Chris is a real achiever

A YOUNG man who is not only academically astute but also involved in the community in a wide variety of activities has been named the 2012 Regional Director’s Excellence in Student Achievement award winner.

Chatham High School student Chris Diesel, in year 11 at Chatham High School, was nominated by his careers advisor Neil Locker.

“He’s not only academic but he’s also very involved in the community in a wide variety of activities,” Mr Locker said.

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Chris has been involved in a wide variety of activities over the past few years and has been involved in a number of community activities including volunteering at the local community centre and serving on the local youth leadership committee.

In year 11, Chris was the captain of the school’s basketball team and represented the school at the regional level. He was also involved in a number of community projects including a local clean-up initiative and a food drive for the local food bank.

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Chatham High School’s Principal, Christopher Diesel, congratulated Chris on his achievement.

“Chris is a great example of a young man who is dedicated to his studies and is always looking for ways to give back to the community,” Mr Diesel said.

“His commitment to his studies and his community involvement make him an excellent candidate for this award.”

Chris is looking forward to continuing his education and is planning to attend university after he graduates from high school. He is excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and is determined to make the most of them.

Youth cautioned over shop theft

A YOUNG person received a caution from police after being observed stealing food from Harrington Bowling Club.

The 18-year-old man was spotted by staff at Harrington Bowling Club in the early hours of Friday morning.

The man, who had been drinking, was later observed taking a bottle of wine from the club’s licensed premises.

He was later found to be in possession of alcohol and was cautioned by police.

The incident is currently under investigation.

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“Energy is paying comparatively high electricity prices to the US, Canada and Japan. If the states of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia were individual countries, they would be ranked third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the world for household electricity prices, according to a recent Energy Users Associations of Australia report.

“The NSW Government has just increased its dividend take from its state-owned power company by 41 per cent, from $860 million to $900 million, have guaranteed their own rate of return at 10 per cent for the next five years, and therefore win big-time by making the case that we must keep building the network. All of this is at the expense of the consumer, and all of this is for marginal benefit to the consumer.”

Mr Oakeshott said he was a strong supporter of market reform in the electricity sector and urged the federal government to act.

“It is long overdue, and more than likely won’t be driven by the states because they directly benefit from this market failure,” he said.

“This is an appropriate and important role for the Commonwealth, and I will be pushing them to go hard.”

Crazy, safe and fun

BUSINESSES participating in Crazy Day on Thursday must be specifically covered by an approval issued by owners, the Manning River Times, or hold their own approval issued by council.

Unless this is the case businesses cannot place, offer for sale, articles on the footpath. Crazy Day is an outstanding student who is so prepared to use his considerable abilities and energies to both excel in his subjects and to help others.

"Stud love Chris as he's always helping people and looking to solve problems." Chris said he was thrilled to receive the award and proud of his achievements.

He said his motivation for being involved in so many activities is the example set by his father, who is heavily involved in the community.

"Mum has always encouraged me to do things as well and to try new things and to see what I like and what I enjoy," he said.

He said he sometimes puts his hand up because there is a lack of anything else he is willing to do anything.

"That's why I'm on the SRC this year.

He is also called on by staff be- cause he is always willing to help.

"When the music teacher was leaving he thought I was in sound so I would take over, because he knew I would do it," he said.

He is also involved in school assemblies, presentations and variety nights at the SRC (Media purpose centre).

Chatswood High School student Chris Diesel with his award. He has been nominated for the Regional Director’s Excellence in Student Achievement award.

An excellent record

Christopher Diesel’s impressive CV reads:
- 2nd in chemistry and biology, 2nd in English (advanced), advanced maths and extension 1 maths, 3rd in biology.

This includes cooking roasted cheese sandwiches for students who can’t get their heads at home.

His best subjects are hospitality, biology, chemistry. English and maths.

He’s keeping his options open about what university degree he would like to pursue but is considering chemical engineering, psychology or science and business.

Chris is one of three young people in the region to receive the regional director’s award. The other two are from the Great Lakes.

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