Hannah’s pride of the Lions

Good Shepherd Lutheran College student Hannah Shaw won the Lions Club Youth of the Year zone final at Pomona.

Hannah represented the Tewantin Noosa Lions Club at the zone final after winning through the selection process against fellow Good Shepherd students Grace Gowland and Brittany Tait as well as Alexandra Blundell, Sophie Callister and Georgia Emerson from St. Teresa’s Catholic College.

The national Lions Club Youth of the Year quest has been running for more than 40 years and provides young people with the opportunity to become a voice in their community while developing the qualities of civic leadership and public speaking.

Good Shepherd Lutheran College secondary college coordinator Liz Newton said Hannah was a leading light of the school campus although she was still only a Year 11 student.

“Hannah has been dux of her year and has a bright future with options from science through to humanities,” Ms Newton said.

Participants at the zone event were required to speak on a subject of their choice from a list provided. Hannah chose to argue that society was an environment of goodwill even though the media often portrays it in a negative light.

She will now compete in the regional final at the Coolum Uniting Church Hall on Saturday, where she will face an interview panel, have to answer impromptu questions and present a major speech.

Hannah will be competing against zone finalists from Gympie and southern Sunshine Coast Lions Clubs. If successful, she will continue to the state and national events.

Tewantin Noosa Lions Club president Lola McDonald said Hannah was an outstanding young citizen and contributed in many areas of civic life.