

Samantha Dunstan (10) - Futsal

Samantha will wear Australian Vikings colours in the world futsal titles in Malaysia and Brunei late this year. She has graduated from Victorian under-12s, having been named in an all-star team after a national competition in Sydney in January.

Ben Farrell (16) - Taekwondo

Ben was a member of the national development squad which competed in the United States Open. He was runner-up in the under-17 black belt 68kg class in the national titles. He is a member of Trainor Taekwondo in Ballarat.

Joel Findlay (21) - Badminton

Joel is fresh from playing in the New Zealand Open in Auckland and is now competing in the Australian Open Grand Prix Gold event in Melbourne. (APRIL 5-10) He plays in the Ballarat Badminton Association. Allocated funding from the Rex Holloake Youth Development Trust.

Anthony Fisher (17) - Basketball

Anthony played for the Victorian under-18 boys' team in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury in January. He plays in the Ballarat Basketball Association.

Tristan Fisher (13) - Basketball

Tristan represented Victoria under-14 boys in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury in January. He plays in the Ballarat Basketball Association.

Mitch Gervasoni (14) - Badminton

The Ballarat under-15 singles champion co-captained a Victorian team which finished third in the national under-15 championships, the Val Nesbitt Trophy, in Shepparton. He is a Ballarat Badminton Association member.

Zoe Hives (14) - Tennis

Zoe has lifted her national singles ranking more than 100 places to 217 in 12 months. She is ranked just outside the top 10 in her age group. Her latest victories include this year's Tasmanian Open 16/under singles and doubles. She is based at the Ballarat Regional Tennis Centre and is a recipient of funding from the St Peter's Tennis Club Trust

Ben Huggett (17) - Triathlon

Ben is not long home from representing School Sport Victoria in the national schools triathlon championships in Redcliffe, Queensland. He is ranked one in Victoria, four nationally and 22nd in the 16-19 year division worldwide. Ben is a Ballarat Triathlon Club member.

Katie McAloon (10) - Futsal

Katie will represent Australian Vikings in the world futsal titles in Malaysia and Brunei late this year. She has graduated from Victorian under-12s. She plays Vikings Futsal in Ballarat.

Bridget Milesi (18) - Athletics

Bridget was a triple gold medalist in the Victorian Country Track and Field Championships in Ballarat, taking out the under-18 800m, 1500m and 3000m steeplechase. She competes with Eureka Athletic Club.

Matthew Nevett (15) - Badminton

Matthew will represent Victoria in the Australasian Badminton Championships, which incorporate the June Bevan Carnival, in Wellington NZ. He will play in teams and individual events. Matthew is a Ballarat Badminton Association member.

Matthew Norman (17) - Swimming

Matthew is to contest the Australian Age Swimming Championships in Adelaide later this month. He follows a second in 16-17 year 100m backstroke in Victorian country titles. He swims with Ballarat Gold.

Tara Pilven (17) - Badminton

Tara completed back-to-back under-19 singles titles at the Oceania Junior Badminton Championships in Fiji last month. She was also a women's doubles semi-finalist and mixed doubles quarter finalist. Tara is a Ballarat Badminton Association member.

Kolbe Poole (32) - Eight-ball

Kolbe is bound for the world stage. She has been selected to represent Australia in the World Eight-Ball Championships in Blackpool, England. She played with the state team which won the national women's title. Kolbe represents Ballarat Eight-Ball Association.

Mitchell Rogers (16) - Archery

Mitchell is the reigning state under-17 archery champion, having defended his title and set four state records, in February, and will compete in the national youth titles at Morwell this month. Mitchell is a Wendouree Archery Club member.

Chelsea Trainor (13) - Taekwondo

Chelsea is part of state development squad which competes at state, national and international level. She is the reigning Victorian and Australian 11-13 year champion in the discipline of poomse. Chelsea is a member Trainor Taekwondo in Ballarat.

Hayley Tucker (14) - Swimming

Hayley will compete in the Australian Age Swimming Championships in Adelaide later this month, have achieved a national qualifier in state age titles. She specializes in breaststroke. She swims with Ballarat Gold.

Ashley Watson (21) - Athletics

Ashley completed the 5000m and 10,000m double at the Victorian Country Track and Field Championships and is now preparing for his marathon debut in Canberra this month. Competes for Wendouree Athletic Club.

