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## QUOTES TO PONDER

It was character that got us out of bed, commitment that moved us into action, and discipline that enabled us to follow through.

*Zig Ziglar*

Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes; but no plans.

*Peter F. Drucker*

The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavour.

*Vince Lombardi*

Commitment  
By Des Kelly

Sometimes when a new project starts up there may be only a small vision of where it could go and, because of that, there may be only a small commitment to the success of that scheme until it becomes so strong in the psyche that it must be done.

This year Kids in Community will run the 10<sup>th</sup> Awards here on the Northern Rivers and until a few years ago the commitment to develop into other communities was a dream. It had not even developed into a goal.

Not only will 2010 see us celebrate our tenth Awards program, it will also be a year to celebrate **KIC's first expansion** when the KIC Tweed Shire Awards are held. This is the first step in our vision for KIC to expand regionally followed by State and National development .

The expansion has been facilitated by a new sponsor, Connect Northern Rivers, however it could not have happened without commitment: from our committee and helpers, our Patron, sponsors, supporters, the media, the broader community, the nominators but especially our youth who put the needs of others as a priority that required their support.

Commitment is what makes the difference between mediocre and great. It is the only difference between "I will try....." and "I will".

Abraham Lincoln had this to say about commitment:

*Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality. It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions. And the actions which speak louder than the words.*

*It is making the time when there is none. Coming through time after time after time, year after year after year. Commitment is the stuff character is made of; the power to change the face of things. It is the daily triumph of integrity over scepticism.*

Kids in Community Inc is committed to recognising and rewarding young people who make our community a great place to live.

We are committed to our aim to elevate the image of youth by celebrating those who positively address issues affecting young people and their communities in ways that strengthen and inspire the rest of the community.

To celebrate the important milestone of our tenth awards, KIC has organised a **Big Band Bash** to be held at the Ballina amphitheatre near Missingham Bridge on **27 March 2010**. We invite all nominees from past awards, as well as nominators, sponsors and supporters to join us. The event will also be used to officially launch the 2010 Awards program. **We hope to see you there.**

## 2010 KIC AWARDS - 30 JUNE

## KIC CELEBRATES TURNING 10

2010 marks the milestone tenth Kids in Community Awards and to celebrate this special achievement, KIC has organised a **Big Band Bash** to be held on **27<sup>th</sup> March** at the Ballina Amphitheatre near Missingham Bridge.

Invitations have been sent to all past nominees and although addresses have most likely changed, we hope that the word will spread. We would like to see as many nominees as possible attend this special event so we can reinforce to them that what they are doing or did is valued and still important. We want to tell those early nominees that, ten years down the track, the recognition they received needs to be highlighted again. We want to know what they are doing now and acknowledge their role in helping the KIC Awards become the most prestigious community youth awards in the area.

If you receive this Newsletter please pass on the information to anyone you know who has had involvement with the KIC Awards program over the past ten years. Everyone – *nominees, nominators, family, friends, sponsors, supporters, dignitaries, etc* – is invited to attend. It would help if we had an idea of how much food we need to have on hand so would appreciate a quick call, email or fax to let us know if you are planning to come, how many will be coming with you etc.

A free bus, provided by Northern Rivers Buslines, is available from Kyogle and return picking up at Casino, Lismore, Goonellabah and Alstonville. Seating is very limited and will be allocated on a "first in" basis.

You **must** let us know if you wish to reserve a seat because if there are no bookings from any of the points, the bus route will change. The departure timetable is (approx):

- Departing Kyogle 8.15 am from Eden Rural Store
- Departing Casino 8.45 am at Bus Zone at Casino Shopping Plaza
- Departing Lismore 9.30 am from Spinks Park
- Departing Goonellabah 9.40 am from opposite Hilltop Hotel
- Departing Alstonville 9.50 am at Bus Zone in main street

The return bus will depart from the Ballina Amphitheatre at approximately 3.00 pm,

We are endeavouring to arrange transport from other areas and will advertise the details once confirmed.

