



Year 7 Education Achievement Award winners Corey Doyle & Hariyett Peters.

Year 9 Education Achievement Award winners Chrystal Chapman, Nyeesha Dickson, Tyarah-Lee Bamblett & Lowana Drake.



Left: Year 10 Education Achievement Award winners Cheyanne Cooper, Caylem Roberts & Diesel Cipriani.

Right: Year 11 Education Achievement Award winners Ieashya Chapman, Jada Briggs & Hannah Coote.



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Congratulations
to all the winners of our 2018 Youth Achievement Awards!

Thirty-six young Indigenous people stepped proudly up on stage to receive their Award certificates at the Eastbank Centre in Shepparton last month.

Over 200 people attended the Awards event including Ganbina participants, their families, friends, local dignitaries and representatives from many of Ganbina's partners in the philanthropic, community, business and education sectors.

Our special thanks to SPC for their generous sponsorship of the evening; to Board members Kevin Moore and Timothy Warwick for presenting the Awards; and to the Ganbina Year 11 Leadership Program participants – Hannah Coote, Anerley West, Sharni Beeton, Raymond Scott-McGee and Virgil Biggs – for being outstanding MCs.

On the radar

20 December 2018	Ganbina office closes
21 January 2019	Ganbina office opens
22 & 23 January	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program – Team Building
25 January	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program – Team Building
4 February	Primary School Scholarships - applications open
11 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program - Information Night
11 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program - applications open
19 February	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program - Goal Setting
22 February	Year 10 Leadership Program - applications close
1 March	Primary School Scholarships - applications close



Year 8 Education Achievement Award winners Rae-Nee Roberts, Kelis Saunders & Kaitlyn Crowhurst.



Training Achievement Award winners Carly Mohamed, Sam Muir, Celine Jukes & Taylah Jones.



Employment Achievement Award winners Kyle Podesser, Kearla Dooly & Taleah Briggs.

Agents of change

Education Awards

Kelis Saunders attends Goulburn Valley Grammar School. GVGS Year 8 Coordinator, Julia Mathers, supported Kelis' application. She wrote: "Kelis is a friendly and polite student who gets along with her peers and staff alike. She is confident and articulate as she recently displayed when she spoke in front of the school about the life of William Cooper. Her willingness to be involved and to step outside of her comfort zone is admirable." Kelis also represented her school this year in ICCES basketball and netball.

Training Awards

Taylah Jones completed her Bachelor of Arts degree (Criminology and Sociology) at the University of Melbourne this year. She has also been invited to deliver the Valedictory speech to her graduating class. Last year, Taylah was included in the Dean's Honours List which recognises academic excellence. Taylah has also been working hard at Doxa during her studies, both as a youth mentor and in marketing. Doxa PR Officer, Belinda Rowse, praised Taylah as being "a driving force in the development of Doxa's first RAP." Taylah joined Ganbina in Year 9.

Employment Awards

Eighteen year old **Kearla Dooly** enrolled with Ganbina in Year 7. Today, she is a full time trainee in a Diploma of Children's Services at Lullas Children and Family Centre in Shepparton. "Kearla is forging an outstanding career in children's services," said Phillip Guthrie, Team Leader of Operations at the GOTAFE Centre for Koorie Education. "We are constantly receiving positive feedback on her performance in the workplace. She is also achieving to a very high level in the study component of her Diploma."



Adrian Appo Youth of the Year Award winner

Jada Briggs is a Year 11 student at Wanganui Park Secondary College. She has been involved with Ganbina since primary school. Jada is currently undertaking a school based apprenticeship with Victoria Police and she is studying for a Certificate III in Business through Skillinvest. For the last two years, Jada has worked with Slater & King Lawyers after school. She also plays tennis for McEwen Reserve and Youth Girl's Football with Shepparton United, and helps out with club activities and training younger players when she can.

Rebecca Mclean, Business Trainer and Mentor to Indigenous Trainees at Skillinvest, said that Jada has consistently produced work of a high standard in relation to her vocational studies this year. "She has also become a valuable member of the team she works with."

Xavier Tanner, Assistant Principal, Wanganui Park Secondary College, said: "Jada is a very hardworking and determined young lady. She is an outstanding student who compliments the values and tenets of our college."

Above: Jada Briggs with Anthony Cavanagh, CEO, Ganbina.

2018 Award winners

EDUCATION AWARDS

Year 7

Corey Doyle
Hariyett Peters

Year 8

Kaitlyn Crowhurst
Rae-Nee Roberts
Kelis Saunders

Year 9

Tyarrah-Lee Bamblett
Chrystal Chapman
Nyeesha Dickson
Lowana Drake

Year 10

Diesel Cipriani
Cheyanne Cooper
Caylem Roberts

Year 11

Jada Briggs
leashya Chapman
Hannah Coote

Year 12

Shania Jones
Drue McEntee
Trinity Peachey

TRAINING AWARDS (Certificate III & Higher)

Taylah Jones
Celine Jukes
Carly Mohamed
Sam Muir

EMPLOYMENT AWARDS

Taleah Briggs
Kearla Dooly
Kyle Podesser

ADRIAN APPO YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jada Briggs

2018 YEAR 12 GRADUATES

April Atkinson
Elijah Carney
Sara Collie
Shaqayla Connor
Tahlia Cooper
Ryan Dylan
Marley Edwards
Paris Forster
Schakija Gribble
Shannon Innocenti
Chloe Jones
Shania Jones
Tegan Kelly
Jidah Lowe
Corben Lyons
Drue McEntee
Taylah McInnes
Kiarna McKinnon
Trinity Peachey
Austin Wilson