

# Making potential leaders

Dapto Leagues Club and Future Achievement Australia have launched the Max Potential Program which aims to give teenagers personal leadership development training over a period of 22 weeks. The *Lake Times* will chart the progress of the program.

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REBECCA Evans was excited at the prospect of being able to live up to her maximum potential.

The 16-year-old Horsley resident is one of 20 young adults from the region who will participate in the Max Potential Program, a new initiative co-run by Dapto Leagues Club and being piloted in the Wollongong area for the first time.

The program is operated by Future Achievement Australia in conjunction with the club.

Through the program, young people are provided with 22 weeks of personal leadership development, including working with a trained community or business leader, to help them maximise their potential during their final years at school and beyond.

It also encourages young people to focus on their community and ways they can work to improve it.

Young leaders are teamed up with a community or business coach, and as a partnership they work toward achieving both personal and community change.

Community coaches are provided with training in a coaching model which explores ten personal



• To the max: Dapto High School student Rebecca Evans, 16, Max Potential coach / Dapto Leagues Club CEO David Hiscox and corporate supporter Southern Cross Venue Services owner Bob Molder.

leadership principles, and in turn pass this learning on to their protégé.

As part of the program, the young leaders must select a community project to complete and are given guidance regarding it from their coach.

"Max Potential aims to grow and realise the leadership potential of the local community," Dapto Leagues Club CEO David Hiscox said.

Ms Evans, who attends Year 11 at Dapto High School said her career goal was to work in the hospitality industry and eventually open her own hotel or motel.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity if you want to be a leader or a manager some day," she said.

"I hope to get experience and understanding of how to run a business and be a manager." What qualities does she feel make

a good leader? "Good communication skills and (displaying) fairness to all of your employees," she said.

The program is still seeking individuals who wish to participate in the program, either as coaches or young leaders.

Entries close today (April 21); please phone 4261 1333.

For more information, please visit the [www.daptoleagues.com.au/](http://www.daptoleagues.com.au/) maxpotential website.

## Assault man to face court

A BERKELEY man will face court on charges of assaulting police, following an incident last Friday night at a licensed premises on the Princes Hwy at Albion Park Rail.

On arrival police noticed a male lying unconscious about 200m away. Police stopped and rendered first aid, when they were approached by a 26-year-old Berkeley man.

Police will allege that the 26-year-old began abusing them before walking out on to the road.

Police then approached the 26-year-old and attempted to remove him from the roadway, where it is alleged he has become aggressive.

Police attempted to restrain the Berkeley man who then allegedly grabbed a male police officer by the groin. The man was taken to Lake Illawarra Police Station where he was charged with assaulting police and resisting arrest.

He will appear in Albion Park Local Court on June 8.

## Green gong

TAFE Illawarra has been recognised for its significant environmental performance by being acknowledged as a silver partner under the State Government's Sustainability Advantage program.

More than 480 organisations are currently working with the Sustainability Advantage program, but only 10 of these have achieved silver recognition or better.

The national assessment covered about 30 per cent of tertiary education institutions in Australia, including 15 TAFE institutes.

TAFE Illawarra performed better than the national TAFE sector average for the parameters reported.