



Kids in Community

*Young people sharing
their stories, listening,
supporting each other,
making a difference*

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KIDS IN COMMUNITY

**We not talking about kids who
jump the highest or score the
best.**

**We're talking about kids who
contribute and help the rest.**

**Those who achieve despite
adversity.**

**They may not even qualify for
University.**

**We're talking about kids who
support their peers,**

**Kids who excel despite their
fears.**

**We award their mentors and role
models as well.**

**We listen to the guest speakers
and the stories they tell.**

**We're talking about the unsung
heroes as well as those who excel.**

**We want to award them all and
publicly tell.**

Sharee Pine
Committee Member
Kids in Community Inc

WHERE THERE'S HOPE

By Maria Kelly

"We had it. Our parents had it. Our grandparents had it. It has inspired and encouraged men and women from each generation since the beginning of time.

Hope. It is a mixture of desire, trust and expectation. It's a desire for good and positive things to happen. It is trusting that no matter how difficult life gets, sooner or later the bad times will pass. It's the expectation that as time moves on, the world will become a better place.

Hope is as essential to survival as food and water, as air, as shelter, as love. Oh yes, love. Love is the word on everyone's lips, love is the word on every screen's script. Love makes the world go round. But without hope, love is not enough."

Excerpt from 'Leaving Early' by Bronwyn Donaghy

A source of hope for many young people is the knowledge that people believe in them and that their efforts are appreciated. It may be one small act of kindness, volunteering for a charity, overcoming a difficult life situation or making a choice to give positive example to others.

The Kids in Community Awards offer you the opportunity to publicly demonstrate to young people the esteem in which they are held by their adult community.

You can be assured that your nominations also provide hope to the wider community – the stories are amazing. In the 1960's I spent my spare time at the beach. I believe today's youth are more educated and informed on the broader issues of life. They have real concerns about family breakdown, youth suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, lack of education and training, racial integration, poverty and discrimination. And they are taking action.

Let's give them hope. Let's show our admiration. Nominate a young person today and encourage young people to show their appreciation of support by nominating their peers, their role models, and their mentors.

"Simply being nominated for a Kids in Community Award was a real honour. Generally speaking, our society tends to categorise the youth of today as an issue; an issue which negatively impacts upon the community as a whole. The Kids in Community Awards are a great initiative of our own region, as it highlights the often shadowed positive impact that younger people have in our community. To be announced a winner was incredible, and I felt so honoured to represent younger people in our community who are getting involved and are really making a difference. The event as a whole, and the support from the many local businesses and community members, is evidence of how our own community wishes to celebrate youth. It was very humbling indeed to know that my own work, and the involvement of all young people in our area is being recognised and appreciated."

Sally Hunt - 2006 Winner – Category 2 Community Support Div 1

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 18 MAY

AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT – TUESDAY, 26 JUNE

GOOD NEWS STORIES

KEATON HUMPHRIES, winner of a 2006 Kids in Community Award, is one 17 year old who has an understanding of the Seven Principles of the Black Belt, qualities entrenched in the traditions of the oriental martial arts.

After being nominated by his Kadina High School teacher, Joyce Cordery, for his community efforts, one of Keaton's prizes was a membership at the Success Martial Arts Black Belt Academy and he has taken to the discipline with aplomb.

Despite initial doubts about his visual impairment limiting his ability to follow and learn the moves, Keaton has proven that it would take far more than that to stop him.



Respect, Honesty, Self-control, Humility, Perseverance, Contribution and Indomitable Spirit. These are the Seven Principles reflected upon by every student in every class at the academy in South Lismore. According to Richard Marlin, the founder and master instructor at SMA, Keaton has demonstrated such self-belief, focus and commitment that his skills have progressed very quickly.

Last year Keaton said winning the award at Kids in Community was an honour and getting the opportunity to take up the martial arts was an extra bonus with unforeseen benefits. It is a good physical and mental discipline, which is helping him get through the demands of studying for the HSC and it is also a lot of fun.

"When I was asked permission to be nominated for a Kids In Community Award I felt grateful for the affirmation and recognition that I'm doing something worthwhile, and I also I felt uncomfortable because I was a sponsor and all my contribution to kids is through my business activities. I accepted the nomination because it's not about me. It's about helping the Kids in Community awards be successful."

When I won the award, that was a definite shock. I had absolutely no expectation of winning it. In fact, I thought I was meant to present that particular award. But it was an honour to receive it and, now I think about it, I will use the award to remind my staff of the socially redeeming value of their efforts."

