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## Scholarship for Bowral Hospital baby

**Eighteen year old Georgina Lunt, who was born at Bowral & District Hospital, is one of this year's recipients of the hospital's Centenary Scholarship.**

Ms Lunt, who graduated from Chevalier College last year, is one of two students awarded a four year scholarship worth \$1,000 a year.

Georgina will soon begin studies in a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at the University of Western Sydney and hopes to work with children with special needs.

"I have a great affinity and respect for children. I believe every child is special and deserves the right to reach their full potential," Georgina said.

"As an Occupational Therapist I believe I could help children in very practical ways to maximise their independence and reach their optimal quality of life" she said.

Ms Lunt said her family had a long and strong association with Bowral & District Hospital.

"I was born there, as were my two brothers, my father and my aunties," she said.

"My aunty also received the Bowral & District Hospital Centenary Scholarship in 1989 and continues to practise occupational therapy for NSW Health.

"My grandmother has been fundraising for Bowral Hospital through her involvement with "Craft Unlimited" for the past 42 years and my mother works for the Local Health District as a community nurse for Bowral," she said.

Eighteen year old Samuel Kasjan, who graduated from Chevalier College last year and was also born in Bowral Hospital, is the second recipient of the scholarship and will commence studies at UNSW in a Bachelor of Science (Physiology) with hopes of eventually becoming a specialist general physician.

"After completion of my vocational training and specialisation, I hope to transfer to a more rural hospital where there may be a shortage of practitioners with my specialty," Mr Kasjan said.

Karen Kenmir, Acting Director of Clinical & Support Services at Bowral & District Hospital said the scholarship is available to year 12 students from secondary schools in the Wingecarribee Shire who plan on undertaking a health related course.

"We have offered the Centenary Scholarship for 25 years as a way for the Hospital to thank the community for its support over its first 100 years," Ms Kenmir said.

"Over the years we've seen recipients interested in a diverse range of health related fields including Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health.

“The scholarship was created in the Hospital’s centenary year by volunteers and hospital staff, and continues to be supported by hospital staff and volunteer fundraising activities as well as charitable donations from organisations within our local community,” she said.