

# 2025 Rotary Scholarship for Coolamon Central School Year 12 Student Report on interview 21 August 2025

### Introduction

The Rotary Club of Coolamon offers a scholarship of \$3,000 to a deserving Year 12 student from Coolamon Central School who will be attending tertiary education in the following year. This scholarship aims to assist students with the financial burden of furthering their education and is designed to support those who demonstrate academic commitment and community involvement. It is intended to assist them in launching their career.

After promoting the scholarship through the school in 2025, one application was received, from Allie Delaney.

#### Interview 21 August 2025

Present Applicant Allie Delaney

Coolamon Rotary Club Adrian Lindner (Past President)

Alexis Furner (Youth Director)

CCS Careers Adviser Kaarin Besgrove

## Interview discussions

Allie provided her background of;

- Born in Brisbane then came to Coolamon as a toddler
- Primary school at St Michael's then CCS for high school
- Relatives at Ariah Park
- Father is RFS Captain

#### Activities and interests;

- Works part time at Foodworks, including as a supervisor
- Plays significant sport, including swimming (plus coaching) and netball

• Interested in community service and coming back to rural regions to work.

### Academically;

- School captain and member of Student Representative Council
- Doing 12 units. Performing very satisfactorily. Elective subjects are law, PDHPE and Community and Family Studies
- Applied for early entry into Bachelor of Criminology and also double degree with B Sociology, in Melbourne
- Career aspiration is policing or criminology

## Proposed use of the scholarship

- Travel to/from Melbourne
- Accommodation in Melbourne. Estimated to be \$300-\$400/week
- Phone data
- Purchase a laptop

#### Recommendation

After the interview, Kaarin advised us that the school was very supportive of Allie securing the scholarship. Allie is a big contributor at school and highly recommended with a pleasant disposition.

We were very impressed with Allie's application and then her interview. She is very articulate and a focused young woman. She would make a great contribution to society with her career. Allie wants to be independent with her studies and career, so she is keen to support herself as much as possible.

We unanimously recommend our 2025 Rotary scholarship be awarded to Allie Delaney. Half would be paid to her at confirmation of her enrolment and the other half in mid 2026 after her successfully completing the first semester.

If the Board agrees to this award then we would invite Allie to a Rotary Club meeting to meet our members, congratulate her and hear her background and aspirations.

Adrian Lindner (Past President) and Lexi Furner (Youth Director) 22 August, 2025