

# Run adds fun to town's day

## JUNEE

SACRIFICING the traditional sleep-in for Australia Day, hundreds of people in Junee lined up on Park Lane for the annual fun run.

Cool conditions in the morning quickly gave way to rising temperatures, but with free entry at the Junee Junction Recreation and Aquatic Centre, it wasn't a problem for runners.

During the day's official ceremonies, Estella Hyde said being named Junee's Citizen of the Year was an "honour".

A founding member of Junee Can Assist, Mrs Hyde is also involved with the Broadway and Railway museums in Junee and the Junee Trotting Club Ladies Auxiliary.

"I don't do it for the recogni-

tion, I do it because I enjoy it," she said. "You get a lot of satisfaction out of it."

Junee's young citizen of the year, Aiden Harrison, was nominated three times.

Mr Harrison developed a program educating young people about mental health by using basketball - the program called Swish Start, was aimed at year 5 and 6 students.

To get Swish Start going, Mr Harrison worked to secure the support of local health professionals, schools and council.

Mr Harrison said he hoped his success with Swish Start would be an inspiration to fellow students at Junee High School.

For two decades Julie Shepherd has been involved in Junee soccer, having played more than 300 games.

Mrs Shepherd has supported

sport in Junee by volunteering her time to complete jobs that aren't always appealing.

"I get involved with my kids and their sports, and (this) makes me motivated to help out," she said.

The GEO Group awarded their Youth in Focus scholarships during the official ceremony.

University student Emily Butler, musician Adam Whicker and swimmer Annabel White were awarded up to \$2500.

Mr Whicker will be heading to Hong Kong with West of the NSW Divide Wind Ensemble, Ms White will be using her scholarship to get to the national swimming championships and Ms Butler will use the scholarship to support her university studies.

Cameron Hands was awarded the junior sports award.



**HELPING HAND:** Presenting Annabel White, 14, (left) Emily Butler and Adam Whicker, 16, with the GEO Group Youth in Focus scholarships are GEO contracts compliance manager Craig Footman (second from left) and HR manager John Barnes.  
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