

RACHELLE HORN

Rachelle Horn was born in Townsville on 6 January 1986. Her father was born in Brisbane, and her mother was a country girl from Gin Gin in the Burnett region of Queensland. Rachelle has an older sister Sally Anne, who is currently a student at the University of Queensland, and a brother, Chris who has just embarked on secondary education.

The family moved around when Rachelle was young, as was common for children of bank officers. After two years in Boulia in far western Queensland, the family was transferred to Barcaldine where Rachelle started school. Following a banking career with regular moves and disruptions for the family lost its luster and the family settled in Barcaldine. Rachelle has always enjoyed school and school work, particularly with supportive and stimulating teachers. Her holidays were often spent in Brisbane or at the beach.

Rachelle's life in high school has been very busy. She enjoyed the wider choice of subjects and studied English, Technology, Business Principles, Art, Mathematics, and Science to Year 10. Art is a consuming interest, and as the highest scoring student in Art in 2001, Rachelle was sponsored by the Barcaldine Shire Council to take part in a live-in art study school in Brisbane.

The school was part of the Queensland 'Flying Arts' programme which aims to ensure that country people are able to develop their artistic abilities. Although Rachelle prefers painting, the study school gave her the opportunity to try sculpture and life drawing. Mixing with about sixty other young artists from all over Queensland was a valuable experience.

Rachelle's subjects for her matriculation qualification are Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Art English and Mathematics B. At this stage, Biology is a particular favourite and she relishes the practical applications of scientific principles. She is considering studying Science at university.