



MEDIA RELEASE

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Record number of applicants as Hollomby Foundation Scholarships at GUC announced

The ground-breaking achievements at GUC continues with 61 applications for the 23 Hollomby Foundation Scholarships available in 2017. Thanks to its generous donors, the Hollomby Foundation last week announced the recipients of the scholarships to the value of \$58,000 to assist students to study in the Mid West this year.

“The ability to offer more support through scholarships is most welcome. The Hollomby Foundation scholarships address a definite need and help reduce the financial barriers to study that some people face,” stated GUC Director, Natalie Nelmes.

Hollomby Foundation scholarships assist not only the region's local talent to be able to study locally but also recognise their academic commitment, community participation, future aspirations and financial need.

“Scholarships can help students to cover the cost of books (sometimes as much as \$500 a semester), the home internet connections vital to keeping up with their study or a lap top to study with. For some students, they are also required to travel from towns within a 2 hour radius of Geraldton and that fuel expense mounts up,” explained Ms Nelmes.

The Hollomby Foundation Scholarship Panel had the difficult task of assessing the record 61 scholarship applications, shortlisting candidates for face-to-face interviews before the recipients were chosen and announced.

The Hollomby Foundation is named after the late Joe Hollomby, affectionately known as the ‘shortbread man’, who raised over \$1 million for charities and local organisations as well as people in need, baking and selling shortbread and apple pies. The Hollomby Foundation was established for the advancement of tertiary education in our region and supports Mid West students to fulfil their educational dreams.

2017 Hollomby Foundation scholarship recipients:

Hollomby Foundation Scholarships in Nursing: Allison Morgan & Rebecca Lawson

Deepdale Bursary: Deborah Andrews

St John of God Hospital Geraldton Scholarship: Christine Philippa

St John of God Hospital Geraldton Ku'arlu Scholarship: Ashlee McEwan

RSM Accounting Award: Rebecca Turner

Greenough River Solar Farm – Environmental Science Scholarships: Corin Desmond, Scott Hishon, Jarna Kendle & Margaret Tyler

Mid West Development Commission: Max Lawson

City of Greater Geraldton: Brodie Drage & Dior Symington



Shire of Irwin: Sarah Quenby

Shire of Northampton: Heather Hall

Ian Blayney MLA, Member for Geraldton: Christine Offer

The Hon. Darren West MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region: Helen Howard

The Nationals WA: Phoebe Paul

Bendigo Bank: Mikala Cooper

Bundiyarra Community Aboriginal Corporation: Allison Morgan (School leaver) & Joshua Shiosaki (Open)

Rotary Club of Batavia Coast: Jessica Varney

Rotary Club of Geraldton-Greenough: Jennifer Goodall

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