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KITANA MANSELL – PALAWA KIPLI WINS AT YOUTH AWARDS

Kitana Mansell – Palawa Kipli has won the prestigious Spirit of Tasmania Tourism and Hospitality Award at the 2023 Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards. Kitana Mansell - Palawa Kipli won the Award from a strong field of young achievers.

The winners were announced on Friday 12th of May at Wrest Point, hosted by Kim Millar, News Presenter, Nightly News 7Tasmania.

340 guests gathered from across the State including official Patron of the Awards, The Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP, Premier of Tasmania, Minister for Health, Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, Minister for Tourism and Minister for Trade

Kitana Mansell - Palawa Kipli, 22 is strengthening her community by sharing cultural knowledge. A proud Palawa woman, Kitana works is responsible for managing Palawa Kipli, the first Tasmanian Aboriginal food business. The business catered for over 200 events from 2020 to 2021. They recently launched Kipli Takara Tours (bush tucket tours). Kitana has a Certificate III in Business and previously worked as an Aboriginal Business Trainee.

The category winners are:

- **Paige Salter** Colony 47 Courage to Grow Award
- **Isabella Dewar** Spirit Super Connecting Communities Award
- **Gavin Yi Feng Quek** Heather & Christopher Chong Community Service & Volunteering Award
- **Mila Skingle** TADPAC Print Service to the Disability Sector Award
- **Hamish McKenzie** Motors Tasmania Sports Award
- **Liz van Dongen** St.LukesHealth Healthier Communities Award
- **Jamie Graham-Blair** Dental South First Nations Peoples Achievement Award
- **Kitana Mansell - Palawa Kipli** Spirit of Tasmania Tourism and Hospitality Award
- **Ryan Davis** First National Real Estate Leadership Award
- **Courtney Hill - Dare Darlin** Strategic Alliance Network Small Business Achiever Award

Gavin Yi Feng Quek was later announced as the 2023 Premier's Young Achiever of the Year.

Winners each received a prize package worth more than \$2,500, including a complimentary membership to The Impact Collective and a trophy.

Grace Chia was also announced as the People's Choice Award winner and received a Wrest Point Accommodation package.

Further information about Kitana Mansell can be obtained by phoning the
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The Tasmanian Young Achiever Awards began in 1989, with the aims to acknowledge, encourage and most importantly promote the positive achievements of all young people up to and including 29 years of age. The awards celebrate the achievements of young Tasmanians across a diverse range of fields, and encourages them to pursue their goals.