



# The English-Speaking Union (Victoria Branch)

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Local Nagambie Student Runner-up in Regional Leadership Award

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The English-Speaking Union Victoria Branch (ESU) congratulates Abbey Lazenby of Nagambie as the runner-up in the ESU's 2020 Junior Leadership Bursary.

This bursary provides financial support to deserving students from regional Victoria to further develop their leadership capabilities. ESU is pleased to be able to provide a \$750 bursary to enable Abbey to further advance her leadership skills and community involvement.

#### Abbey Lazenby's achievements as a young leader

- School Captain (2021), Euroa Secondary College
- Captain (2019) of Avenel netball youth team;
- House Captain (2019), Euroa Secondary College; and
- Organiser of a One Walk Challenge team and, with her team, raising \$9,850 to support research into the treatment and prevention of Type One Diabetes.

#### Abbey Lazenby's leadership development goal

Abbey aims to help and guide others and to lead by example. She plans to use the bursary funds to participate in an Outward Bound leadership program (or similar) in 2021.

#### The role of the English-Speaking Union Victoria Branch

The ESU has been active in Victoria in developing young leaders for over 100 years.

The ESU's mission is to promote the heritage, culture, identity and fellowship of the English-speaking peoples. As a registered Australian charity, the ESU undertakes and supports educational and cultural projects that align with this mission.

#### Quotes attributable to ESU Branch President, Robert Furlan, a member of the award judging panel

"Abbey's leadership achievements in school and community roles are worthy of support."

"With the help of the ESU bursary, I'm confident that Abbey will be able to further develop her leadership skills and flourish as a young community leader."

#### Further information

Details of the ESU Awards Program can be found at [esuvic.org.au/content/awards](http://esuvic.org.au/content/awards).

For further information about the ESU, please contact the President, Robert Furlan: 0419 559 608.

To arrange an interview with Abbey Lazenby, please email: [awards@esuvic.org.au](mailto:awards@esuvic.org.au).