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Guides awarded for service

BELINDA-JANE DAVIS

Charlotte Weatherall and Emma Andrews have been awarded in recognition of their contribution to the city.

Charlotte, a year 12 student at Maitland Grossmann High School, and Emma, a year 7 student at Maitland High School, were honoured with the Maitland Rotary Club award for community service at their school's presentation ceremony.

The girls said their involvement with Rutherford Girl Guides was instrumental in encouraging their community service, which led to their nominations for the award.

Charlotte, a junior leader with the Guides, said the organisation had opened her eyes to the opportunities around her that she could use to help people.

"Since I started at the school this year I have been on the Student Representative Council and taken an active role in raising money to help others; I've been in the 40 Hour Famine, helped organise the Christmas giving tree

and collected money for Ronald McDonald House," she said.

Charlotte also received the East Maitland Lions Club community achievement award.

Emma has been involved in the 40 Hour Famine, as well as the performing arts, and the independent learning class where she gave up her recess and lunch times to learn a dance and performed, along with a friend, in front of the school.

"I like to help people and support people so those less fortunate can have a better life," she said.

Charlotte has been with the Guides for nine years and Emma has been a member for five years.

"We've both taken time out of our lunch times to help others and, because of the things we do through girl guides in the community, we understand how to go about raising money to help people," Charlotte said.

"It's nice to be recognised and to let my peers know what I've done because some of them know and others have no idea. It opens their minds to what they can do."



COMMUNITY MINDED: Emma Andrews and Charlotte Weatherall credit their membership of the Girl Guides with the community awards they received.

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