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## Chairman's Report

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present this BSF Report.

On the 23rd of March 2017 the Ballarat Sports Foundation celebrated its Scholarship Program No. 64. Our host on this day was the Ballarat North Sports Club that has and is a great supporter of the BSF. The hospitality and generosity of the BNSC is outstanding and very much appreciated. Thanks to Board Member Cameron Vallance for his assistance.

19 Awardees were presented with their cheques of support. Funding now to a total of 1228 people representing 78 different sports have received collectively \$445,000.00 since the inception of the BSF in 1995.

Board Member and Courier Reporter gave an outline of each Awardee's achievements. Each individual indicated their aspirations and goals for the future. All showed excitement and potential with respect to their futures.

The BSF recognises and thanks its Sponsors for the continued support they so willingly provide. Thanks is also extended to the Board Members of the BSF and in particular Secretary, Rob Ward, Treasurer, David Chalmers, Selection Coordinator, Colin McClelland, Morgan Murphy, Janet Jones and Peter Blackburn.

We also need to thank and acknowledge the parents and people who support the athletes in their pursuit of excellence. These people are tireless in their efforts and we congratulate them.

As Chairperson I look forward to Round 65 that will take place the Ballarat Regional Soccer Centre, Morshead Park on Thursday 27th July. Applications close on July 1st. Applications are available on the Website of the BSF.

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.

## New Application Form

With Round 65 of Ballarat Sports Foundation now open for applications, we've updated the application form!

Now, the form is all-interactive and can be completed online and emailed in, and is 1 x Portrait A4 page - much much easier for applicants to fill out!

See, download and complete the new form here on our website - [www.ballaratsportsfoundation.com.au/application-form](http://www.ballaratsportsfoundation.com.au/application-form)

## Round 64 Scholarship Stats

### Round 64 Awardees:

**Total value:** \$9,500.00

**Sports represented:** 13 (Futsal, Cross Country, Golf, Triathlon, Basketball, Mountain Bike, Badminton, Racewalking, Athletics, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Wheelchair Athletics)

### All Time Stats:

**Total allocated scholarships:** 1206

**Total value of allocated scholarships:** \$433,600.00

**Total number of sports:** 79



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## Round 64 Scholarship Recipients



### Harry Sharp (*Athletics*)

- Winner of the 2km Steeplechase in his age group at the Victorian Junior Athletics Championships, while also making the final in 1500m and 3000m races.
- Qualified for the Australian Junior Athletics Championships, held in Sydney from March 26, in all 3 events.

### Joshua Gay (*Badminton*)

- Currently working toward State Team selection for the Under 19 Nationals. Josh represented Victoria in the Under 17 team at the 2016 Nationals.
- Josh is part of the WestVic Academy of Sport Badminton program.

### Daniel Hocking (*Badminton*)

- Recently selected into the Under 17 State Team for upcoming Nationals, backing up from selection as a bottom-age player in 2016. This year, Daniel has been appointed Captain.
- Daniel was also recently added to the Australian Under 17 Development Squad.
- Daniel is part of the WestVic Academy of Sport Badminton program.

### Georgia Amore (*Basketball*)

- Selected into Victorian Country team for Under 18 National Basketball Championships. Training for this squad involves travelling across Victoria to different training bases each weekend.
- Georgia is also part of the local SEABL team; Ballarat Rush.

### Amy Canavan (*Cross Country*)

- Additional to her Cross-Country talent, Amy is also an accomplished Track and Field athlete; where she is competing at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney, before heading into cross country season.

### Jaye Pinches (*Futsal*)

- Jaye has been selected into an Australian team to travel to Brazil for a series of matches against other countries.
- Jaye has represented Victoria on three occasions; with his Australian selection coming from being identified from his play on these occasions.

### Jake Francis & Zac Francis (*Futsal*)

- Brothers Jake and Zac have competed in multiple National Championships, representing Ballarat.

### Harry Wade (*Futsal*)

- Harry recently represented Victoria Country at National Championship competition.

### Amy Leeson (*Golf*)

- Amy has just begun the 2017 Womens Melbourne Pennant season, playing for the Southern Golf Club. Playing for Southern in 2016, Amy was part of the team that successfully won promotion into Division 1 for 2017.
- Amy is also part of the Golf Victoria State Squad for Under 18; as well as being in the WestVic Academy of Sport's Golf Program.

### Jemma Peart & Alanna Peart (*Racewalking*)

- Jemma and Alanna will complete their Track & Field season with the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney in the last week of March.
- Recent achievements for the sisters include:
  - Alanna winning a sixth consecutive Little Athletics State Racewalking Championship, setting a Personal Best in the 1500m of 6m53 in the process.
  - Alanna winning Gold in the Under 15 3000m Racewalk at the Victorian Junior Athletics Championships, setting another PB time.
  - Jemmas has successfully completed a return from injury and competed well in the major meets of recent weeks.
- Both Jemma and Alanna train with walks coaches and in the gym with WestVic Academy of Sport.

### Joshua Brien & Miette Hopper (*Swimming*)

- Both have qualified for the upcoming Australian Age National Championships; where they'll look to improve on PB times in their chosen events.
- Both are supported by Ballarat Gold Swim Club, with Josh also a member of WestVic Academy of Sport.



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## Rory Carroll (*Table Tennis*)

- Rory is preparing for the World Para Table Tennis Championships, being held in Slovakia in May.
- Rory, who is part of the National Para Table Tennis Squad and WestVic Academy of Sport, recently won medals at the Australian Para Table Tennis Championship – Silver in Singles and Gold in Doubles.

## Megan O'Beirne (*Tennis*)

- Megan recently became the first Damascus College student to win the BAS Tennis "Junior Henderson Shield", taking out the final 6-2, 6-1. Her win was part of a clean sweep of wins across all competitions by WestVic Academy of Sport Tennis athletes.
- This capped off Megan's sensational summer, where she also represented Regional Victoria in the Fed Cup Foundation Interstate Challenge in Adelaide.

## Darcy Williams (*Triathlon*)

- Darcy, having a strong swimming background, has just completed his second summer as a Triathlete. He will soon compete in the Schoolboys Nationals, and has been selected into the State Development Squad.
- Darcy's Triathlons covers distances between 200m-400m Swim, 10-14km Cycle and 2-3km Run.

## Samuel Rizzo (*Wheelchair Athletics*)

- Sam is heading to the Australian Athletics Championships having had a stellar State Championships – Gold in 800m and 1500m to with Silver in 100m, 200m, 400m mixed category Wheelchair races.
- Sam also won his class and finished 14th Overall in the 10km race at Sydney's Summer Down Under; a meet where he also won and set a new Australian Record in the U/18 Male 800m.
- Sam is also a member of both the AIS' National Under 17 Athletics Para Development Squad and the WestVic Academy of Sport.

## Ryan Jans (*XCO Mountain Bike*)

- Recently completed his 7-round National Series & Championships; which took him to Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Ryan made his debut at this level in the senior category, and delivered consistent results where he was midfield with regular runs in the top 10.
- Ryan is fortunate to be supported by local and state coaches and local bike suppliers plus WestVic Academy of Sport.

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