Statistics

Total allocated scholarships	884
Total sports scholarships	71
Scholarships last 12 months	71
Sports last 12 months	21



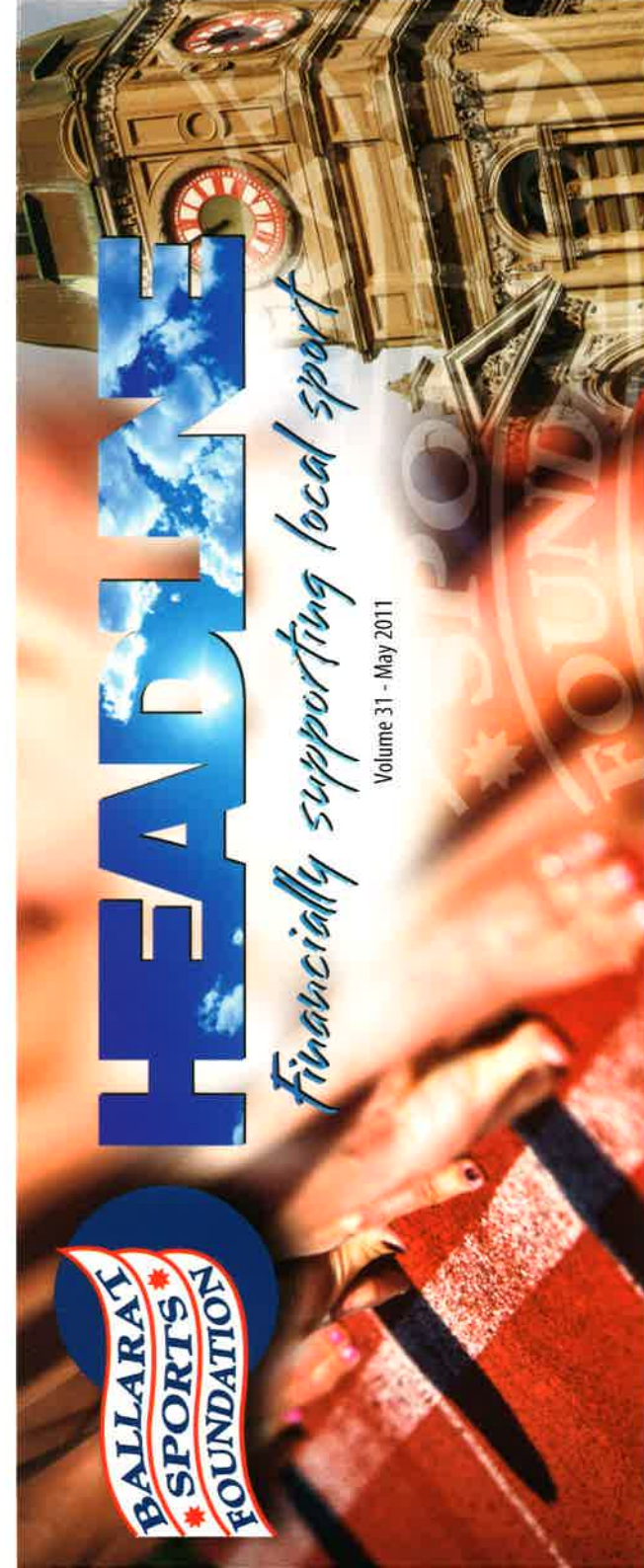
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BSF Philosophy

- A community based project aiming to encourage and support local sportspeople 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.

Chairman's Message



Chairperson's Report April 2011

It is with a great deal of pleasure I write the Chairperson Report for the Ballarat Sports Foundation.

On Thursday, 7th April 2011 at the Central Highlands Water Funding Round 46, Scholarship presentations were made. The BSF would like to acknowledge and thank Central Highlands Water for hosting this event.

The total number of recipients was 24. These athletes represented 11 different sports and were made up of 12 female and 12 males. The amount allocated for this funding round was \$9,900.00. We sincerely thank our many sponsors for their continuing support. Without them the Ballarat Sports Foundation would not exist.

These rounds of scholarships were presented by Peter Blackburn and Olympian and Board member of BSF, representatives of other major & support sponsors along with four-time Olympic and BSF Patron, Steve Moneghetti. Board member Janet Jones assisted with the presentations. The reason for this was that Secretary Noel Pidgeon, Past Chairman Morgan Murphy and I were at Parliament House in Melbourne to talk with the Honourable Hugh Delahunty - Minister for Sport regarding funding for the BSF.

I wish to thank Peter, Steve and Janet for doing a fantastic job at the scholarship presentations.

Well known, highly regarded and successful Ballarat athletic coach Rod Griffin delivered an inspiring address to our scholarship recipients. Rod spoke from the heart and I am sure motivated the young people to go on and achieve their dreams.

