



# Media Release

**CLUB TAREE**

## **2017 Club Taree Tertiary Scholarship recipients announced”**

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Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

The 2017 Club Taree Tertiary Scholarship recipients were announced recently at a ceremony held at Club Taree. The Club Taree Tertiary Scholarship is an annual presentation made to a student from St Clare’s High School, Taree High School, Chatham High School, Taree Christian College and the Manning Valley Anglican College.

Club Taree prides itself on the range and levels of support they afford to the local and regional community. As a community venue we aim to maximise our support through donations, support, in-kind contributions, sponsorships, fundraising campaigns and scholarships.

Club Taree has also long held a strong relationship with our regional schools, and has placed value on the high quality of education available to our future leaders across all Manning Valley Secondary Schools.

The Club Taree Tertiary Scholarship Program is Club Taree’s way of offering support to an individual student to from each of the local secondary schools who have been identified by their relevant schools as meeting (and exceeding) the suitability criteria as outlined by Club Taree. These scholarships form just part of the \$150,000 Club Taree invests into the community each year.

The scholarship is a two year scholarship valued at \$2000. An initial \$1000 payment will be made at the end of the final year of secondary education to assist with the initial costs associated with transitioning into tertiary education.

The second \$1000 payment will be made at the end of the first year of tertiary education to help assist the individual with the ongoing costs of tertiary education as they enter their second year of study.

While the successful student is nominated by each of the respective local schools, the main criteria set by Club Taree is that the successful nominee be a student who has;

- Upheld the primary values of the school
- Displayed a high level of citizenship
- Consistently maintained a focused study schedule
- Shown a personal commitment to achieving individual and group goals
- Has chosen a clear direction for their future studies across a chosen field
- Display continued value adherence outside the school

This year’s recipients were;

### **Manning Valley Anglican College**

#### **Shauna Kelliher**

Shauna Kelliher has been enrolled at Manning Valley Anglican College from 2007 to 2017.

Shauna has carefully managed the demands of her academic program against the wide range of other extra-curricular interests which include sporting and cultural activities. In addition to this, Shauna has



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very capably fulfilled the role of School Captain, successfully representing the school in a number of activities such as Anzac Day services, leadership luncheon, various sporting activities and inter-school visits.

Shauna has proven herself to be a capable and determined young woman who works hard to attain high levels of achievement in many areas. She came first in her Year group for the subjects of Mathematics 2 Unit and Ancient History. At the Year 12 Valedictory, Shauna was the recipient of the Principal’s Award, an award given to the student whose enthusiasm, school spirit and involvement has made a difference to the College.

Shauna is open, honest and well respected by her peers. She has been a positive ambassador of the school.

Shauna has applied to Charles Sturt University to study a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science with Specialisation.

### **Taree Christian College**

#### **Alexandra James**

Since attending Taree Christian College Alexandra James has been a diligent and dedicated student to learning and the culture of the school. Not only does she apply herself fully to academic pursuits and tasks, she encourages others to always try their best to improve in all areas of life.

Alexandra has been employed in our community in part-time work, where she has been recognised for outstanding work. She has demonstrated an outstanding ability to balance her work and personal commitments with her role as a student.

At Taree Christian College, Alexandra has always upheld the values of the College, respecting staff, visitors and fellow students. Although she did not apply for a formal leadership role, she has taken on extra responsibilities such as maintaining the Year 12 common room and participation in the College Chapel Band. As part of this role she mentored younger students and was always willing to take on extra duties to assist the staff involved.

Alexandra’s strongest asset is her outstanding personal character where she displays humility, integrity and a high level of maturity.

Alexandra is a fine young lady with high values and standards.

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### **Makensie Doran**

Makensie Doran has been a student at Chatham High School from February 2012 to November 2017. This year she completed her secondary education, satisfying all of the necessary requirements in her selected pattern of study.

During Makensie’s six years at this school, she has displayed an excellent record of attendance and punctuality. Makensie has demonstrated admirable personal qualities and has been a respected and valued member of the school community. She has shown herself to be determined and a competent time manager always submitting her work by set deadlines and her work has always been completed with diligence.

In academic subjects, Makensie is a very conscientious and capable student. She completed her Year 12 studies finishing in the top five students for all subjects and performed particularly well in English Advanced, Extension 1 and Extension 2.

