



ACHIEVEMENT: Lion Margaret Jolly presents the Allan Jolly YOTY Public Speaking Award to Lachlan Daniel. PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED



Lion Lola MacDonald presents the Keith McDonald YOTY award to Samantha Johnson.

Teen off to zone final

GOOD Shepherd Lutheran College student Samantha Johnson was named overall winner at the 20th Youth of the Year (YOTY) competition hosted by Tewantin Noosa Lions Club this month.

Samantha will go on to compete in the zone finals at Cooroy on March 5, where she may become the Lions National winner and go on to compete overseas, like 2015 winner Patrick Cross from St Joseph's College in Brisbane.

The Lions International YOTY competition is open to those aged over 15 who wish to improve their skills in leadership and citizenship.

The Tewantin Lions Club hosted the event at the dinner meeting and, as club president Di Cooke said, "all competitors were already winners for being in the competition".

On the night Lachlan

Deimel from Good Shepherd College won the Public Speaking award for his response to two impromptu questions and his five-minute speech about the state of Australian politics.

Both Samantha and Lachlan were awarded certificates in honour of late club members, Allan Jolly and Keith McDonald.

Keith, who died in November 2014, had given valuable service to the club since 1970.

He occupied most club positions and brought Lions knowledge back to share with the club through regular participation at national and international conventions.

Allan, who died in March 2015, was a long-time, dedicated member of Lions.

He focused on recording the history of Tewantin Noosa Lions Club in the last stage of his life.