



2016 Finalists – Education

Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club **Canterbury Boys High School-Job Readiness Program**

Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL has developed a program which provides training to year 11 students focused on communicating in the workplace, resume writing and interview tips, dressing for success, and social media etiquette. As part of the program, students also heard from a panel of speakers regarding different career paths available in the hospitality industry.

Club Merrylands Bowling **Partnering with Hilltop Road Public School**

Since the year 2000, Club Merrylands Bowling has supported Hilltop Road Public School in 'Ready, Set, Go Kindy' a school readiness program for families with children enrolling in kindergarten. The program gives children the opportunity to experience life at 'big school' in a fun and exciting way to make a smooth, non-traumatic transition into this new phase of life.

Forbes Services Memorial Club **FSMC iPad Connected Learning Program**

The Forbes Services Memorial Club presented the Forbes Public School, with ten iPads valued in excess of \$5,000. The iPads will be used to deliver the Forbes Services Memorial Club iPad Connected Learning Program to assist primary school students with special needs. The students of the FSMC iPad Connected Learning Program will experiment with text creation, animation coding and augmented reality application. The iPads will be used as educational tools to reaffirm, consolidate and enhance the learning of all students at Forbes Public School.

Hexham Bowling Club **Tarro Public School**

Hexham Bowling Club has been recognised for its partnership with Tarro Public School. The Club assisted

the school by hosting a carpark Market Day to raise over \$5000 for a new outdoor play gym for students. Leading up to the big event the school staff and parents of the students attended the Club on Friday evenings selling tickets in a major raffle which not only raised significant funds, but spread word about the market day. Preparatory actions also included directors, club staff and parents from the school repairing the surface of the carpark adjacent to the neighboring oval so that a flat, safe surface was provided for those who were visiting the market.

Karuah & District RSL Club **Breakfast Club**

Karuah and District RSL Club has been nominated for its supply of healthy breakfasts to a local public school, populated with a large number of Indigenous and disadvantaged families. Each week Monday to Thursday during the school year the club supplies a healthy breakfast to 70 kids per day.

Liverpool Catholic Club **Supporting Learning at School, University & Life**

Liverpool Catholic Club has been recognised for its strong focus on youth and education in the local area, including the provision of Hardship Scholarships and Bursary each year for the Dux of four local Catholic schools. In 2015 the Club provided \$33,442 in support for university bursaries. While it also provides \$64,000 annually in Hardship Scholarships which covers complete tuition fees for sixteen Year 11 and 12 students and includes the cost of books and sports commitments.

Moama Bowling Club **Social Development**

Moama Bowling Club has been named a finalist for launching the region's first female-focused business conference, *Imagine the Possibilities*. This full day



professional development event explored the challenges women in regional communities face in their work, home and community lives and was jam-packed with practical tips and insights on leadership, entrepreneurship, emotional intelligence, social media, communication and self-empowerment. The intention behind the initiative was to provide regional women with a forum to learn, grow and connect with like-minded peers and to have access to presenters of outstanding calibre rarely available in rural settings.

Parramatta RSL Club **Saving Little Lives Water Safety Project**

Parramatta RSL Club has been named a finalist for its commitment with Royal Life Saving NSW to reduce the number of backyard pool drownings in the community, alongside Castle Hill RSL and Lynwood Country Club. The education program has been developed to teach vital water safety information to Kindergarten aged children from the Hills Shire, Hawkesbury and Parramatta LGA. The program provides students with valuable skills that enable them not only to save themselves and others but to identify and avoid dangers in the aquatic environment, promoting water safety behaviour.

Cronulla Sharks Leagues Club **Capital Bluestone & Sharks Group Career Expo**

The inaugural Broaden Your Horizons Career Expo was designed to give local youth the opportunity to have real conversations about their future and meet “real people in real roles”. Held at the Club in July 2015, the career expo hosted 600 students from four local Sutherland Shire high schools. Over 25 stalls were set up at the expo which hosted representatives from industries such as law, medicine, property, sports management, photography, creative arts and communications as well as a representatives from universities and TAFE. Students were provided with a wealth of information to take away including details of how to prepare a great resume plus fact sheets on different industries and contact details of companies showcased at the expo.

Muswellbrook RSL Club **A Step in the Right Direction**

Muswellbrook RSL Club has been recognised for an innovative seminar, run in partnership with the Upper Hunter Liquor Accord, aimed at educating local Year 11 students about the importance of being responsible when drinking alcohol. The 90-minute seminar features presentations from local paramedic Tony Rockley, Senior Constable Sheree Gray, Prison Officer Andy Jones, retired Drug and Alcohol Counsellor Gary Frost, and special guest NRL star Nathan Hindmarsh.
