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## **Western Chances/Agnes Milowka Memorial Environmental Scholarship Award & 60 Minutes Feature**

The Milowka family, Mummu Media and not-for-profit organisation, Western Chances are thrilled to announce the establishment of an annual Scholarship Award to honour the life and accomplishments of globally respected cave diver and environmentalist, Agnes Milowka.

Celebrating Agnes' passion and love for the ocean, science and adventure, the *Western Chances/Agnes Milowka Memorial Environmental Scholarship Award* is a new scholarship award created to assist talented and motivated secondary and tertiary students who share a love of the natural world and environment but who lack the finances, networks and opportunities to pursue this exciting pathway.

Administered and managed by the highly respected Western Chances organisation, the *Western Chances/Agnes Milowka Memorial Environmental Scholarship Award* specifically intends to support young people through learning, experimenting and interacting with the environment and nature and will fund scholarships for young people whose studies are focused around these areas.

Western Chances has already identified the first recipient of the *Western Chances/Agnes Milowka Memorial Environmental Scholarship Award*, a young Melton Secondary College student who is going on to study a Bachelor of Environmental Science (Marine Biology). This young man will receive more than \$1,100 to assist the costs of his text books, travel and study materials. His passion for marine sciences and his leadership skills are excellent and he was nominated for a Western Chances scholarship by his school's careers guidance counsellor.

In further recognition of Agnes' extraordinary contribution to the global marine science and diving communities, a feature story of Agnes Milowka's life and the cave diving community will air on 60 Minutes, Channel 9 on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of May at 7:30pm. Channel 9 has generously donated \$5,000 to the Award.

For details about Agnes, the *Western Chances/Agnes Milowka Memorial Environmental Award* or ways to donate go to [www.agnesmilowka.com](http://www.agnesmilowka.com) or [www.westernchances.org.au](http://www.westernchances.org.au)