

## 6. Young Women Scholarship applications 2009

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Nominations have now closed for the Bega Valley Young Women's Scholarship. Five nominations were received.

**Group Manager Community and Relationships**

### **BACKGROUND**

Bega Valley Shire Council is awarding the inaugural Young Women's Scholarship as a part of the Shires International Women's Day celebrations.

10 The scholarship recognises the important and lasting contribution that young women make in our community. The Bega Valley Shire Council will award a \$500 Scholarship to the successful applicant. The scholarship funds have been raised through previous International Women's Day events and held in trust by Council. The scholarship will be awarded to a local woman aged 18 to 25 that shows potential in their field of endeavour, whether it be business, music, community, arts or sport.

A public notice was placed in the local papers, letters calling for nominations were sent to all appropriate Bega Valley Shire organisations. Several announcements were made on local radio over a period of one week. Nominations closed on 17th February 2009.

### **ISSUES**

#### **Social / Cultural**

20 The scholarship provides the Bega Valley Shire Council an opportunity to recognise and celebrate young local women's achievements and the contribution they continue to make to the Shire. The scholarship will raise the profile of successful young women and provide role models for other local young women.

#### **Financial**

There is no financial impact to Council. All associated costs are covered in the Social Planning budget and the funds have been raised by community activity through previous International Women's Day events..

#### **Resources (including staff)**

30 There are no resource implications; the scholarship is a part of the work plan for the Social Planning Services.

## **OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Organisation of the Young Women's Scholarship is included in the Operational Plan for Council's Social Planning Services.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Young Women's Scholarship is an important way for Council to recognise the role young women play in our community. In order to ensure the confidentiality of the nominees, the nominations are summarised in a separate confidential memo to Councillors.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse (name to be inserted) as Young Women's Scholarship recipient for 2009.