

Students come out roaring

SEVEN students from the Manning Valley put their skills to the test in the recent Manning River Lions Club Youth of the Year Quest.

The competition encourages, fosters and develops leadership and citizenship qualities in students at an age when they are entering employment or higher education.

The seven students were judged on their leadership, personality, general knowledge, sporting, cultural and community interests, as well as their academic record and public speaking skills.

Following their public but friendly interviews, an audience of more than 80 people heard the students from Chatham High School and St Clare's High School give two impromptu speeches and a five minute prepared speech.

"They did not disappoint the audience, it was one of the most memorable nights we have had in recent times," David Drake, the event's director said. "Congratul-



Youth of the year contenders: Students Kylie Neilson, Emily Lee, Thomas Dormor, Tenille Jackson, Meg Christensen, Samantha Selby, and Abbie Bryant with Lions club event director David Drake. The students are competing for the chance to be selected from among the best in Australia to travel overseas to meet other students and skilled professionals as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Multiple District 201.

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Chatham High School's Meg

Christensen was the night's over-
all winner, with St Clare High

School's Thomas Dormor winning
the public speaking.