

Proudly supporting local scholarships

The Chairman of Huon Valley Services Ltd., Michael Lynch, presented the Huon Valley Community Bank Branches' Scholarships for 2017 at the boardroom of Huon Valley Financial Services Ltd. on Wednesday, March 8 in Huonville.

The scholarship assists academically motivated students from the Huon Valley, who have been offered a full time place at an Australian university or college for the first time in 2017 and are experiencing challenging circumstances.

The scholarship award value is \$5000 per year for two years for each successful recipient.

Isaac Banister, Cygnet

SECOND YEAR RECIPIENT

Isaac was the Dux of Huonville High School in 2013 before he went on to Hobart College where he attained outstanding results in all his subjects, including an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score of 99 in 2015.

He has been involved in the Cygnet Scout Troop for many years as well as school and community based activities.

Isaac is undertaking a Bachelor of Engineering Course as he has always had an interest in engineering.

He wants to take his qualifications beyond a Bachelor degree, in the hope of one day working for an aerospace company, designing systems for the exploration of space.



Jade Studley, Ranelagh

FIRST YEAR RECIPIENT

Jade graduated year 12 at Fahan School in 2015 where she received the Fahan School Service Award and the Fahan School Sports Award.

Jade has worked at the Huon Valley Swimming Pool as a lifeguard, she has her bronze medallion and is a qualified AUSTSWIM teacher of swimming and water safety.

Jade is undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing (fast track) at UTAS and hopes to work, not only in the acute sector, but in community and mental health areas in the future.

She is also interested in international aid work, providing health care and education for women who otherwise would not have access to it.



Alarna Page, Wattle Grove

SECOND YEAR RECIPIENT

Alarna attended Guilford Young College where she was the Indigenous Student Leader and a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society from grade 9 to grade 12 and represented Tasmania at the Murrup Barak Experience Camp at Melbourne University as part of NAIDOC week in 2015.

She has received awards in Netball and Mathematics as well as the May Ball Committee Bursary from St James Catholic College in 2013.

Alarna is currently completing her Bachelor of Arts and plans to enrol in a Master of Education upon completion of her undergraduate course.

She has a strong ambition to improve the educational outcomes and life aspirations of students, especially indigenous Australians.



Indie Beecroft, Cygnet

FIRST YEAR RECIPIENT

Indie graduated from Hobart College in 2016 with an ATAR score of 98.75 achieving Excellent Achievements in all her subjects.

In 2016 she was a member of the Huon Valley Council's Youth Advisory Committee and the Student Leadership Group at Hobart College.

Indie attended the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra where she represented the Huon Valley to the rest of the nation.

This year she has started an Arts/Law degree with majors in politics and policy and a minor in gender studies.

Her goal is to specialise in family law, where she aims to work on rewriting and clarifying current laws, to centre them upon the rights of the child.



Courtney Cooper, Lucaston

SECOND YEAR RECIPIENT

Courtney completed St Mary's College where she was the prefect for the environment and public relations.

She has done plenty of volunteering around the Huon Valley, including the Huon Valley PCYC, the Huon Valley Relay for Life and A Taste of the Huon.

She is currently studying for a Bachelor of Arts at UTAS and she hopes to eventually become a writer.

Courtney is very aware of the prevalence of mental illness in rural communities and the stigma surrounding it.

She would like to examine this in her writing and establish an organisation to assist people suffering from mental illness in regional areas.



First year scholarship recipient Jade Studley, second year scholarship recipient, Alarna Page, Community Bank Senior Manager, Tony Coulson, Huonville Community Bank Branch Manager, Colleen Shield, second year scholarship recipient, Courtney Cooper, first year scholarship recipient, Indie Beecroft, second year scholarship recipient, Isaac Banister and Cygnet Community Bank Branch Manager, Jordan Lovell.

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