

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Four St Mark's College students awarded prestigious Hawker Scholarships

Four of the seven 2010 Charles Hawker Scholars reside at St Mark's College in Adelaide and are enrolled at the University of Adelaide. The Charles Hawker Scholarships, valued at up to \$60,000.00 over four years, are the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate and postgraduate students in Australia.

The recipients from metropolitan and regional Australia were presented with their scholarship certificates today at a function at St Mark's.

The 2010 Charles Hawker Scholarship recipients in residence at St Mark's and attending the University of Adelaide are **Miss Sarah Dickins** (Mt Gambier High School SA / Law & Science), **Mr. Jonathan Hamer** (St Peter's College SA / Arts & Law), **Miss Alicia Hurkmans** (Trinity College SA / Chemical Engineering & Science) and **Miss Melanie Johnson** (Unley High School SA / Law & Health Science).

**Mr. Jaan Butler** (Bendigo Senior Secondary College Vic / Arts) and **Miss Madeleine McCloy** (Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College NSW / Economics & Law) are in residence at Burgmann College and enrolled at ANU and **Miss Genevieve Cardwell** (Tallangatta Secondary College Vic / Business) is attending Marcus Oldham College.

Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Member for Wannon and Hawker family member, Hon. David Hawker MP presented the 2010 Hawker Scholarships to recipients enrolled at universities and colleges in the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and South Australia.

"I congratulate the Trustees of the Charles Hawker Scholarship for carrying out the wishes of Charles Hawker's sister the late Liliias Needham, who established the Scholarship trust in memory of her brother. These scholarships have provided opportunities for an increasing number of young Australian students to undertake further studies to achieve their full potential," Hon. David Hawker MP said.

Since 1991, the Trustees have awarded almost four million dollars to ninety young Australians, including a significant number from regional areas. The seven successful candidates for 2010 were awarded a Charles Hawker Scholarship from a strong field of 280 applicants.

Describing the Charles Hawker Scholarship as 'Australia's Rhodes', Hon. David Hawker MP encouraged Australian students to visit the Hawker Scholarship website to find out more about the remarkable Charles Hawker story and the scholarship named in his memory.

“The Charles Hawker Scholarship is one of the most important in Australia. I commend the Trustees for the contribution the scholarship has already made and will continue to make to the education of a number of outstanding young Australians,” Hon. David Hawker MP said.

There are a number of fully and partly funded scholarships awarded each year. The Trustees offer them to capable students of principle and character, who are committed to Australia’s future.

“Each of these recipients has already displayed a strong commitment to the ideals upon which the Charles Hawker Scholarship Memorial Trust Fund is founded. They are gifted scholars with inquiring minds and have already contributed to the wider community. Charles Hawker had a lasting impact on Australian politics and all members of the federal house had an enormous respect for him during his time as Australia’s first Minister for Commerce in the Lyons government in the 1930s.

“He was a great Australian who offered his best through his commitment to his country, countrymen and women and democracy; these are values that I hope the scholars today take with them into their studies. Through his example and these scholarships it’s my hope that public service will be included in the career options of recipients.

“I am pleased to be associated with the Charles Hawker Scholarship. Charles Hawker was a cousin of my father, a connection I am proud of and to be associated with these awards again for the sixth year, is a great pleasure,” Hon. David Hawker MP said.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia’s most respected pastoral pioneers. Born on May 16<sup>th</sup> 1894 at Bungaree homestead near Clare in South Australia, Charles Hawker was educated at Geelong Church of England Grammar School and Trinity College, Cambridge. Student, soldier, pastoralist and statesman Charles Allan Seymour Hawker died in the Kyeema air disaster on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1938.

Undergraduate and postgraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of educational institutions. These include the Australian National, Adelaide, Flinders, South Australian and New England Universities and Marcus Oldham College. Post-graduate Charles Hawker Scholars are able to follow in Charles Hawker’s footsteps by enrolling at Trinity College and studying at Cambridge UK.

“C.A.S. Hawker was a truly remarkable man and a great Australian. This scholarship is a fitting tribute to his memory and each of these seven scholars is a very worthy recipient,” Mr. Andrew Hawker, Scholarship Trustee and Hawker family member said.

Selection is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability. Applications for the 2010 Charles Hawker Scholarships **open on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2010** and **close on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2011**. An application form and further information is available from [www.hawkerscholarship.org](http://www.hawkerscholarship.org) or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.

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