

Congratulations to our 2016 Award winners!



Families, friends and supporters packed into the Eastbank Centre earlier this month to celebrate Ganbina's Youth Achievement Awards which are open to all young Indigenous people in Greater Shepparton.

Ganbina Chairman and Group Manager of Indigenous Programs at Crown Resorts, Sean Armistead; and Suzanna Sheed, Independent MP for the Shepparton District; presented Awards to our proud recipients.

We were delighted to also welcome a number of other special guests on the night, including Wendy Lovell, Minister for Children & Early Childhood Development and several Ganbina corporate and philanthropic partners.

Our sincere thanks to the Sir Andrew & Lady Fairley Foundation which sponsored the event; and to our terrific Year 11 Leadership Program participants who were our Masters of Ceremonies during the evening: Ayse Benice, Teleea Bux, Talitha Macrae, Tyler McCormack and Callum Saron.

Photo: Year 12 Education Award winners.



Training for a bright future

Nineteen year old Christopher Walker is studying for a Diploma in Business at Latrobe University and wants to specialise in either sports management or marketing.

"I've been with Ganbina since Year 8," said Christopher. "They helped me get through school so I could go to university and gave me heaps of workplace experience and employment opportunities. I was able to work at SPC for five months to get a bit of money behind me before I started uni this year and that was fantastic."

"I realise how important it is to have support like Ganbina gave me and I want to help other kids out too. I'm a volunteer with the Smith Family and next year, I'm going to start working with their primary after-school program, helping little kids with their reading and writing skills."



Education achievers

Missy (left) and Neeky Dooly, 16, are in Year 11 at Mooroopna Secondary College. "It was amazing to get our Awards, we were both so happy and excited about them," they said.

Missy is studying psychology and health and has completed her Certificate III in Early Childcare. She wants to go to university to continue her Diploma in Childcare. Neeky is doing business studies and visual communications while completing a VET course in hospitality, tourism and event management and she wants to take up further studies in those areas.

Missy and Neeky have been Ganbina participants for five years. "I love it," said Missy. "Ganbina has done so much for us, it's helped us grow and it's been the best. I don't know what it would have been like without Ganbina, they are always there for us."

"I think the program is really great," said Neeky. "It has given us heaps of support and all the activities have really helped us to be confident in who we are and what we can do."

10 year milestone for Leadership Program

Forty-four young Indigenous people have been invited to join our three year Youth Leadership Program since it first started in 2006.

The Youth Leadership Program provides unique opportunities for participants to meet key leaders from different business sectors; be involved in special regional, metropolitan, national and international events; and take part in leadership skills development courses.



Employment Award winners



Adrian Appo Youth of the Year

RMIT University student Sam Muir is the 2016 Adrian Appo Youth of the Year. Sam is pictured above with (L-R): Sean Armistead, Adrian Appo and Ganbina CEO, Anthony Cavanagh.

Sam has just completed the second year of his Bachelor of Professional Communications in Melbourne. He plans to specialise in corporate or media communications when he graduates.

As well as studying, Sam works part-time at Crown Resorts in the communications department and volunteers at Trinity Grammar School children's camps. This summer, he is taking up an internship with the media team at NAB.

"I've been with Ganbina since primary school and they have helped me in so many ways in deciding on my education and training options. They have also helped me financially, covering some of my education expenses and driving lessons so I could get my driver's licence. When I moved to Melbourne to go to boarding school at Trinity Grammar, the support networks they provided me with were fantastic and when I went to uni, I got a job at Crown Resorts through Ganbina's connections.

"I know my facilitator is always there for me if I need anything and her advice and encouragement all along has been wonderful."

Agents of change

2016 Award winners

EDUCATION AWARDS

Year 7

Malachi Atkinson
Tyarra-Lee Bamblett
Nyeesha Dickson
Lowana Drake

Year 8

Altaya Atkinson
Diesel Cipriani

Year 9

Cody Mohamed
Nathan Muir
Kaitlin Roberts
Anerley West

Year 10

April Atkinson
Drue McEntee
Trinity Peachey

Year 11

Missy Dooly
Neeky Dooly
Talitha Macrae

Year 12

Keesha James
Ally Knight
Lanie Marsters
Dalton West

TRAINING AWARDS

(Certificate IV & Higher)

Tanayah Cranage
Carly Mohamed
Sam Muir
Christopher Walker

EMPLOYMENT AWARDS

Chanoa Cooper
Skye Marsden
Shanara Stewart

ADRIAN APPO YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sam Muir

YEAR 12 GRADUATES

Sinead Arthur
Olajuwon Bamblett
Kimberly Bell
Aaron Bensch
Ebru Benice
Stephanie Buckworth
Rashana Celatano
Bethany Collie
Bailey Cooper
Billy Cooper

YEAR 12 GRADUATES *(continued)*

Jordan Cox
Ella Crumpen-Winmar
Kobe Currie
Santino Dipietro
Carly Goonan
Amea Henningsen
Keesha James
Ally Knight
Brendon Macrae
Lanie Marsters
Tyrone Mohamed
Matthew Muir
Dylan Miller
Kara Pattison
Darcy Pierce
Dylan Rae
Brittany Roscoe
Brodie Sanders
Tyrone Wandin
Stephanie Walker
Dalton West
Riley Williams
Bryce Woodward



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Up-and-coming with Ganbina

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Education Award winners: Year 9 (top); Year 10 (above left); and Year 11 (above right).

On the radar

22 December 2016	Ganbina office closes
23 January 2017	Ganbina office opens
24 & 25 January	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program – Team Building
28 January	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program – Team Building
6 February	Primary School Scholarships applications open
13 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Information Night
13 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program applications open
17 February	Primary School Scholarships applications close
20 February	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program Goal Setting
24 February	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program applications close

