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Samara Welbourne

Mountain Creek State High School

Mix together a dash of fairy dust, a splash of humility, a sprinkling of social awareness and good cheer to all in her endeavours and you have Sam Welbourne.

Sam's sense of community is strong and diverse. She published her first book at the age of 13 *How to Make Fairy Houses* and has donated a percentage of her book royalty cheques ever since to children's hospitals.

Since that time, Sam runs free fairy house classes every school holidays at the local library, kindergartens and Book Week celebrations.

As well, using her skills as an entrepreneur she encourages and supports students to develop their skills to run a small business!

Winner of the 2017 Young Leader award as part of the Sunshine Coast Inspirational Women's Awards, Sam stretches and builds her own skills and those of the students who have joined her in these initiatives.



Jessica Wilson

Southport State High School

Above and beyond...Jessica Wilson exemplifies this term brilliantly.

Not content to be an active member of Southport State High School' Education Access learning program including a student coffee shop service, this compassionate and empathetic Year 12 student developed a number of promotional and sponsorship activities.

Oh... and did I mention she makes wonderful mini cupcakes delivered with a beautiful inspirational message to make everyone's day just a little bit more special!

To add to her busyness, Jessica enthusiastically participates in swimming; athletics; assists high-needs dance students and volunteers for the Queensland Red Cross.

In all senses, this young lady has community spirit in spades and inspires all who have the good fortune to meet her, through her generosity and dedication to others through her thoughtful gestures.

It was only natural that Southport State High School would nominate this valued student who has made a very significant contribution to her community.

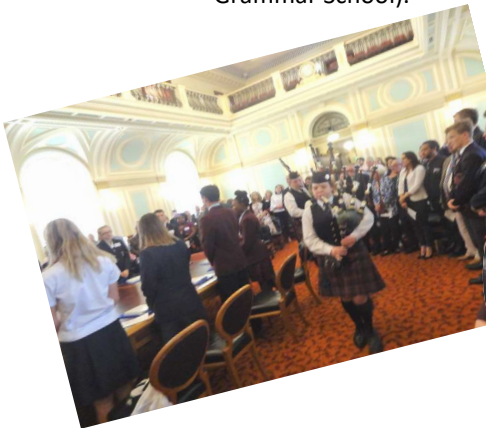
The Association thanks Michelle Mills from Education Queensland for kindly producing these student profiles.

PHOTO GALLERY – EXTRA



The nine students selected to receive their Certificates of Community Service at the Presentation from Mr Tim Fairfax AC, the Awards Sponsor – Top row - from L to R – Yash Dutt (Brisbane State High School); Laura Ross (Tamborine Mountain State High School); James Ward (Brisbane Boys' College); Mr Tim Fairfax AC (Awards Sponsor); Luke Waldie (Brisbane State High School); and Ica Hernandez (The Ipswich State High School);

Front Row – kneeling from L to R - Amy Quinn (Urdu Hill College); Lily Kenway (All Saints Anglican School); Arielle Roberts (Mount Gravatt State High School); and Rohan Purkiss (Ipswich Grammar School).



Odds and Ends – clockwise from top left

1. The official party "piped" into the Old Legislative Council Chamber at Parliament House, Brisbane.
2. The winning students at the centre table of the Old Legislative Council Chamber.
3. Mr Scott Whybird, Principal, Mareeba State High School delivers the Response on behalf of all schools speech.
4. Pipers from SCOTS PGC College Pipes and Drums receiving their accolades from the audience – Mr Sandy Dalziel, their Pipes and Drums Master is on the left.



*This highlights package has been produced by
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