



Mayor Alan Pendleton rewards Joseph O'Reilly for his efforts with a history project.

His words win it

KINGS Langley resident Joseph O'Reilly won the 2011 Mayoral History Prize for his piece *Kings Langley Hockey Club: A Personal Story*.

Joseph, 15, documented the club's short history since its creation in 2009.

It was also placed in to the historical section at Max Webber Library.

"It's cool, I might go and borrow it," he said.

Joseph spent a week researching the piece with help from his mother, Kings Langley Hockey Club president Lyn O'Reilly.

"(It came) Mostly from mum and all of the

stuff on the computer, like leaflets," he said.

The judges said Joseph's entry was a thoroughly enjoyable read and an important document of life and community.

He received \$1000 in prizemoney and said "it will go to the Joseph O'Reilly fund".

The Mayoral History Prize was established by Blacktown Council in 2008 to encourage a wider understanding of the area's diverse history.

In 2012 the prize will be awarded for work produced by an adult living in Blacktown.

■ **The Blacktown Arts Centre will host an exhibition of the works from September 24 to October 22.**