



RACI Chemistry Encouragement Award

The **Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI)** is awarding three prizes totalling \$400 for the primary and secondary students demonstrating ability, skill and promise for Chemistry.

\$100 First Place Award for a Year K-6 student

\$200 First Place Award for a Year 7-12 student

\$100 Highly Commended Award for a Year 7-12 student

Dr Lidia Matesic, is shown presenting the winning 2017 Years 7-12 Chemistry Encouragement Award to Aniruddh Chennapragada. Lidia is the Honorary RACI NSW Branch Treasurer and was the 2017 Nyholm Youth Lecturer.



- Years K-6 – 1st Nicholas Hubbard, Castle Cove Public School, *Does fabric softener make sleepwear more flammable?*
- Years 7-12 – 1st Aniruddh Chennapragada, James Ruse Agricultural High School, *Investigating the Carbonisation and Activation of Banana Peels for Applications in Batteries*
- Years 7-12 – HC Freja Newman, Meriden School, *Nitrate, phosphate and pH levels in Sydney waters*