



Bundy students can bank on support thanks to AusWide Bank scholarships worth \$50,000

Four Bundaberg Business students can bank on extra support as inaugural recipients of AusWide Bank scholarships worth \$5000 each.

These recipients are the first to benefit from \$50,000 worth of scholarships to be distributed over a three-year period, thanks to a new agreement between AusWide Bank and CQUniversity.

The recipients for 2016* include recent school leavers Ryan Paul (Shalom), Caitlin Turnbull (Bundaberg North) and Ashley Horton (Bundaberg State), along with Gwen Schmidt (who came via the STEPS preparatory program).

The four inaugural scholarships were announced by Associate Vice Chancellor (Wide Bay & Burnett) Professor Andy Bridges during a breakfast gathering of business leaders at CQUniversity (**Tuesday February 9**).

In conjunction with Bundaberg and District Chamber of Commerce, about 85 guests were present during the breakfast event.

Auswide Bank Managing Director, Martin Barrett was present to congratulate the recipients.

“These scholarships represent an investment in our local youth and community, not only because these students represent an important customer demographic for our future, but we’re also making an investment in potential leaders and employees in our local region,” Mr Barrett says.

Prof Bridges notes the University's relationship with AusWide Bank was broadened last year when Business students became involved in Auswide Bank's stakeholder conversations for a major rebrand.

"Students were not only able to gain real-world experience thanks to networking with Auswide Bank staff," Prof Bridges says. "They were also able to influence the colour schemes and corporate identity involved with modernisation of the brand." ENDS

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*** The recipients for 2016:**

Ryan Paul

High School: Shalom College

Bio details: Ryan is a successful student and cricketer. Ryan has been the Captain of the under 16 representative Wide Bay side for two years and the Bundaberg Rep. Captain for three years. Ryan has many exciting opportunities coming up in 2016, possibly State Representation in 2016.

Gwen Schmidt

Entry to program through CQUni STEPS

Bio details: Proactive as a student leader, networking, assisting and referring other students within CQUniversity. Gwen has a commitment to international education and an understanding of the importance of education in developing nations.

Caitlin Turnbull

High School: Bundaberg North State High School

Ross Robertson, Principal, Bundaberg North State High School was in the audience to see the past student receive the award.

Bio details: Excellent academic results achieved in her senior year including being awarded runner up Dux at her High School. Caitlin has a commitment to innovation and tenacity.

Ashley Horton

High School: Bundaberg State High School

Karen McCord, Principal, Bundaberg State High School was in the audience to see the past student receive the award.

Bio details: Excellent academic results combining a current management career with a highly successful local Bundaberg Business. Ashley has a commitment to business and is demonstrating this in her current successful career.



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