



Manuel Pineda

Melbourne – city designer

The graduate student's submission – as part of a team that included fellow student Eduardo Velasquez – to the Flinders Street Station Design Competition has been named the People's Choice Award winner. More than 19,000 people voted in the competition, and six concept designs including the University of Melbourne project were shortlisted to participate in Stage 2 of the competition.



Alistair Bayley

Monash – talking with China

Named the Champion of Oceania and the Star of Chinese Language Learner, receiving eight years scholarship (for two degrees) to study in China. The prestigious competition is an annual event funded by the Chinese government to promote the study of Chinese language by non-native speakers around the world.



Mikaela Vaughan

Monash – flying fingers

First year physiotherapy student awarded a 'Give them Wings' scholarship by the

Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria in conjunction with Rural Health Workforce Australia. It is aimed at supporting nursing and allied health students from rural communities. Vaughan, who is from Wangaratta and has moved away from home to undertake her university studies at Monash's Peninsula campus, said she will find this cash boost extremely helpful with some of the costs of studying and living away from home.



Aaron Schultz & Dugald McLachlan

NMIT – keeping it live

They are playing a big part in the organisation of a Collingwood Songwriting contest and getting valuable industry experience in the

process. They are working with the Smith Street Traders Association to organise and promote the new event designed to give local songwriters a chance to perform their original work in some of the City of Yarra's favourite live music venues.



Daryl Scobie

Swinburne – growing better

Has been recognised Apprentice of the Year at Swinburne's Centre for Engineering, Technology and Trades' Apprenticeship Awards Night after a late career change blossomed into a world of opportunity for the Lilydale horticulturist.

Top pharmacist

La Trobe student Rebecca Boschert has won this year's Victorian Pharmacy Student of the Year competition and will represent the state at the national finals in October.

Originally from Ballarat, she is a final year student in the Bachelor of Pharmacy with honours at La Trobe's Bendigo campus.

Boschert said the competition involved a role play in which a patient complains of a migraine. "It was my job to determine what the issue was and to recommend a treatment. So it wasn't just about demonstrating clinical knowledge, but also being able to communicate with the patient."

Boschert has gained a place in the pharmacy intern program at the Royal Melbourne Hospital for 2014. At the end of the 12-month internship program, she will be fully qualified as a pharmacist and hopes to return to regional Victoria to live and work if possible.

The Pharmacy Student of the Year competition is run by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, and aims to challenge final year students in the skills of patient interaction, communication, counselling techniques and thinking analytically under pressure.



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