

Community awards

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MAY and June are very busy months for Taree North Rotary Club.

In May it was our club's responsibility to organise and run the Community Service Awards night.

Kevin Webster, our vocational director, and a small committee made it a memorable night.

Kevin put a huge amount of time into what was a move away from tradition. Normally, we have Vocational Excellence Awards and the recipients come from business recommendations.

This year recipients of awards came from volunteer organisa-

tions. These people deserve to be recognised for the work they perform throughout our community. It was an exceptional night.

The club has just shared the work of selling Bowelscan cancer test kits, which is another valuable community service.

At the same time another group of Taree North Rotarians provided the barbecue lunches for students attending the Science and Engineering Challenge, which was held over four days from May 29 to June 1 at the Taree Racecourse. As our chief engineer Clive Woolcott is on leave, the club declined the invitation to attend the Science and Engineering Challenge dinner.

On Wednesday, May 30 the club held the club round of the district public speaking competition sponsored by Windsong Travel.

Five students participated, giving a five minute prepared talk on a subject of their choice. Joey Jeffrey spoke about 'The Boat People', Kaila Jobson spoke about 'Misunderstanding teenage stereotypes', Ashleigh Spekking spoke about 'What is the point of volunteering', Monique Rennie spoke about 'Culture and heritage - more than just flora and fauna' and Madeline Heron spoke about 'Take 3 - A Clean Beach initiative'.

Although very nervous all participants gave a creditable performance.

The students came from local high schools and the overall winner on the night was Madeline



Public speaking participants, left to right Ashleigh Spekking, Joey Jeffrey, Kaila Jobson, Monique Rennie, president Matthew Delaney and winner Madeline Heron.

Heron who will progress to the cluster round.

The Rotary year is nearing its end and at the club's changeover dinner on June 20 a new president and board of directors will be inducted to carry the club's work forward into next year.

Outgoing president, Matt Delaney has had a very good and entertaining term. His successor will be Bob Crossman, retired accountant and long time Rotary member. Susan Bell will be secretary and is also president elect for the 2013/2014 year.