Tocal students gain UK travel awards

BBM Youth Support help young Australians who have excelled in their field of interest. They do this through supporting various awards and scholarship programs. They also provide opportunities for young Australians to gain experience in the UK. Those who excel in sports, the arts, music, dance, public speaking, agriculture and other fields are funded to undertake a study tour to the UK. Tocal students Madison Riley from Lismore and Isabella Nolan from Black Heath were nominated for BBM Youth Support UK Travel Awards for 2015. Madison received the Lord Alastair Forres Agriculture Award.

Both girls will work on a number of farms and attend agricultural shows in the UK next year to extend their experience and networks. This will add to their knowledge and skills gained during their courses at Tocal College. Previous awardees have gained a great deal from their experience and this has helped to set the up in a range of interesting careers when they have returned to Australia.

Tocal is DPI's Registered Training Organisation and helps provide trained young people for a wide range of employment opportunities in agriculture and agribusiness. There is a shortage of skilled employees for these enterprises and Tocal is helping to fill the gap in this area with many students coming from urban areas and embarking on careers on farms.

Awards such as these UK Travel Awards are a great incentive for students to gain maximum value from their course. BBM Youth Support also provide scholarship assistance to those students who find it difficult to meet college fee payments. Tocal and BBM have a long standing and production partnership that benefits large numbers of agricultural students each year.