



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Hastings Co-op Luminosity scholarship winners announced**

Two Wauchope teenagers will have the opportunity of a lifetime thanks to their employer, Hastings Co-op.

Sixteen-year-olds Charlotte Wilton and Joseph Hord have won sponsorships to attend the annual Luminosity Youth Summit on July 25-27, which will feature well-known identities such as Olympic boxer Shelley Watts, social entrepreneur Mikhara Ramsing, musicians Benny Owen and Scott Mesiti, Australia Ninja Warrior Jack Wilson, amputee Mike Rolls and domestic violence ambassador Dr Angela Jay.

Both Year 11 students said they were looking forward to three days of workshops, creative thinking, learning new skills and hearing the stories of inspiring leaders from all over the world.

"I love meeting new people and I'm excited to hear (sailor and author) Jessica Watson's story in particular," Charlotte said.

Hastings Co-op's chief executive officer Allan Gordon said "previous attendees have spoken extremely highly of the event and the benefits as both employees and individuals".

"We see this event as a great way to reward and help nurture our future leaders in building a better tomorrow," he said.

"As well as showing our support for the youth summit, and the area's youth in general, we see this as an investment in our junior staff that will benefit their workmates, customers and the community for years to come."

Sixteen-year-old Charlotte, who works as an all rounder at Wauchope IGA said she hoped attending Luminosity would provide her with further inspiration on her journey towards studying exercise and sports science.

Joseph, who himself has been a Camp Quality spokesperson and Red Cross Blood Service Ambassador, works in Wauchope IGA's butchery department and loves the Luminosity philosophy of helping young people "think big".

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