

District 105W Young Ambassador Competition – 2011.

Sunday the 16th January saw Young Ambassador entrants, family members, sponsoring Clubs, District Officers and judges arrive at the Holiday Inn Newport, for the annual Young Ambassador Competition.

Three entries were received this year, on the day, one had unfortunately withdrawn. Jake Smaje sponsored by Frome Lions Club and Ryan Green, sponsored by Ross on Wye Lions Club were then interviewed by three independent judges. The Judges having previously been given the entrants submissions to assess.

Following a slightly nervous wait while the judges considered the “evidence”, we reconvened to hear the result. In a very tight contest, Ryan Green was chosen by the judges to be this years District Young Ambassador. The main subject of Ryans submission is his work with supporting young people through a family health crisis. Additionally Ryan also helps with involving junior schools connect with the High school, MacMillan and is a founder member and secretary of the school Leo Club. Well done Ryan. As the District Youth Advisor, Chris Sheldon, said in her summary, they are both winners. To be recognised by the sponsoring clubs for their work in the community does, in itself, already make these young people winners.

At the presentation ceremony, DG Colin Duncan congratulated both entrants and sponsoring Clubs for all their effort and Chris Sheldon for all the work done in organising the event. As well certificates and personal trophies for the entrants, the winners sponsoring Club, Ross on Wye Lions, received the annual Shield and Ryan was also awarded the impressive annual Cup. He will now represent our District at the MD Competition at the end of February. Ross Lions also presented Ryan with a small gift in recognition of his community work.

The Young Ambassador competition is one of the most worthwhile and rewarding ways of being involved with the youth of our District. It`s easy to do and everywhere you look there are young people doing good in the community. So why not put one forward from your Club?