

The Commonwealth has six affirmations, which underline the intrinsic values which the entire Commonwealth shares, regardless of religion.

1: HUMAN WORTH

We affirm that every person – of whatever colour, class, creed or age – possesses unique worth and dignity.

2: STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH

We affirm our respect for nature, and that we will be stewards of the earth by caring for every part of it and for it as a whole.

3: EQUALITY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

We affirm our belief in justice for everyone and peace between peoples and nations.

4: THE PRIMACY OF LOVE

We affirm love as the foundation of all human relationships.

5: UNITY IN DIVERSITY – SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

We affirm that we each belong to our own nation and to the whole human family: to the service of both we pledge ourselves.

6: THE SIXTH AFFIRMATION

We affirm Commonwealth Day (the second Monday in March) take an observance of a different theme each year which celebrates the unity, diversity and linkages of the modern Commonwealth and foster greater understanding of the Commonwealth's achievements and role, particularly among young people.

Essay Competition winners celebrated in Australia

On the 10th February RCS Victoria Branch held a cocktail reception for the local winners of the 2014 Essay Competition as well as an information evening for teachers and parents. The winner, Katherine Hocking, read aloud her essay entitled '*What part does competition play in people's daily lives?*'. Victoria Branch President, Lloyd Byrne, congratulated Katherine on her achievement.



Senior Award winners:

Katherine Hocking, Winner - Rochester Secondary

Bree Latta, Runner-up - Roxborough School

Junior Award winners:

Aimee' Coquillat, Winner - Kilvington Grammar

Harrison Broughton, Runner-up - Kilvington Grammar

Membership of The RCS

The Commonwealth Club is open for all to join but you should be over 18 years of age. Members enjoy a range of benefits including invitations to special events, discounts and offers, both at the Club and through carefully selected partner organisations.

Travel & Leisure

- Free membership of Club Quarters, the international private hotel located opposite the Club and at 13 other US locations, including in New York, San Francisco and Washington DC
- Preferential rates on accommodation at the Citadines Apart'Hotel adjoining the Club
- Free membership of Wexas Travel club
- Exclusive deals with luxury brands such as De Vere Hotels, Malmaison, Liberty, Greenalls and Balfour with Keep It HUSH
- Discounted BlackSmith Membership with Mr and Mrs Smith
- Access to an extensive list of reciprocal clubs worldwide
- Discounted theatre tickets with Ambassador Theatre Group
- Discounted TimeOut Magazine Subscription - up to 45% off

Events and Networking

- Invitations to selected meetings, seminars and conferences that feed into international policy-making and allow members to keep abreast of key issues in current affairs and business
- Regular business and social networking events
- A busy social calendar of jazz, opera, sporting and other organised events
- Access to our members-only ballot of tickets
- Access to the Club's online community of members giving the opportunity to network and exchange ideas