

# 2022 District 23 Recipient

## YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD



### Mia Salomon

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DISTRICT 23 YWPA WINNER**

***Nominating Club:  
Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra Inc***



Mia Salomon is a year 12 student at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School. Her leadership achievements at the school include Captain of Junior School House, SRC Captain, Tute Captain, Peer Support Leader, Amnesty International Captain, Aerobics and Dance Captain and at present is the Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School Vice-Captain for year 12. Mia said her leadership roles have taught her about time and management skills, people skills, listening and negotiation skills, confidence in public speaking, commitment to service, human rights awareness and patience.

Her Academic leadership includes receiving top 5% academic results every year at IGGS. She was Best All-Rounder 2021 and has Full Colours in Service, Debating, and Sport. She received the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership Award (2020) and was selected for the Bionics Institute Mentoring Girls in STEM program as well as becoming semi finalist in the UN Youth Evatt competition (2020). Mia hopes these awards and experiences will provide her with a future as a female in STEM.

Outside of school Mia has been a volunteer for four years as a Surf Lifesaver at Apollo Bay. In 2021-2022 she was a Patrol Vice Captain, Nippers Age Manager and Instructor for Bronze and SRC courses. Mia attended the Lifesaving Victoria Leadership Development Camp helping organize an all women "Pink Patrol" highlighting the upsurge of women's involvement in Lifesaving. Currently Mia is involved in a Red Earth Indigenous Immersion Service Project which raised \$8876 for project materials at an All Night Awake relay.

Mia has also been involved in The Birthing Kit Foundation Australia and Big Group Hug, and is a volunteer for Rossbourne Special School and Brotherhood of St Laurence Urban Camp, working with children at Breakfast Club and teaching English to refugees.

For several years Mia has initiated fundraising concepts, picking a cause and raising money. This has included Busking with her brother for hospitals and schools in Cambodia and Laos, and completing 1000 Backsaults for Foodbank and doing the 40 hour famine.

The evaluation committee for the 2022 YWPA D23 Award all agreed Mia was chosen for her wide variety of interests as well as the many activities she is involved in within and outside her school. She has made many proactive decisions in her life's journey so far and is an exceptional, inspirational candidate and well worthy of the 2022 D23 YWPA Award.