

MEDIA RELEASE

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Banksmeadow Public School wins award

Banksmeadow Public School won the group category in the annual Pauline McLeod Awards.

“This is a wonderful achievement for Banksmeadow Public School and I would like to congratulate all the students who took part in this art competition,” Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

The Pauline McLeod Awards are hosted annually by the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum (ERLGATSIF) in partnership with the Councils of Bayside, City of Sydney, Inner West, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra.

The Pauline McLeod Awards celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across all six Councils and promote reconciliation across the region.

The Awards are named after the late Pauline McLeod, an icon in Australian media and entertainment who worked across many platforms to teach and celebrate her First Nation heritage.

In recent years, the Awards have fallen on National Sorry Day, a time to remember those from the Stolen Generations, including Pauline McLeod and her siblings.

2018 PAULINE MCLEOD COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS:

- Gabrielle (Gai)Smith – Retired volunteer at the Women’s Reconciliation Network
- Sarina Solar – Helping support Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples entering University
- Sherri Longbottom - Major volunteer running the local football club
- Phillip Butler – travels long distances to help educate all Australians on Aboriginal culture
- Jackelene Martin - teaching young people culture such as dance and didgeridoo.
- Fiona McGrath & Francisca Pena - parents who have been instrumental in writing a Reconciliation Action Plan for the local school
- Sarah Callaghan - helped establish a ‘Breakfast Fitness Program’ for Aboriginal students to help retention rates.



The winning work created by Banksmeadow Public School students

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