Being a sponsor of the Kids in Community Awards is important to me. I think I've been there from the beginning. It's all about recognising people who contribute. You can't get enough of contribution or recognition. I believe we achieve our own potential through helping others achieve their potential. People are far more likely to achieve wonderful things if their own worth and potential is clearly, powerfully and consistently affirmed."

Richard Marlin, Success Martial Arts
2005 Winner – Individual Supporting Youth

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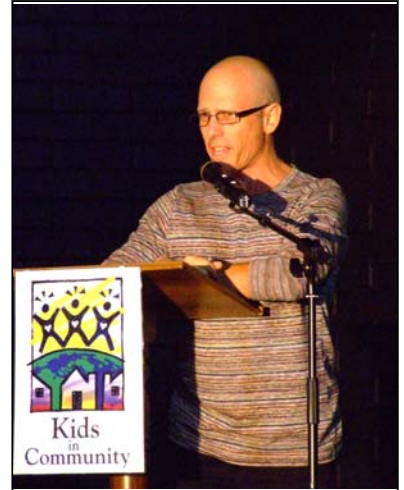
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MEDIA LAUNCH

Departing from past media launch formats, this year's function was aimed specifically at the media in an attempt to spread the word about the Kids in Community Awards to the wider community and to introduce the new Media Reporting on Youth Awards. These new awards have been introduced to acknowledge the important and powerful role of the media in influencing public opinion about young people and youth issues. With assistance from Fiona Martin of Southern Cross University's Media School, the categories were designed to cover print media, radio, television, new media and there is a special award for the best entry by a journalist under 25 years old.

David Leser, Walkley Award Winning Journalist and Author, was guest speaker and told a moving story of a young Iraqi girl who survived the infamous sinking of the refugee boat SIEV 4.

It was great to see representatives from many community newspapers and radio stations as well as LINC TV and our gold sponsors, The Northern Star and The Northern Rivers Echo. It is now hoped the nominations will be forthcoming.



Photos Courtesy Coraki & District News



Long time KIC supporters and bronze sponsors, Ian & June Causley were among the guest dignitaries in attendance



Shannon, Casey & Selena Juleff – 2006 KIC Winners with Richard Forbes, Star Correspondent and nominee for the 2007 print media awards

NOMINATE TODAY

Each year, as the close date for nominations draws near, the members of KIC start to feel a bit of tension. Where are those nominations that were talked about? We always expect at least 80 nominations each year and it seems that 90% come in on the last day!

So this year we are hoping that you will submit your nominations before the close date. Why not nominate today. You can go to our website www.kic.com.au and submit a nomination on-line. Or you can download a nomination form, fill it in and fax or post it. Whichever format you use, we would appreciate receiving your nomination as soon as possible bearing in mind the close date of 18 May.

Notes to Nominators and Nominees

- Nominees must consent to the nomination and are expected to attend the Awards night.
- Nominees must reside within the Summerland Region.
- A Passport style photo must be provided. The Camera House, 95 Keen Street Lismore, has offered to take digital photos of KIC nominees free of charge. You may submit photos in digital format (email or disk) or provide original photograph. Please do not supply photo printed on normal copy paper.
- Each individual nominee receives one (1) complimentary ticket to the Awards Presentation Night.
- A "group" nominee receives four (4) complimentary tickets only for the group.
- Nominators are encouraged to attend the Awards Night to support their nominee/s.
- Age division is determined by age of nominee at date of Awards night.
- Categories 1 to 4 and 8 - either an individual or group
- Categories 5, 6 and 7 – individuals only
- Category 4 Homeless Youth Award. Sensitive information will be treated with confidence.
- Category 5 Against all Odds. The details of this category are not published and remain confidential to the committee and judging panel. Please give as much detail as possible as to what the "odds" are/were.
- Category 8 can include "paid" youth workers.

AWARD CATEGORIES

1. PEER SUPPORT Div 1: 13 – 18 yrs Div 2: 19 – 25 yrs

Recognises a person or group who shows leadership and a caring attitude to another young person or persons. This may have made someone feel more comfortable, and given them a sense of personal dignity and worth. Their support may have helped a young person or persons to have direction or made them feel part of the wider community.

2. COMMUNITY SUPPORT Div 1: 13 – 18 yrs Div 2: 19 – 25 yrs

Recognises a person or group for making a valuable contribution to the community. Support could be shown in helping or visiting the disabled, aged or sick or giving time voluntarily to community organizations eg Meals on Wheels, Doorknock Appeals, SES, Bushfire Brigade, Riding for the Disabled, SLS Clubs, etc.

3. INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUPPORT Div 1: 13 – 18 yrs Div 2: 19 – 25 yrs

Recognises the efforts of a young person or youth group for the positive promotion of life skills, positive attributes and actions of Indigenous youth. This could be as a role model within his or her own community or as a youth "leader". Similarly, it can recognise a young person or group helping to build a bridge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth. Their efforts might be in the area of reconciliation programs or simply through offering friendship and support.

4. HOMELESS YOUTH SUPPORT Div 1: 13 - 18 yrs Div 2: 19 – 25 yrs

The individual or group nominated would be giving a young person help and short or long term support when homeless, or in a situation where they have to leave their home. This could include having them sleep over, giving them a meal, directing them to various support agencies, being there for them and helping them return home.

5. AGAINST ALL ODDS Div 1: 13 – 18 yrs Div 2: 19 – 25 yrs

Recognises a young person who has triumphed against all odds, and with optimism and hope, inspires others in our community. For example, the nominee may have challenges with health, disability, family, culture, geographical isolation etc. Nomination details in this category remain confidential with the judges and committee and nominators are encouraged to be very specific as to what the "odds" are/were.

6. ROLE MODEL 13 – 25 yrs

Recognises a young person whose words and actions are worthy of emulation as they inspire other young people to believe that they are capable of high accomplishment. Role models have often distinguished themselves in an area that places them above their peers. The nominees will normally have developed powerful and effective habits of the mind and soul allowing them to work through challenges and remain committed to their goals. They are often admired for their courage and strength and possess high standards and values.

7. MENTOR Open Age

Acknowledges a person of any age who, at sometime, has provided long-term personal support to an individual between the ages of 13 and 25. The nominee may have provided that support in a general manner or in a specific area such as work, sport, study, spirituality, social or family life. (The award does not cover the nominee's parents or primary carers.)

8. GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTING YOUTH Open Age

Acknowledges the efforts of an individual of any age or a community group who has provided support for young people or is involved in a program that supports, educates or assists in the personal development of young people between the ages of 13 and 25, eg a Police Officer who is youth friendly, a local business, taxi/bus driver, teacher, or individual. Groups, such as church, youth, sporting groups or specific community groups. This person or group is being recognised because what they do, goes beyond their job description – they demonstrate an inspiring sense of care and responsibility for their fellow human beings

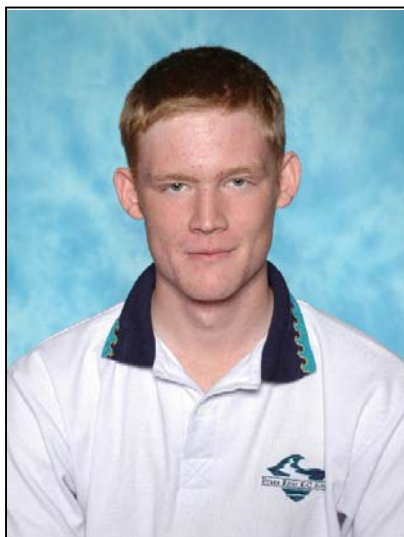


Nominees are recognised on stage before an audience of 500+

GOOD NEWS STORY

LUCAS McBURNEY

Having completed his HSC at Evans River K-12 School in 2006 Lucas McBurney wanted to continue serving the community through the SES, albeit in Brisbane, this year.



The motivated teenager said that he also wanted to maintain his peer support at Griffith University Science School, something he has been doing for almost three years.

"It's very satisfying to help and support the younger students, keeping them excited and motivated," Lucas, 17 said. "It's a job that needs to be done and I enjoy doing it."

Lucas said that after the severe storm damage at Casino in 2001, he decided to train and help people in that situation. "I joined the Coraki SES and gained experience while achieving most qualifications, enabling me to provide that help," he said.

"Then in 2005, another really bad hailstorm went through and I put my skills into practice, repairing roofs and making them waterproof. It's very satisfying and it's great turning those negatives into positives."

"We also support the Rural Fire Service through catering for the fireys; they're good at their job and we're pretty good on the Barbie. It's always great working with them."

Lucas was nominated in the Community Support Division for Kids in Community last year, something he said was a real honour.

He said the move to Brisbane would provide the opportunity to enjoy two passions, aviation studies and continuing to serve the community through the SES.

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Kids in Community committee members (rear, from left) Cheryl Woodlands, Margaret Orr, Sharee Pine, Maria Kelly, Robyn Allen & Nancy Casson with Gold Coast Titans team members at the KIC Dog Night fundraiser 2006

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