

### 2014 Australia Day Awards

#### Young Citizen of the Year - Rochelle Shilling and Penny Slater

THE Young Citizen of the Year award has been given to avid volunteers Rochelle Shilling and Penny Slater.

Miss Shilling, 17, has been involved with the Girl Guides since she was five-years-old. Last year she received the Queen's Guide Award, which is the peak achievement for Girl Guides members.

The Jerrabomberra teenager will soon become a Girl Guides leader and hopes to start a pre-junior unit for girls aged 5 - 7years-old.

"Volunteering is fun and a chance to give back to the community. It's not something where you're in it for yourself," she said.

"Being part of the girl guides has helped me become a confident and resilient person. The girls can test your patience at times. You just have to be determined."

Queanbeyan High School student Penny Slater, 17 was recognised for her efforts to end poverty with the Oaktree Foundation.

The Year 12 student organised the 'Live Below the Line' challenge where participants lived on less than \$2 a day.

"We were eating damper and rice the whole five days. It made us realise how little energy you have and yet people living in poverty still have to walk 20 km for water," she said.

"It was a little insight but made me so appreciative of what I have. Living



Young Citizen of the Year was jointly awarded to Rochelle Shilling (left) and Penny Slater.

in Australia, it's the best country and we're lucky to live here."

Miss Slater of Wamboin is the 2014 Queanbeyan High School captain and member of the SRC. She said creating awareness is the key to bringing about change.

"I want to educate my peers so they know about things happening in the world," she said. "I just want to create awareness, so they're not stuck inside their own world and isolated from the real issues."

#### Event of the Year - Queanbeyan 175th Anniversary Ball

QUEANBEYAN'S 175th Anniversary Ball has been named Event of the Year after providing punters with an excuse to frock up and dance the night away.

The Ball was held at the Bicentennial Hall as part of Queanbeyan 175th birthday celebrations in September 2013. The event raised more than \$11,000 towards the construction of the new pavilion at the Queanbeyan Showground. Jerrabomberra Rotary president Paul Rogers was on hand to accept the award on Sunday.

"It was a very successful event. We had more than 300 people attend," he said.

"It went down very well, we had quite a number of people dress up in period costume and formal attire. We had the Melbourne Cup there, entertainment by Smooth Ops and a silent auction.

"We also had a special medallion created for the event."

The award recognised the efforts of the Queanbeyan Combined Community Service Clubs which consists of the Jerrabomberra Rotary, Queanbeyan West Rotary, Queanbeyan Masonic Lodge and Queanbeyan Lions.

"The Ball was a very good example of team effort," Mr Rogers said.

"It shows just how much four community services groups can achieve together than one may by oneself."



Paul Rogers accepts the Event of the Year Award on behalf of the Queanbeyan Combined Community Service Club. Photo: Kim Pham.



Queanbeyan High School SRC members Hayley and Ty Phelps with coordinator Michael Guilfoyle. Photo: Kim Pham.

QUEANBEYAN High School Student Representative Council has been awarded the Service Group of the Year following a busy 12 months of fundraising.

During 2013, the group raised money for charities including the Cancer Council, Leukaemia Foundation, World Vision, Red

#### Service Group of the Year - Queanbeyan High School Student Representative Council

Shield Appeal, Home in Queanbeyan, Breast Cancer Research and Blankets for Ethiopia.

SRC member Ty Phelps said one of the highlights was holding a 'Purple Day' to fundraise \$1000 for one of their peers whose house had burnt down.

The Queanbeyan High School SRC is unique in that all students are invited to be part of the group rather than voted in. The most active students and teachers are recognised at a presentation at the end of the year.

The arrangement was instigated by SRC coordinator and teacher Michael Guilfoyle who has since left the school.

Mr Phelps said the loss of Mr

Guilfoyle presented a challenge for the group but one he believed they can meet.

"Mr Guilfoyle was a big part of the SRC, he helped us a lot and really pushed us," the year 12 student said.

"It will be a big challenge without him but we have a new SRC coordinator who we're sure will fit in and keep up."

Mr Phelps said it was "awesome" to be recognised for their hard work.

"It makes us feel that people are really watching and appreciate what we do," he said.

"We're really making a difference."



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