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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Rae Keam Awards**

Every year, Hindmarsh Shire Council presents a \$500 award to a year 12 student at each of the Shire's Secondary Colleges (Nhill, Rainbow & Dimboola).

Rae Keam was Shire Engineer for the Shire of Dimboola from 1955-1979. He was born and raised locally and was well respected in his role with Council. After his death, his wife would travel to each school presenting this award to students that demonstrated academic merit together with well-rounded citizenship qualities. This criteria has evolved over time as schools have gained further sponsorships, scholarships and awards from other sources. It is still held in very high regard at each school. Hindmarsh Shire Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said "we are incredibly proud of the quality of students graduating from secondary colleges in our region and excited that Hindmarsh Shire Council has continued to present these awards in honor of Rae Keam".

This year's Rae Keam awards were presented to Mikayla Farmers of Nhill College, and Emily Gartlan of Dimboola Memorial Secondary College. Rainbow P-12 College are holding their presentations in the New Year where a recipient will be chosen closer to this date.

Cr Ismay said "We would like to congratulate Mikayla and Emily on their achievements and wish them, and all students, all the best for their transition from high school to their next adventures."

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Greg Wood  
**Chief Executive Officer**