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Celebrity Guest  
**Pete Murray**

Mystery guest

**We R turning 10**

Come and help us celebr8  
5 great bands to entertain  
**you + lots more**

*A drug and alcohol free event*



**MANIFEST** Ngagu  
the Downstairs Jabu  
MIX-UP Dancers

**TANAMERA**  
www.tanamera.com.au

**birdbrain**  
Air Guitar Competition

**Free Sausage Sizzle**

**KIC's Big Band Bash**

27 March 2010, Ballina Amphitheatre 10.30 till 2.30

Let us know if you're coming so we have enough food - contact  
Des 6624 4053 or [info@kic.com.au](mailto:info@kic.com.au)

## 2010 NOMINATIONS

With this Newsletter you will also receive a copy of the Nomination Form for the 2010 Awards. This year will see a big change. **NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE EARLIER THAN EVER BEFORE.**

The inclusion of brief details about each nominee in the program printed for the Awards Presentation Night has resulted in the need to shorten the nomination period. This year **NOMINATIONS CLOSE 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

We ask young people aged 13-25 to look at categories 7, 8 9 and think about people who have supported you. Nominations for these categories can only be submitted by young people aged 13-25. For the Media Reporting award look at the media and identify reports that raise the image of youth. Look at the stories presented in the major newspapers in the area but also look at the stories and reports in your local community magazines and weekly, monthly, quarterly journals. It could be that a special radio or TV report caught your attention. Acknowledge the media which promotes the positive actions of young people by nominating them for a 2010 KIC Award.

The on-line nomination form has been updated to reflect the 2010 criteria and several enhancements made.

We encourage everyone to look around now and identify young people and those who support them who deserve to be nominated for the 2010 KIC Awards and get your nominations in early.



### 2010 KIC Awards

**WANTED:  
GOOD NEWS STORIES**

*Do you know someone who is actively elevating the image of young people?*

*Express your appreciation by nominating them for a Kids in Community Award*

#### CATEGORIES

##### Young people supporting

1. Youth in general
2. Indigenous youth
3. Diverse youth
4. Community

##### Young people achieving

5. Role models
6. Against all odds

##### Community supporting youth

7. Individual mentors
8. Supporting groups
9. Media reporting

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NOMINATION FORMS available at High Schools and Southern Cross Credit Union Branches in the Northern Rivers and wherever this poster is displayed. Or go to [www.kic.com.au](http://www.kic.com.au) to download a form or nominate online.

**DON'T DELAY – NOMINATIONS CLOSE 30 APRIL 2010**  
Awards Presentation Night: 30 June 2010 at the Lismore Workers Club  
Phone 6624 4053 for more information.

**KIC Awards feature 9 categories:** 6 recognising the contributions of individual and groups of **young people in two age divisions (13 – 18 years and 19 – 25 years)** and 3 recognising the contributions of **other community members.**

**YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVELY SUPPORTING OTHERS** – including their own peers, other young people from different social or cultural groups and/or individuals or groups within the broader community.

- 1 Youth in General** Recognises young people who demonstrate a caring attitude to other youth, in general. **Nominees** will have supported or encouraged someone to feel more comfortable or connected to their community or to enhance their personal dignity or self-worth.
- 2 Indigenous Youth** Recognises young people who promote the positive attitudes, skills and actions of Indigenous youth. **Nominees** will have supported or encouraged someone to achieve their goals or fostered reconciliation by building positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth.
- 3 Diverse Youth** Recognises young people who promote the positive attitudes, skills and actions of youth facing challenges or from diverse backgrounds. **Nominees** will have supported or encouraged someone to overcome their personal challenges or fostered inclusiveness by building positive relationships between diverse groups.
- 4 Community** Recognises young people who make a valuable contribution within the broader community. **Nominees** will have assisted or provided companionship to the elderly, ill or disabled or volunteered their time with community organisations or activities.

**YOUNG PEOPLE INSPIRING THEIR PEERS** – through the nature of their own achievements and/or how they have tackled challenges in their own lives.

- 5 Role Models** Recognises a young person whose words or actions are worthy of emulation & inspire others in the community. **Nominees** will have shown leadership through commitment to achieving their goals or through behaviour reflecting high personal standards & values.
- 6 Against All Odds** Recognises a young person who has triumphed over considerable personal challenges, inspiring others with their optimism, strength and courage. **Nominees** will have overcome challenges of health, disability, family circumstance, cultural factors or geographic isolation.

