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### **SCHOLARSHIP ENSURES BRIGHT FUTURE FOR LOCAL STUDENT**

Local CQUniversity student Palisa Huoth's dream of a career in engineering is one step closer to becoming a reality after she was awarded the 2010 QAL Scholarship yesterday.

Palisa, a first year Bachelor of Engineering (co-op) and Diploma of Professional Practice student, will receive \$5 000 per annum to go towards her studies.

QAL Managing Director, Phil Campbell, said the scholarship provides a much-needed financial boost to the students.

"We are investing in Gladstone's future by assisting a student to develop into a valued member of our community and someone who will contribute to the economic sustainability of our local area," he said.

"Scholarship recipients also have the opportunity to gain valuable experience by participating in our paid vacation employment or work experience programs," Mr Campbell said.

Palisa said the scholarship would enable her to cut back on part time work and focus on broadening her skills.

"I'm not certain which engineering path I will pursue at this stage," she said.

"At the moment I'm leaning towards civil and structural engineering so I'm taking on more work experience and vacation work in that area until uni starts back next year."

Palisa's interest in engineering began after attending the Schools Science Challenge in year 10.

She has since discovered more about the field by attending programs such as the Engineering Link Program and the Enterprise Management Project at CQUniversity's Rockhampton campus.

Palisa hopes to make a difference and have a successful career in engineering.

CQU Acting Head of Campus, Dr Andrew Wallace, said even a small amount of support can make such a positive difference in a student's life.

"We recognise QAL's wonderful work supporting Gladstone students through this scholarship," he said.

Encouragement Awards, worth \$700 each, were also presented to Bachelor of Business student, Max Halpin, and Bachelor of Engineering (co-op) and Diploma of Professional Practice student, Brett Robinson.

Selection of the QAL scholar is based not only on academic excellence, but also community involvement and extracurricular activities.

The QAL/CQU scholarship was established in 1975 and is open to full-time first year CQUniversity students residing in the Gladstone Regional Council area and studying in the areas of applied science (including environmental studies), business, engineering or information technology.



QAL Scholarship winner Palisa Huoth is congratulated by QAL Managing Director Phil Campbell



Scholarship winner Palisa Huoth with encouragement award winners Brett Robinson and Max Halpin

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