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| **District YWPA and JM Klausman Award Winners- 2004** |
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| The District congratulates our Young Women in Public Affairs and JM Klausman Award winners for 2004.  **District 24 YWPA Winner Jacqueline Furtado** nominated by the Zonta Club of Macarthur Inc  After travelling to places like Ghana and New York to attend youth leadership conferences, Jacqueline feels lucky to live in a country where women enjoy a relatively high standard of freedom and equality, though she is concerned about the low percentage of female politicians and high-ranking business women in Australia. She believes that the feminist movement philosophy of a united and equal struggle for women’s rights is being eroded by well-meaning condescension of women involved in the struggle. She thinks women from developing countries should hold and attend conferences and summits to develop solutions for themselves. Jacqueline also suggests that non-government organisations with an interest in improving the status of women need to work together. She supports the idea of mothers being paid a wage to stay at home if they wish to do so. A debater, youth parliamentarian and member of her local municipal youth council, Jacqueline advises the local, council on the perspectives of youth. She aspires to become a teacher and enter politics.  **District JM Klausman Winner - Victoria McLaran** - nominated by the Zonta Club of Brisbane Metro Breakfast Inc  Victoria is undertaking a Bachelor of Business at the Queensland University of Technology and is in her third year of study for this degree. Her ambition is to own her own business and through this business serve women in her local community through educational opportunities and sponsorship of general community awareness programs on issues such as women’s health, crime and family issues including domestic violence as a means to improve the position of women in society. Victoria sees the scholarship as providing funds necessary for her to complete her current degree which is the fundamental first step to a successful future in business. |
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