

## Students reach potential

FOR 22 weeks, nine students have been committed to a project that aims to provide them with leadership skills and confidence.

Below you can see the journey that the young people have had and the challenges and triumphs

they have felt along the way.

Each has their own coach.

Leaders in the business, industry and wider community have given their time to guide these students through the program.

Both coaches and students

have come away this year having experienced tremendous growth and a sense of achievement.

The program will run again next year and interested participants are asked to contact the RSC.



### Singleton potential

JESSIE Stringer had the goal of preventing prejudice about youth in the community.

Through her coach Diana Barnes of Xstrata's MtOwen complex, Jessie made the goal of producing a snap shot of the creative artistic talents of her fellow stu-

dents 'Singleton Potential'.

"I wanted to show the community that the youth are doing positive things through art," she said.

'Singleton Potential' will be available throughout the community and provides a snap shot into the various creative talents of students involved in singing, drawing, painting, textiles and even skating.

### Singleton's Got Talent

THE success of Brooke Hanrahan's talent quest is a gauge of her ability to reach her goals.

Through her coach Nancy Gray, a very successful talent night was held.

"We were expecting about 60

people to come along and we got 129," Brooke said.

The 17 entries brought some amazing talent to the stage with guitar, drama, hoola hoop, tap dancing, tribal belly dance and shuffle performances.

Brooke said there is the possibility of running the event annually.



### Fire fighter for a day

MEGAN Coffey has reached her goals through confidence she has gained from being in the Max Potential program and through the guidance of her coach Bombowlee's Craig Hargreaves.

As a volunteer fire fighter, Megan took the Rural Fire Service to pri-

mary school students to give them insight into what a fire fighter does.

"The kids were very interested and enjoyed the time with the equipment and volunteers," Megan said.

She hopes to be able to integrate the program into schools on an annual basis.



### Aged Care Volunteer

THE idea of volunteering at an aged care facility was something Tanya Hastings had not considered doing, but after spending time with staff, volunteers and residents at Elizabeth Gates Aged Care facility she intends to stick with it.

Her coach Sarah Walls from

Xstrata's Ravensworth complex said it has been an amazing journey to watch Tanya get the confidence she needs to reach a goal.

Both coach and Max Potential student in this team have been amazed at just how much they have go out of being involved in the program.



### Singleton food drive

WHEN Rachael-Myree Lahey first came to Singleton the community stretched out a helping hand to her.

Her Max Potential goal was to give something back.

Coordinating a food drive for Saint Vincent dePaul was her project and she reached that goal

through coaching from Singleton RSC's Sue Drain.

"To give back to the people in Singleton who helped me was an amazing feeling," Rachel-Myree said.

She has taken big steps in her journey and now feels that she is able to control things.



### Girls league tag

FOR Ethan Andrews coordinating a league tag for girls in Singleton has been something he has wanted to do for some time.

Thanks to Max Potential and his coach, Pegasus' Peter Eason, Ethan has been able to coordinate and meet challenges along the

way for a Singleton girls league tag.

"I had a challenge with the dates getting changed, but Peter really helped me take control of that," Ethan explained.

"The day then went off without a hitch and it would be great to see another one organised in Singleton," Ethan said.



### Photoshop tuition

JOANNA Beckett wanted to do something for her fellow students as her Max Potential community project.

With guidance from coach Mark Birdsall, Joanna offered students lessons in the art of using photoshop. With art and photography classes using the computer program for

assignments, Joanna saw a need for some students to get a run down on how it works.

"I did three lessons and had five students at each and they all found the sessions really helpful and informative," Joanna said.

She said it would be successful if run again, but she will concentrate on year 12 studies next year.



### Singleton Improv Night

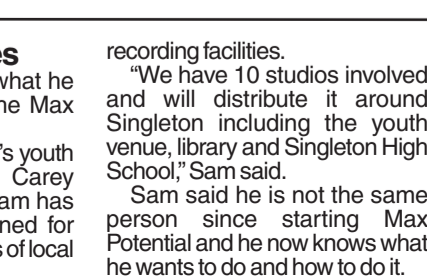
ELLIOT Doughty has always wanted to see a theatrical improvisation night in Singleton.

Through his coach, Singleton RSC's Gerard McMillan, Elliot did exactly that and had a huge response to an event that he hopes to run again.

"We had over 90 people attend the event and the crowd responses were great," Elliot said.

Elliot said he will take a lot away from the program.

"I realise now that even if I don't think I can do something, if I put my mind to it and work hard at it, I can do it," he said.



### Studio pages

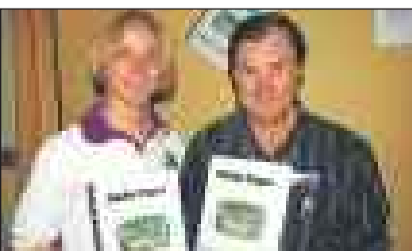
SAM Smith is proud of what he has achieved through the Max Potential program.

With Singleton Council's youth programs coordinator Carey Duggan as his coach, Sam has produced a book designed for musicians and performers of local

recording facilities.

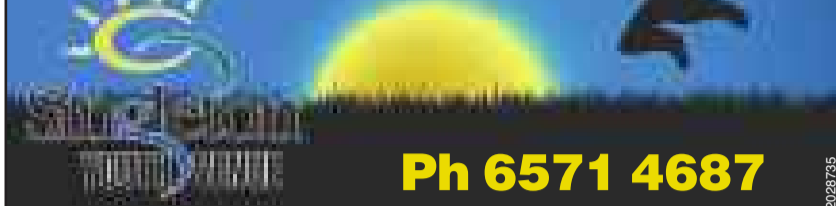
"We have 10 studios involved and will distribute it around Singleton including the youth venue, library and Singleton High School," Sam said.

Sam said he is not the same person since starting Max Potential and he now knows what he wants to do and how to do it.



## Singleton Youth Venue

congratulates the organisers, coaches and participants of the Max Potential Program for the significant contribution they have made to the Singleton Community



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## CONGRATULATIONS Singleton RSC

For your vision for the Region's youth by investing in and coordinating a Max Potential Youth Leadership development program in 2010.

THANKYOU to all the 2010 youth participants for your involvement and the coaches who volunteered their time. Your willingness to take on new challenges, learn new things and make a positive contribution to the Singleton community is applauded!!



2011 - Max Potential is expanding to include more students. If you are interested in a unique opportunity to be trained as a Max Potential coach, or involved in Max Potential in some other way, please contact

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