



# Where Are They Now?

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## **1. What have you been up to since winning a Banana Shire Australia Day Award? What are your achievements to date?**

Since being awarded Young Citizen of the Year Award in 2017, I have moved to Toowoomba to study secondary education at the University of Southern Queensland. During my studies, I have worked with Education Services Australia to develop a range of social-emotional wellbeing modules that have been accessed by schools all around Australia. I am currently in my final semester of study, and am excited to commence work as a Drama and English teacher in a Toowoomba state school in 2021.

## **2. What was it like to be nominated?**

It was an amazing honour to be nominated for two Banana Shire Australia Day Awards and I am very fortunate for the support provided by my nominees. It was an incredible feeling to not only be nominated for two awards, but also win both categories. I was certainly not expecting to take home both awards.

## **3. How did receiving recognition for your achievements impact you?**

Receiving the Young Citizen of the Year and Junior Cultural awards has been an incredible support moving into tertiary study and the wider workforce. Having this recognition behind me, I was also able to receive a major scholarship at my chosen university and I'm confident that these awards have helped me to secure my dream job.

## **4. Are you more inclined to nominate others since receiving a nomination yourself?**

I would certainly be more inclined to nominate someone else for a Banana Shire Australia Day Award, as I have been able to experience first-hand the amazing impact these awards can have on a young person's professional and personal life. It has been an honour to represent the shire as their Young Citizen of the Year, and I recognise that there are so many amazing young people in our community who also are very deserving of this recognition.