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE** to achieve their full potential – through voluntary or “above & beyond the call of duty” involvement with individual young people or through youth and community groups or by actively promoting young people’s positive actions and achievements.

- 7 Individual Mentors &** Recognises community members who have volunteered or gone “above & beyond the call of duty” in their support or encouragement of young people. Individual and group **Nominees** will have contributed to someone’s personal development, either generally or in a specific area such as work, sport, study, spirituality, social or family life.
- 8 Supporting Groups**
- 9 Media Reporting** Acknowledges the powerful role of the media in influencing public opinion about young people and youth issues – by recognising **Nominees** who have looked beyond sensational, negative stories and reported stories reflecting the positive contributions local youth (aged 13-25 years) make to their communities.

## SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

### Fundraising

Although Kids in Community rely on our sponsors to provide cash and in kind support to run the KIC Awards program we do try and raise funds from the wider community through fundraising activities.

#### “Beautiful Kate” Film Night Fundraiser

On 5<sup>th</sup> November, as a special fundraiser, we held a screening of Beautiful Kate, the directional debut film of Rachel Ward (Patron of KIC) at Ballina Fair Cinemas.

We are grateful to the businesses that supported us and will continue to promote them throughout the 2010 Awards program. Thank you:

Ballina Fair Cinemas	Australian Hotel
Ballina Manor	Mary Gilhooleys Tavern
Café 29 Riverside	The Cellar – Ballina
Wicked Restaurant	The Cellar – Byron Bay

We also thank **Gaela and Andrew Hurford** of Hurford Hardwood who made the film night possible by coordinating the event, donating and serving refreshments and generally promoting the film night and Kids in Community.

Thank you to everyone who supported KIC by attending the screening and we hope you enjoyed the evening.



### Greyhound Race Night Fundraiser

On 24 November 2009 we held our annual Greyhound Race Night fundraiser at Coleman's Point in Lismore. It was a great evening and well attended by KIC supporters. Thanks you to our race sponsors, raffle donors and everyone who supported the event to help raise funds for the 2010 Kids in Community Awards.

#### Race Sponsors:

Fleurs Restaurant, Ballina  
Business IT Training Specialists (BITTS) Pty Ltd  
Alstonville Quality Meats  
Daleys Homewares Lismore  
KE & K Gava, Bricklayers  
Go Motors, South Lismore  
Sidney & Hacking Plumbing, South Lismore  
Ray Towers Carpets, South Lismore  
Eagles Plumbing Supplies, South Lismore

#### Major Race Sponsor:

Southside Agencies/Western Star Trucks

#### Raffle Donors:

Alstonville Quality Meats  
Hec McDonald  
Menin's Foodworks  
Centre for Children & Young People  
Mary Gilhooleys Drive Thru Bottle Shop & Tavern

## SPONSORS

The Kids in Community Awards celebrate all that is wonderful about our youth and generates community-wide respect for the commitment young people are making to improve the lives of those around them.

We have yet to finalise all our sponsorship for the 2010 Awards although we anticipate having all major sponsors in place by the end of next week. Once the details are confirmed, we will commence promoting our 2010 media partners, sponsors and supporters.

KIC sponsors communicate that the positive contributions of youth are recognised, valued and celebrated within the Northern Rivers region. As our Patron, Rachel Ward, said: *'Once the outstanding kids are nominated and honoured, it surely then becomes the responsibility of the community to really give these awards the significance and value they deserve.'*

## SUPPORTERS

Every contribution is valued. KIC is highly appreciative of all donations, including goods, services and financial support. We especially welcome donations of items suitable for fund-raising purposes (e.g. raffle prizes). In addition, we are always seeking goods and services to enhance and extend our annual Awards.

Please e-mail ([info@kic.com.au](mailto:info@kic.com.au)) or telephone 6624 4053 to discuss how you can help. Visit our website, [www.kic.com.au](http://www.kic.com.au), for more details. All contributions from both individuals and businesses are sincerely appreciated.

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