



## Profiles of the 11 delegates elected to attend the Australia 2020 Summit

### ***Tammy Edwards, 19, WA (Creative Australia)***

Based on personal experience, Tammy is keen to focus attention on the topic of carers in general, and in particular young carers. She has been a spokesperson and representative for Young Carers WA, advocating for improved support for carers at both state and national forums. Tammy holds the rank of Flight Sergeant in the Australian Air Force Cadets, and is soon to be promoted to Cadet Under Officer.

### ***Owen Wareham, 22, QLD (Governance)***

Owen completed a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and International Relations) and is currently undertaking a Bachelor of Arts Honours/Bachelor of Laws. Owen is the National Vice President of the United Nations Youth Association (UNYA) and has been actively involved in *Youthspeak*, an Australian Government program established as a consultation mechanism between government and young people.

### ***Naomi Godden, 23, WA (Rural)***

Interested in rural issues and the Australian economy, Naomi has conducted research into rural access to tertiary education and is keen to bring a grass roots rural perspective to the Summit. Currently working as a social researcher at Monash University, Naomi was awarded the 2007 Margaret Yandell Fieldwork Prize and is scheduled to complete an honours level qualification in 2008.

### ***Ben Kent, 23, WA (Sustainability)***

Ben has an active interest in sustainability and climate change issues. He currently works for the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to implement sustainable urban infill developments. He is the current secretary of the Sustainability Practitioners Association where he is engaged with some of Western Australia's leaders in the field of sustainability as they strive to make WA "the most sustainable society for the world". Ben is well supported by the studies he has completed; a Bachelor of Marketing and the Media and a Bachelor of Arts (Sustainable Development) both from Murdoch University.

### ***Timothy Goodwin, 24, VIC (Indigenous)***

Timothy completed Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Laws (Honours). He has been involved in different community activities. Timothy participated in the National Youth Roundtable in 2000. He is currently an Indigenous Education Ambassador for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Furthermore, he is also the Deputy chair of the National Indigenous Youth Movement of Australia (NIYMA). Timothy was awarded by the ACT National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC), Scholar of the year in 1994 and 1996. He was also awarded a Centenary Medal for services to Indigenous Youth.

**Michael Loftus, 19, VIC (Health)**

Michael is currently studying Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery (MBBS). As a medical student, his primary interest is in health as well as climate change for the 2020 Youth Summit. He also has a particular interest in indigenous health. He worked with the Global Health Group to promote health issues not only abroad but also in Australia (particularly indigenous) communities. In 2006, he was awarded The Lord Florey Prize by the former Minister for Education for his academic excellence in secondary education. In 2007, he received a Scholarship for Excellence by Monash University.

**Simon Sheikh, 22, NSW (Productivity)**

Simon is the Chair and National President of Vibewire Youth Services.

Other highlights:

- As United Nations Youth Association National Conference Convenor, he organised the 2006 National Youth Conference, bringing together 120 of Australia's brightest young minds for a week of discussion and debate.
- Executive member of the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition.
- Founding Board member of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.
- Co-founder of YouthSpeak - A Conversation for the Future, the largest survey ever conducted of Australian young people by Australian young people ([www.youthspeak.org](http://www.youthspeak.org)).
- One of two Australian Youth Representatives to the Commonwealth Youth Forum, an official part of the 2007 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

**Samah (Sam) Hadid, 20, NSW (Families and Communities)**

Samah has completed a Bachelor of Communications and currently completing a Bachelor of Economics and Social Sciences. She is also working as a research assistant at University of Technology Sydney. Her area of interest is Communities and Families. She has been involved in various community programs from different organisations, which includes the Bankstown Council for Youth, Editor of the Youth magazine, Oxfam youth engagement program. Her biggest achievement is that she has launched her own non profit community magazine.

**Siddhartha (Sid) Chakrabarti, 24, ACT (Economy)**

Sid completed a Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Economics and has almost completed a Masters in Arts.

Other highlights:

- Executive member of the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition.
- Various executive roles within the United Nations Youth Association.
- Coordinator Youth Speak national consultations.
- Executive member of Youth Coalition of the ACT.
- Previous Vice President Ethnic Communities Council of WA.

**Tom O'Connor, 21, Melbourne – VIC (Australia's Future)**

With a passion for humanitarian issues, Tom has been involved with youth-led organisations such as the United Nations Youth Association, including representing Australia in the United Nations Youth Conference in the Hague. Tom has held several positions with the Oaktree Foundation, and has recently been appointed Oaktree's General Manager (Operations). He hopes to complete a Bachelor of Law at the University of Melbourne in 2010.

**Angela Ha, 20, NSW (Australia's Future)**

Angela blends Australian and international interests in social justice through her volunteer work at an Aboriginal women's legal centre and her role as Vice President of Sydney University's United Nations Society. Earlier this year Angela attended the Harvard Youth Model United Nations as one of 15 delegates selected to sit on the International Court of Justice.