She has gained numerous awards across subject areas including Academic Excellence, Semper Intrepedi, Year Advisor, Outstanding Achievement and Meritorious Endeavour Awards recognising her effort and performance.

Throughout her time at Chatham High School, Makensie has always dressed in school uniform and has met and moved beyond school expectations receiving Sports House Captain, School Service and Student of the Term Awards for her commitment to school core values.

Makensie has been an enthusiastic participant in many extracurricular activities. She has been an active member of the Student Representative Council since Year 7 being a voice for her peers in this forum. She has most recently been a valued member of the senior leadership team as an active participant and leader in many fundraising and charity events.

Makensie has consistently maintained a focused study schedule as she has a commitment to achieving her goal to study a Bachelor of Psychological Science at the University of Newcastle.

A pleasant young lady who gets on well with other members of her cohort, Makensie has shown concern about welfare in the school community and has developed exemplary working relationships with her teachers. She has always adhered to and supported the primary values of Chatham High School. She is a young adult with outstanding personal standards, ethics and integrity and has an exemplary level of citizenship.

### **Taree High School**

#### **Poppy Tidswell**

Poppy was selected for this prestigious award as we feel here at Taree High that she is the most suitable candidate due to her wonderful character traits and her positive attitude towards her studies and to all



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others. She most definitely has upheld the school values of cooperation, participation and respect and is an excellent role model for all students. Poppy has displayed a high level of citizenship through her participation in the school musical and a number of drama performances for Taree High School including at the MADD concert for a number of years. She willingly provides assistance in school fundraisers for her year group and has displayed a consistent leadership and representation of Taree High in the wider community.

Poppy has always strived to produce her best work for all her assessment tasks via the adherence to a study regime that has proved effective for her to gain many positive results through her diligent application to her studies. Any goal she has set herself she has been able to achieve or work further towards attaining through her dedication to her learning.

Poppy will find immense benefit from being awarded this scholarship for her future studies at either the University of Sydney or the University of NSW in her chosen specialty of Bachelor of Arts. She will make the most efficient use of the prize and it will assist her significantly in being able to successfully complete her course.

### **St Clare's High School**

#### **Shayla Mancell**

Shayla has been a student at St Clare's High School for the past three years. During this time Shayla has shown herself to be a well organised, conscientious and extremely capable student with an exceptional work ethic. Shayla has shown the ability to work both collaboratively and independently, yet is always appreciative of help given. She has drawn universal commendation from all teachers for the positive manner in which she attempts activities and completes tasks

Her impressive academic performances have also included the successful on-line completion of the Certificate III in Retail Operations through a distance education provider, the Australia Retail College. This was achieved through her outstanding capacity for independent work and her thorough dedication to achieving her goals.

As a result of her grades during her final two years of studying, and with very strong school support, Shayla has already been made two offers of early entry to the University of Wollongong.

Shayla is an honest and cheerful young lady who has contributed positively in all areas of life at St Clare's High School. She has demonstrated very good leadership qualities, and is thoroughly reliable. Shayla is a constructive Student Representative Councillor and member of the Senior Leadership Team. She has been a school representative in the St Vincent de Paul Immersion trip to Sydney to work with the homeless and disadvantaged.

Shayla has earned the respect of staff and has shown the ability to remain calm under stress. Her confident and responsible attitude, coupled with her polite and well-mannered nature, has meant that the school has been a better place for her being there.



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Quotes;

During the presentation Morgan Stewart, Club Taree CEO noted “each of this year’s recipients have been noted by their respective schools as having not only met the selection criteria, but to have well exceeded it. This is a great testament to not only the individual recipients, but also to their respective school and their support persons for their combined dedication, encouragement and commitment”.

Morgan Stewart Club Taree CEO, “Club Taree wishes the 2017 recipients every success as they take on the challenges of further education. We thank their respective schools for placing value on the Club Taree Tertiary Scholarship Program, and being proactively involved in nominated their selected students”.

Morgan Stewart Club Taree CEO, “It is always wonderful to hear from past recipients, this week we have started to receive letters from last year’s recipients, hearing how their scholarships have aided them throughout their first year of further study, and also hearing of their successes, challenges and motivations as they prepare to tackle their second year of study. Club Taree has always placed value on investing in the next generation of community members through this scholarship program, and we look forward to hearing from this year’s recipients in the years to come. Congratulations to all of the recipients”.

### **Media Opportunities**

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