

compete for top awards

The winners will be announced at a gala awards presentation in February. **CHRIS GEORGAKOPOULOS** reports

■ YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD FINALISTS



MIKAYLA HINKLEY, Cranebrook
Mikayla is aiming to become the next Ellyse Perry after succeeding in both soccer and cricket. Mikayla completed her most successful season in cricket in 2010-11 when she was named the Penrith Junior Cricket Association player of the year - the first female to win the award. The 13-year-old also went on to represent the City under-15 side in its clash against Country. Mikayla also represented Nepean FC's under-14 side.



KRISTA JOHNSTON, Cranebrook
Krista brought the sport of tumbling to the forefront in Penrith after winning a gold and silver medal at the national club power tumbling championships and a silver at the state tumbling championships. The 14-year-old is hoping tumbling becomes an Olympic sport in the near future.



JACK SWEENEY, South Penrith
A year after being attacked by a dog, Jack returned to the gym to become a national champion in gymnastics. The 11-year-old won a gold medal in the level six under-12 vault apparatus and silver on the parallel bars at the Australian artistic gymnastics championships.



TAHLIA TUPEA, Glenmore Park
Tahlia's basketball career took off in 2011 when she was chosen to represent Australia's schoolgirl's side in a tour of Arizona and Texas this month. She is Penrith's third Australian basketball representative behind Ben Knight and Matthew Nielsen.