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Outstanding Butler Bay!!!



Several Butler Bay families led a massive clean-up of their local footpaths and streets on Saturday.

Joint organisers Ebanese Oui, David Geia Jnr and William Blackman said they had been talking with their families, friends and neighbours about the idea 'for a while now' before they kicked things into gear last week.

"We just planned it during the week, what we were going to share, who was going to buy sausages and garbage bags for on the day," Mr Oui said. "As we started working a heap of kids came out of nowhere and helped us, and it was deadly.

"The women prepared the food and started the barbie when we were done, then the kids started

playing touch on the basketball courts and the men joined in."

He said it was good to see families working together over the day.

"We knew it would be like that, all the kids are good and the adults all get along – we're a really a community out here," he said. "We're hoping we can do this kind of clean up day every Saturday, or at least every month.

"And we'd like to see a movie

night, more BBQs or maybe a disco for the kids, just to reward the kids around here, then they'll look forward to it."

He said he everyone in the group photograph (above) grew up in Butler Bay which was built in 1995 as a subdivision.

"Next time we want to look at doing the main roads and down to the beach and park area," he said.

"We'd like to thank everyone who came and worked alongside us."

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam said it was a great effort from everyone concerned.

"This locally-driven initiative is fantastic to see," he said.



Stella stands out in 2020

It's been a particularly tough year for the 180,000 students expected to finish Year 12 in Australia in 2020 – every single one of them has experienced some kind of disruption, and in Queensland all this has happened to the first class to start high school in Year 7 and the first to be ATAR (nationally) scored for university-entry.

On top of that, formals and other 'schoolies' events – well-deserved rites of passage for any young adult transitioning from school to the 'real' world – have been cancelled, along with all the memories of those final days of school with our friends many of us carry with fondness throughout our entire lives.

Endurance and resilience have become a necessary part of students who have undertaken their year 12 journey in 2020, according to several commentators.

All of which makes Stella-May Charles' achievements this year even more outstanding.

The Concordia Lutheran College (Charters Towers) student has won no less than three awards for her efforts this year and her family are hugely proud of this thoughtful and caring young woman.

Stella not only won the school's own Spirit of Boarding Award she is also one of 120 young leaders to achieve the QATSIF Young Indigenous Leader Award and a Citizenship award for 2020.

"Stella was the Girls Boarding Captain this year and is very caring of our younger students who look up to her," the College said of her on their webpage.



Stella Charles with her brother Vaughn Charles Jr

Stella was recognised for:

- being Concordia Lutheran College's 2020 Girls Boarding Captain, Senior Volleyball Captain and a strong mentor for younger students;
- her empathy, compassion and a determination to make the most of the opportunities set before her;
- MCing the 2020 Concordia NAIDOC Dinner celebrations;
- her positive attitude, considerate manners and happy, friendly demeanour; and,
- generosity with her time and her willingness to help out her fellow students.

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