



## 2019 Youth Achievement Awards

**The Eastbank Centre in Shepparton was packed out last month for the 15th Annual Ganbina Youth Achievement Awards Dinner.**

Over 230 guests, including young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their families and friends; local dignitaries including Suzanna Sheed, Independent MP for the District of Shepparton, and Cr. Seema Abdullah, Mayor of Greater Shepparton; and Ganbina supporters, board members and staff; paid tribute to the wonderful achievements of our young Award winners.

Our special thanks to Sean Armistead (Ganbina Board Chair) and Kyra Bonney-Galante (Deputy Chair) who presented the Awards; to Ganbina Leadership Program participants Diesel Cipriani, Cheyanne Cooper, Shaelyn Crowhurst (Year 11) and Chrystal Chapman and Nyeisha Lammon (Year 10) for being fantastic event MCs; and to everyone who helped to organise the evening.

**Congratulations 2019 Award winners!**





## Adrian Appo Youth of the Year Award winner

2019 has been a huge year for our 2019 Adrian Appo Youth of the Year Award winner, Jake Zerbato.

Jake is a Year 9 student at Wanganui Park Secondary College, and this year, he studied extra hard to successfully complete not only Year 11 Maths, but also Year 11 Physical Education as well.

As well as his terrific academic achievements in 2019, Jake also gained his Learner's Permit and secured an after-school job at KFC.

Jake has also packed in a variety of sporting, coaching and volunteer activities this year. He has played basketball for the Celtics and Gators U18s and football for the Shepparton United Football Club; coached the U15 Cummeragunja Women's Football Team for the VACSAL statewide carnival; and was a volunteer at ASHE-Fest 2019.

Jake's teachers and sports' coaches are unanimous in their praise of Jake. They describe him as being a hardworking and committed student who constantly challenges himself, shows leadership, and actively supports his peers.

Jake's current aspirations for his future are to continue with further study to become a qualified carpenter.

*Above: Jake Zerbato with Ganbina CEO Anthony Cavanagh (left) and Adrian Appo OAM.*

## 2019 Award winners

### EDUCATION AWARDS

#### Year 7

Lincoln Atkinson  
Nakiah Sangster-Bamblett  
Jacklyn Crowhurst  
Dakota Rogerson

#### Year 8

Che Atkinson  
Muna Brown  
Shaquoiah Moon  
Hariyett Peters

#### Year 9

Rae-nee Roberts  
Jake Zerbato

#### Year 10

Chrystal Chapman  
Robert Piper-Seddon  
Talia Trimboli  
Tamioka Trimboli

#### Year 11

Diesel Cipriani  
Shaelyn Crowhurst

#### Year 12

Jada Briggs  
Ieashya Chapman  
Hannah Coote  
Cody Mohamed

### TRAINING AWARDS

*(Certificate III & Higher)*

Carly Mohamed

### EMPLOYMENT AWARDS

Ngal'nya Atkinson  
Tanayah Cranage  
Amea Henningsen  
Sam Muir

### ADRIAN APPO YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jake Zerbato

### YEAR 12 STATE MEMBER'S AWARDS

Tyler Atkinson  
Krystal Bausch  
Sharni Beeton  
Virgil Biggs  
Willow Blake  
Jada Briggs  
Ieashya Chapman  
Jerawyn Cooper  
Hannah Coote

Mya D'Angelo  
Eli Dipietro  
Cammille Fox-Campbell  
Simone Fraser-Gill  
Annelise Hamilton  
Zahlee Hudson-Smith  
Ella Kerr  
Sophie McCann  
Cody Mohamed  
Nathan Muir  
Jake Newman  
Kaitlin Roberts  
Damon Sanders  
Cougar Scott  
Raymond Scott-Mcgee  
Lilly Scrimizzi  
Liarna Trimboli  
Jimmy Velos  
Louise Walker  
Wytasie Walker  
Anerley West  
Cameron Wild



## Education Awards

**Lincoln Atkinson** started Year 7 at Wanganui Park Secondary College this year. In support of his application for the Award, Lincoln's teachers said that they were impressed by his respectful behaviour and polite manner. He is a former House Leader of his primary school. Thirteen year old Lincoln is enthusiastic about participating in a wide range of activities and encourages his peers to do the same. He plays basketball for the Tigers Basketball Club, and soccer for Shepparton United Soccer Club, where he was recently recognised as the most improved player in the Under 16s team. *L-R: Dakota Rogerson, Nakhia Sangster-Bamblett, Jacklyn Crowhurst & Lincoln Atkinson.*



## Training Award

**Carly Mohamed** graduates this year with a Bachelor of Arts, and a Bachelor of Law (Honours) from Monash University. This year, Carly was selected to take part in the University's Indigenous Leaders Program in recognition of her work in pursuing improved education outcomes for young Indigenous people. She was also a runner up in the Victorian Government's Ricci Marks Award for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. Carly works part-time with PwC's Indigenous Consulting Group. In past years, Carly has won several Ganbina Education Awards and was joint Ganbina Youth of the Year in 2012, 2014 and 2017.



*L-R: Sam Muir, Tanayah Cranage, Ameer Henningsen & Ngali'nya Atkinson.*

## Employment Awards

At the time of the Awards, **Ngali'nya Atkinson** was working at GOTAFE as an Administration Trainee while studying to gain a business qualification. Ngali'nya has played netball for the Rumbalara Football/Netball Club and works with Wanyara TAG teaching traditional arts and language to schools. She has also worked in the Melbourne University's Research Professional Services Team as part of the Melbourne Indigenous Professional Employment Program. Her employer described Ngali'nya as "inspiring" with a consistently positive attitude and resilience which has furthered her personal and professional development this year. Ngali'nya's future aspiration is to start her own business and give back to her community.

**Year 7 Education Achievement Award winners:**  
L-R: Dakota Rogerson, Nakiah Sangster-Bamblett, Jacklyn Crowhurst & Lincoln Atkinson.



**Year 8 Education Achievement Award winners:**  
L-R: Hariyett Peters, Che Atkinson, Shaquoiah Moon & Muna Brown.



**Year 9 Education Achievement Award winners:**  
L-R: Rae-nee Roberts & Jake Zerbato.



**Year 10 Education Achievement Award winners:**  
L-R: Talia Trimboli, Robert Piper-Seddon, & Tamiaka Trimboli.



**Year 11 Education Achievement Award winners:**  
L-R: Diesel Cipriani & Shaelyn Crowhurst.



**Year 12 Education Achievement Award winners:**  
L-R: Hannah Coote, leashya Chapman, Jada Briggs & Cody Mohamed.



## On the radar

20 January 2020	Ganbina office opens
3 February	Primary School Scholarships - applications open
10 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program - Information Night
10 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program - applications open
17 February	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program – Goal Setting
21 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – applications close
28 February	Primary School Scholarships – applications close
28 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – Induction
29 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – Team Building