

ROXBURGH PARK



Volunteer Sarah Julian has won a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Picture: KYLIE ELSE

Volunteer strikes gold

A STELLAR track record of volunteering has unearthed gold for Sarah Julian.

The Roxburgh Park teen was among 80 people to receive the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award at an inaugural ceremony this month.

It's all thanks to her volunteering efforts, which started at an op-shop in Year 10 as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, a program giving young people the opportunity to learn life skills.

By Year 11 and 12, the 19-year-old had committed to a volunteering stint at The Salvation Army op-shop.

"We always got taught to kind of give back," Ms Julian said.

"I've been taught that at a young age and so it just became, 'What are other ways to give back to the community and support what the community's doing?'"

Through the award, she went on a science camp funded by the Rotary Club of Craigieburn and was part of

a cultural tour of Japan. "I feel like everyone should be investing in the community and I just like getting involved," she said.

"It's so fulfilling and it doesn't take up that much time. You can see the immediate effects of what you do on the community."

Ms Julian hopes to continue volunteering in areas including legal aid and community festivals and urged anyone considering participating in the award to "go for it".



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