

SA YOUTH AWARDS SHOWCASE

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The Hon. A.L. EVANS: Recently, I attended the presentation banquet of the SA Youth Awards Showcase during National Youth Week, where the South Australian Young Person of the Year was named. At this banquet there were 28 finalists, seven category winners and one overall winner. What impressed me was the depth of talent, leadership, quality and sheer passion for life and South Australia that was portrayed at the banquet.

The SA Youth Awards Showcase aims to display the achievements of South Australian young people and provide encouragement for young people in the state of South Australia. The goals and objectives are as follows:

- To celebrate the outstanding contribution and achievement of South Australian young people.
- To provide a significant level of prestige to youth affairs in South Australia.
- To raise the level of youth awards during National Youth Week by providing a celebration, a showcase and encouragement for all the other youth awards and young people in South Australia.
- To gain significant media attention for youth achievements in South Australia.
- To profile young South Australian leaders.

The seven category winners were as follows. The Premium Home Improvement and Stratco Youth Natural Resources and Environment Award was won by Amy Beale, an outstanding young lady who was a finalist in the 2001 Young Australian of the Year Award. She was also awarded the National Future Leaders of the Environment Award, which led to two weeks with the Earthwatch team in the Carribean.

The Glazier and Associates Youth Sports Award was won by Sally Causby. Sally won the gold medal and became the world champion at the World Rowing Championships at Lausanne, Switzerland. She is a member of the Australian

women's lightweight quad scull which won in a new world best time. Her present role sees her presenting information on sporting injuries and safety in sport, and she plays an educational role in the drugs in sport program.

The Australian United Finance Youth Initiative Award was won by Tristan Baldock. Tristan has contributed consistently to the community. He has worked with local pilots to construct plane hangers; he is an active member of the CFS; he is an umpire in the South Australian National Football League; and he is actively involved in local sporting groups and at university. Tristan is a doer who shows initiative, determination and commitment.

The Coles Supermarket Youth Achievement Award was won by Patrick Lim. Patrick was a finalist in the SA Youth Awards Showcase last year. In the past 12 months he has gone on to win many prizes and scholarships, showing that he is one of the most exciting and versatile artists in this state.

The A & J Electrical Youth Inspirational Award was one by Aparna Rao. A keen and outstanding debater at school, Aparna has twice led her school team into the finals of the state championship, winning twice. She is now a member of the state debating team.

The Adelaide University Youth Leadership Award was one by Alison Andrew, who is an interesting young lady. She is the youngest priest in the history of the Anglican Church in Australia. She has won the 2002 Young Achiever Award in South Australia, and she constantly works with deaf students in her care group and those in lower socioeconomic areas who are disadvantaged.

The ETSA Utilities Youth and Community Services Award was one by Roxanne Adams. Roxanne is the youngest ever board member for Australia for the International Foster Care Organisation. She is also an inaugural member of the Minister for Youth's Advisory Committee Youth Plus.

The overall winner was Sally Causby. Sally has been a Channel 7 Sports Star of the Year Award winner, a finalist in the Young Australian of the Year award, and she has won many gold and silver medals in national and international arenas for rowing.

I take this opportunity to applaud the businesses in this state for believing enough in our young to sponsor such a prestigious award, and to the South Australian government for formally supporting this vital initiative that encourages esteem and role models for our young people.