To all our sponsors who are listed we are indeed grateful and thankful for their continued support to our BSF. To all board members we thank them for their constant work and efforts. In particular I would like to thank Noel Pidgeon, our hard working secretary for his commitment to the BSF.

Best wishes to you all,

John C. Burt OAM
Chairman

3BA FM/BSF Monthly Sports

Winners of the award Kelly Ruddick (January), Ross Brown (February), Emma Bilston (March), Katelyn Bugden (April). Award Sponsors Central Highlands Water, Gold Bus, Ballarat Aquatic Centre/Ballarat Sportsmen's Club, C.E. Bartlett Pty Ltd.

Service to Sport Award

The BSF invites nominations for the above from the sporting fraternity of Ballarat three times annually. The award which is open to anyone connected to a sporting club/association who has significantly contributed to the day to day operations for an extended period whether on or off-field.

We believe there would be several outstanding candidates from within the extensive sporting network worthy of consideration.

Nomination forms are available from Noel. Closing dates 1st day of March, July & November. Do you have someone in mind? We would welcome your nomination.

Acknowledgements

We continue to be significantly supported, through sponsorship & regular donations by Corporate Ballarat along with valuable contributions from local sporting clubs/associations and individual memberships. Without this injection of funds the BSF would cease to exist depriving hundreds of our athletes the opportunity to develop in their chosen sport.

Major sponsors comprise Rotary Club of Ballarat South, Mars Snackfood Australia, The Courier, 3BA FM, City of Ballarat. Whilst our Support sponsors are currently Ballarat Sportsmen's Club, North Ballarat Sports Club, Ballarat Aquatic Centre, Gold Bus, Central Highlands Water, C.E. Bartlett Pty Ltd, NAB, McDonald's Ballarat. Generous donors include Ballarat Triathlon Club, Basketball & Badminton Associations along with the Midlands District Amateur Swimming, St. Peters Tennis Club, Estate Desmond Oates (Dec'd), UFS Dispensaries Ltd, Henksan Printers, Radmac Office Choice, Eureka Athletic Club, Victorian Securities, Buninyong Kyokushin Karate, Win TV. We particularly encourage those families of the (700) plus scholarship recipients who have financially benefited directly through our program to support our very valued sponsors/donors at every opportunity. This request is directed to those households whose children may not be currently competing but have been allocated funding in the past along with present/recent recipients.

It should also be noted that we receive valued membership support from individuals, sporting clubs/associations. We urge those many families and sporting entities who have yet to take up the challenge to show their appreciation by joining others who have acknowledged their responsibility through membership.

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Sponsor Profile

Ballarat Aquatic Centre welcomes the opportunity to support the valuable work of the Ballarat Sports Foundation. The Ballarat Aquatic Centre is Ballarat's leading aquatic and leisure facility.



Owned by the community and managed by the YMCA, Ballarat Aquatic Centre was established to enhance the quality of life for the Ballarat community. The Centre provides accessible quality programs and activities in a well equipped safe and welcoming environment. The YMCA is an organization with a long and proud history of working with young people and makes it a key priority to encourage and support participation in active and healthy lifestyles.

We are very proud to support our local youth in their pursuits of sporting excellence.

Round 46 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations are extended to twenty-four local athletes presented with BSF scholarships at a recent function hosted by Central Highlands Water.

Details as Follows:-

Katelyn Bugden (17) - Taekwondo

In her latest international competition, Katelyn finished third in the 14-18 years black belt division in the United States Open competing against forty other girls. Also won silver in the team's event. Ranked one in her age group in Australia, she is a member of Trainor Taekwondo in Ballarat.

Ella Burton (17) - Basketball

Ella represented Victoria under-18 girls in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury in January. She plays for Exies-Acmy in the Ballarat Basketball Association.

Kasey Burton (14) - Basketball

Kasey played in Victorian under-15 girls' team in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury in January. She plays with Exies-Acmy in the Ballarat Basketball Association.

Rory Carroll (20) - Table tennis

Rory will represent Australia in the Arafura Games in Darwin next month. He is the national AWD men's doubles champion and was runner-up in the singles. Rory plays in the Ballarat Table Tennis Association.

Lindsay Cole (17) - Basketball

Lindsay will play for Victoria Country in the Australian Under-18 Basketball Championships in Ulverstone, Tasmania, on April 9-16. He represents Ballarat in the Victorian Junior Basketball League.

Jane Douglass (16) - Basketball

Jane represented Victoria under-15 girls in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury in January. She plays in the Ballarat Basketball Association.