

Keeping her options open

Alexandra Hay enjoys making the most of what life has to offer.

Currently in Year 10 at St Patricks College in Launceston, Alex looks forward to all the exciting options available to a young person with determination.

At the moment her goal is to complete Years 11 and 12 at St Pats and anticipates that she will make some choices about the future during that time.

Apart from an active life away from school, since last October Alex has also worked on a casual basis on the front counter at Woolworths Prospect.

She is usually called in during the busy times and says she enjoys the constant contact with such a wide range of people – most of them extremely nice, which balances out the few difficult ones that everyone working on a checkout encounters.

Alex says she joined the SDA when she commenced working at Woolworths as it seemed to be so worthwhile.

Along with a love of sport that involves playing hockey every Friday night, the main passion that consumes most of Alex's free time is dancing.

She dances for the pure pleasure of it and has been doing so since she was five years old.

Her mum, Lorraine, was also a successful dancer so she receives lots of family support and encouragement.

As the pictures show, Alex's talents cover a wide range of styles including highland, jazz, tap, national and ballet.

However, the main focus seems to be on highland dancing and she is obviously good at it as she competes in numerous local eisteddfods, the Champion of Champions competitions around Australia and was part of the troupe from Tasmania that performed at the famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which was staged in Sydney in January.

"That was an amazing experience," said Alex. "To be part of such spectacular event was a real honour".

How long Alex continues with her dancing will depend largely on what other direction her life may take when she finishes school. But in the meantime, it's all good fun (which is the way it should be) and she intends working hard to achieve the best she can at school, her work, sport and dancing.

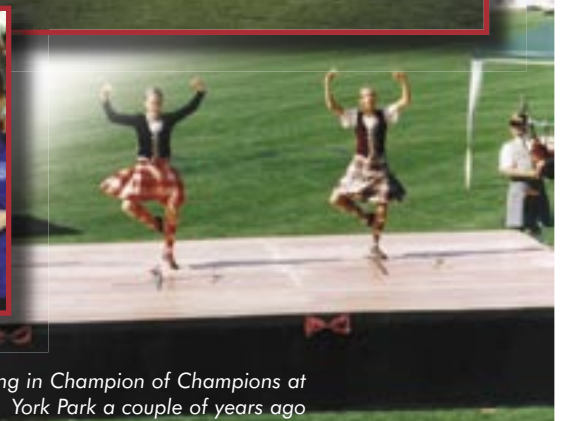
She'll take life as it comes and see what opportunities eventuate.



Participating in other dance disciplines...



(Below) The Tassie representatives at the Sydney Tattoo (Alex is third from left) and (right) the stadium where the event was held



Competing in Champion of Champions at York Park a couple of years ago