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## Chairman's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present this Report.

The Ballarat Sports Foundation has been very active and going through a series of changes brought about by the passing of our esteemed Secretary Mr Noel Pidgeon. We miss Noel very much and the Board Members have had to take on extra responsibilities and jobs to keep the Foundation operating. I would like to highlight the work of Mr Morgan Murphy and Mr Colin McClland. Both these gentlemen have enabled the Foundation to keep providing the core values that are the basis of its operation. I want to thank both Morgan and Colin and all the other Board Members for their commitment and professionalism that they all have shown as volunteers is making the Ballarat Sports Foundation what it is.

It is very early days but the BSF is forming a relationship with WestVic Sports Academy. WestVic is offering to provide secretarial assistance to BSF. A Memorandum of Understanding has been created and will be discussed at our next Board Meeting. The outcome should be a win/win situation for both Organisations. Thankyou to Mr Rob Ward, Executive Officer of WestVic for his assistance in this matter. It is most important that BSF maintains its brand and identity though these discussions.

On the 28th July the Ballarat Sports Foundation celebrated its Scholarship Presentation Number 62. Our host for the day was the City of Ballarat. The venue was the new Ballarat Regional Soccer Centre, Morshead Park. The hospitality and venue was fantastic. The mayor, Cr Des Hudson was in attendance. Thanks to Sarah and Shannon from the C of B for their work in making it all happen.

19 Awardees were presented with funding. A junior team of the Red Devils were also supported. This made for a terrific atmosphere and positive result.

The total funding handed out is now \$425,000.00 to a total of 1198 Awardees covering 74 different sports since the inception of BSF in 1995. May acknowledge and thank all our sponsors for their ongoing support. Without them the BSF would not exist. Thanks also to David Brehaut from the Ballarat Courier for introduction and interview with the Awardees. To Treasurer David Chalmers thankyou for having the cheques ready for the presentation.

The Guest Speaker was Mr Neville Downs. Nev is a Lecturer in the Human Movement & Sports Science Faculty of Health at Federation University. Nev gave a very enlightening and passionate speech about his coaching and what athletes need to reach their potential. His talk was well received and greatly appreciated. Thankyou Nev so much.

As Chairperson I look to the future with great anticipation as we move forward with a number of proposals which need to be discussed in full. We must focus on providing people with opportunity to reach their potential in their chosen sport and/or administration.

Yours in sport,



John C Burt OAM

## BSF Philosophy

- A community base project aiming to encourage and support local sports people who have demonstrated potential to achieve and further develop in their chosen sport.
- Foster the spirit of community pride and success through encouragement of Ballarat sportspersons to pursue sporting excellence,
- Provide a focal point to co-ordinate community sponsorship and donors.

## Did You Know?

Ballarat has (15) multiple athletes who have represented Australia at various Olympic Games with shooter, Russell Mark heading the list with (6) appearances. BSF Patron, Steve Moneghetti, still holds the lap of the lake record in a time 16.10 min.

## Round 62 Scholarship Recipients

**Jayva Goriis-Dazeley** (age 12, Futsal Player; awarded to go to State Futsal League)

- Started playing Soccer, then moved to Futsal through family connections and influence; and is now a star Goalkeeper.
- Has played for Australia in 2015, travelling to Hawaii; and will in August 2016 head to China to again represent Australia over 10 games in 14 days.

**Tessa Noone** (age 19, Field Hockey Player; awarded to go to National Senior Country Championships)

- Moving to Ballarat in 2015 to further her Hockey career after growing up in Wycheproof; thrilled to represent Victoria at July's National Country Titles.

**Mikenna Papworth** (age 18, Field Hockey Player; awarded to go to National Senior Country Championships)

- Is working as hard as possible to achieve her aspiration of playing at the highest level.

**Maaik Vrij** (age 18, Swimmer; awarded for qualification to Australian Age Championships).

- Has achieved National-level times in 50m-100m-200m Breaststroke events.



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**Sophie Molan** (age 15, Basketball; awarded for selection into Under 18 Victoria Country Team)

- Played in the National Under 18 Championships during the July school holidays.
- Currently plays club basketball in the top division of the Victorian Junior Basketball League, representing Ballarat.

**Mark Stahl** (age 57, Swim Coach; awarded in recognition of all his work to coach athletes).

- Has been Head Coach of Ballarat Gold Swimming Club since 1998 inception; and takes most joy from athletes setting Personal Bests (PBs) and "being the best they can be".

**Hayley Coot** (age 8, Gymnastics; awarded to assist access to National level coaching)

- Is this funding round's "Rex Holloake Trust" award recipient.

**Harry Sharp** (age 13, Athletics; awarded for participation in National Junior Athletics Titles)

- Winner of the State Cross-Country Title, and now heads to Canberra for the National Championships in this event.
- His training consists of 3 times per week running sessions; a mixture of sessions at the Federation University, Lake Wendouree and Llanberris Training Centre.

**Nick Fidler** (age 15, Athletics; awarded for participation in National Junior Athletics Titles)

- Nick was, at time of Award Ceremony, undefeated thus far this season in the "Athletics Victoria Cross-Country Road Series".

**Lily Gilbert** (age 12, Athletics; awarded for participation in National Junior Athletics Titles)

- Has been training with Coach Nev Down for just 1 year; and is working toward specialising in the 3km Cross-Country distance.

**Ballarat Red Devils** (local National Premier League Soccer Club)

- The club was awarded in recognition and support of their culturally and linguistically diverse squads throughout the junior age groups – supporting them with travel costs.

## Round 62 Scholarship Recipients

Total allocated scholarships	1180
Total sports scholarships	78
Total value of allocated scholarships	\$488,200

## Ballarat Sports Foundation

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