



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation  
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### YOUNG ACHIEVERS STRIKE GOLD

The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, today presented 69 young people with Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards at Government House in Sydney.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Graham Annesley said the Gold Award is the highest level of the internationally recognised Duke of Edinburgh's personal development program for young people.

"The Duke of Edinburgh's Award challenges young individuals to improve themselves and their communities," Graham Annesley said.

"Today's Gold Award recipients have completed five key endeavours:

- undertaking an adventurous journey, such as bush walking, kayaking or sailing through difficult terrain;
- learning personal skills, in fields as diverse as cooking, safe driving, and debating;
- building fitness through physical recreation, such as indoor and outdoor sports;
- volunteering for community service, including for organisations such as Surf Life Saving, Riding for the Disabled, and Army Cadets; and
- undertaking a residential project away from home, such as attending a music or sporting camp or even working on a humanitarian project overseas.

"Some 6,700 young people in NSW completed an Award in 2009/10 and this year there are more than 7,000 registered participants.

"I sincerely congratulate all of the Gold Award recipients on their dedication and outstanding achievements," Graham Annesley said.

Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Victor Dominello, who has responsibility for Youth Affairs and Volunteering, said the Duke of Edinburgh's Award offers valuable opportunities for young people to engage with their community and contribute as citizens.

"As we are celebrating National Volunteer Week, I would particularly like to commend these young achievers for the 12 months they have spent volunteering for community organisations," Mr Dominello said.

"It is inspiring to see young people set themselves a challenging goal and work hard to achieve it – a view that I am sure will be shared by future employers."

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 25. For more information visit [www.theaward.com.au](http://www.theaward.com.au).

A list of Gold Award recipients is attached.



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### May 2011 Gold Award Recipients: Name, Suburb, Award Provider

#### Sydney

Miss Sophie Bawden	Annangrove	Our Lady Of Mercy College - Parramatta
Miss Lilian Ellwood-Hall	Avalon	Pymble Ladies College
Miss Elinor Salmon	Avalon	Barrenjoey High School
Miss Lauren Perry	Balgowlah Heights	Oxford Falls Grammar School
Mr Benjamin Gompes	Balgowlah	Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore)
Miss Jessica Evans-Thompson	Bayview	Brigidine College St Ives
Mr Adam Shanahan	Beecroft	The King's School
Miss Laura Smith	Cecil Hills	Our Lady Of Mercy College - Parramatta
Miss Emma Taylor	Chatswood	Ravenswood School For Girls
Mr Kingsley May	Cheltenham	The King's School
Mr Yohan Dantan	Cherrybrook	The King's School
Mr Hemant Vijaykumar	Cherrybrook	The King's School
Miss Anjelica Balis	Chiswick	Presbyterian Ladies College Sydney
Mr Robert Leeson	Church Point	Northern Beaches Christian School
Miss Kristy Gietz	Collaroy Plateau	Stella Maris College
Miss Elizabeth Kemp	Cremorne Point	Wenona School
Mr Matthew Jordan-Frohlich	Crows Nest	Barker College
Miss Annette McClelland	Croydon	St Andrew's Cathedral School
Mr Matthew Chua	Dural	The King's School
Mr Christopher Loveday	Dural	William Clarke College
Miss Adelaide Titterton	Earlwood	Presbyterian Ladies College Sydney
Mr William Rice	East Lindfield	Barker College
Miss Rebecca Long	Eastwood	Cheltenham Girls High School
Mr Will MacInnes	Eastwood	The King's School
Mr Christopher Bond	Ermington	AAFC - 3 Wing NSW & ACT
Miss Jannaya Ashelford	Frenchs Forest	Brigidine College St Ives
Miss Natasha Berney	Frenchs Forest	Brigidine College St Ives
Mr Edward Miller	Galston	The King's School
Mr Joshua Lee	Gordon	Knox Grammar School
Miss Harriet Williams	Gordon	St Catherine's School - Waverley
Mr William de Waal	Greenwich	St Aloysius' College
Miss Rachael Menday	Haberfield	Santa Sabina College
Miss Trudi Stout	Hornsby	Abbotsleigh Senior School
Mr David McGrath	Hunters Hill	Sydney Grammar School
Mr Jonathan Hathway	Kellyville	William Clarke College
Mr James Coward	Killara	Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore)
Miss Katherine Dickson	Killara	Pymble Ladies College
Miss Louisa Grundy	Killara	Pymble Ladies College
Mr Nicholas Stirzaker	Lindfield	Knox Grammar School
Mr Maximilian Benness	Longueville	The King's School
Miss Nadine George	Merrylands	Our Lady Of Mercy College - Parramatta
Miss Annabel Downing	Mosman	Wenona School
Mr Harrison Wood	Mount Kuring-Gai	Normanhurst Boys High School
Miss Lucy Forster	North Manly	Northern Beaches Secondary College - Freshwater
Miss Alexandra Stuart-Watt	North Rocks	MLC School
Mr Maddison Joyce	Oatlands	The King's School



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Miss Eileen Wang	Oatlands	North Sydney Girls High School
Miss Penelope Greene	Paddington	Kincoppal - Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart
Miss Jessica Madsen	Roseville	Roseville College
Mr Benn Whitfield	Strathfield	Christian Community High School
Miss Rebecca Cosgriff	Turramurra	Loreto Normanhurst
Miss Miriam Grafton	Turramurra	Ravenswood School For Girls
Miss Katherine Mortimer	Turramurra	Abbotsleigh Senior School
Mr Christopher Mann	Vaucluse	The Scots College
Mr Hugh Jenkins	Wahroonga	St Andrew's Cathedral School
Miss Sarah Rickard	Wahroonga	Abbotsleigh Senior School
Miss Amanda Bush	West Pennant Hills	Arden Anglican School - Secondary Campus
Mr Lachlan McInnes	West Pennant Hills	The King's School
Mr Nicholas Trevena	West Pennant Hills	William Clarke College
Miss Nina Pearse	Woollahra	SCEGGS Darlinghurst
Miss Laura Good	Woolwich	Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College

### Blue Mountains

Miss Lauren Wade	Katoomba	St Columba's High School
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### Hunter

Miss Megan Bennett	Hamilton	Lower Hunter Regional Support Group
Miss Sarah Wheeldon	Merewether	Merewether High School
Miss Cynthia Yang	New Lambton	Merewether High School

### Mid North Coast

Miss Prue Tinsey	Port Macquarie	St Joseph's Regional College
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### Western NSW

Mr Scott Hubbard	Narrabri	The King's School
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